



# 'Strive to Achieve'



7<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**REMINDER: School photographs tomorrow, individual and class.  
Please make sure the children are wearing correct school uniform,  
Years 2 and 3 no PE Kit required full school uniform only!**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and made the most of the fabulous weather to get out and about! The children certainly looked refreshed on Monday!

## **Professional Development**

The Staff were involved in a system wide professional development day held last Thursday at Discovery Bay College. This was a very successful event as it was an opportunity to share good teaching and learning practice across schools. We were proudly represented by nine of our staff who facilitated workshops during the day. Our teachers have continued to attend regional PYP Courses this year in Hong Kong and Singapore, which continues our development as an IB World School. Staff have also attended First Aid training courses, mostly to keep certificates valid and to comply with health and safety procedures. ESF have recently provided us with a defibrillator, which can be used to resuscitate patients in an extreme emergency. Staff have undergone training in this area during their First Aid Certification.

## **Parent Consultations**

We look forward to seeing you all at parent consultations today and next Thursday. During these 15-minute sessions, teachers will talk to you individually and also make opportunities for your child to join the consultation process. We believe it is important to reinforce the 3-way partnership and this is a great way of demonstrating this. INCAS and PIPS assessment results will be shared, with teachers discussing any key aspects of the results and then making comparisons to how the child is working within the classroom setting. Please note that result sheets will be kept within school.

The Senior Management team is available on these evenings. Please come to see us in the office or talk with us when you see us walking around the school.

## **Assessment Evening**

Thank you for attending the evening to find out more about our policy and procedures and standardized assessments. We had over 100 people attend which was great! If you would like to access the 3 presentations, these are now available on our website.

<http://www.glenealy.edu.hk/news-events/assessment-presentations-parent-evening-sep-2010>

## **Extra-Curricula Programme**

As a result of last year's school survey feedback, we have increased the provision of extra-curricula activities throughout the year. We currently include a significant amount of sport and music opportunities and want to include additional clubs/activities in a variety of areas and for a variety of age groups. Once these have been formulated we will share the schedule with you and the children so that they can opt in if they wish to be involved. These activities will be free of charge and part of our provision to cater even further for the 'whole child'.

## **Resident Artist and Year 6 Prefects**

Please refer to the relevant sections of the newsletter that outlines important information in relation to these events and programmes.

## **ESF Parent Membership to the Board of Governors**

You will receive a ballot paper from ESF in the next few days to assist you in voting for your preferred parent representative. All ballot papers must be returned to ESF Centre, in the envelopes provided, by 5:30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind Regards

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### **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

Next week is an extra special week for the Year 1, 3 and 4 students and teachers who will have the opportunity to work with Glenealy's Artist in Residence, Paula Hart. Ms Hart is a talented artist and qualified teacher from Western Australia. She has a great deal of artistic experience in Australia and internationally and is well known for her creativity. We are really looking forward to seeing the children create two large murals that will be displayed in the school. If you see Ms Hart around the school don't forget to say a big 'G'day'!

**If would like to help during your child's session/s please write a note in your child's diary. (Please open attached timetable)**

**Many thanks,**

Katy Howes

Language Co-ordinator

### **PREFECTS AND STUDENTS COUNCIL**

The school has reviewed the opportunities it provides for student leadership and authentic student action. As a result of this review Mr Sommerville is now leading student leadership and action at our school. He will oversee the development of a refined Prefect system as well as the establishment of a new student council.

We are pleased to announce that the process of electing Year 6 prefects and setting up a brand new Student Council at Glenealy begins this week. This Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Sommerville will be meeting with all the Year 6 students to outline what the prefect roles involve and the skills required and developed throughout the year.

Following this meeting all interested children will be asked to write a submission in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and hand this to Mr. Sommerville. The purpose of this process is to ensure the interested Year 6 children reflect on what skills they have, how they could be used and how these can relate to the many roles the prefects will be tasked with leading.

All the Year 6 candidates will then have the half term holidays to prepare a one-minute presentation that will be shared at an assembly on the morning of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. All the Year 4,5 and 6 children will be in attendance and will vote for their top ten prefects. Parents of children presenting are welcome to attend but to avoid a conflict of interest are asked not to vote!

The successful prefects will then recruit other students from across the school to assist them in all their roles including: school assemblies, Glenealy Radio, Green Group, peer mediation, librarians, ambassadors and classroom helpers as well as leading the new student council. This means that Year 6 students who were not elected as Prefects can still play a crucial role in student leadership and action at our school. It also means that children of all ages will be more involved than in the past.

This is a fantastic opportunity for many students to take part in effective learning and meaningful, student initiated action in our school. We encourage all Year 6s to - go for it!

## YEAR 5 DAY CAMPS

5M and 5S both had a fantastic day out in Pui O, Lantau as part of their new inquiry into biodiversity.

Here are some of the children's reflections, questions and advice:



"The poison throwing bug was unique! I wonder how it makes the poison"

"Why are egrets white? Why do egrets have different coloured bills?"

"We really enjoyed climbing through the mangroves, fishing for huge crabs and sketching different types of flowers. It was a great experience!"

"Don't fall in the marsh as you may get wet and stepped on by a buffalo!"



## DRESS SPECIAL DAY – WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Thank you once again to the Glenealy School community for donating the grand total of **\$8,483** to the 'Community Chest Annual Dress Special Day'. A terrific effort!

## REMINDER - HALF TERM HOLIDAY & CPD DAYS

School will be closed from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> inclusive for the half term break, children return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

There are two more CPD Days this term – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, school will be closed to students on these days.

## NETBALL

All the girls enjoyed the games on Wednesday against Kennedy School. They played really well with the B team winning 4-2 and the A team winning 9-0. Great results!

All parents are very welcome to come along and support the teams each Wednesday!



## FOOTBALL - GSIS 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL

Good luck to all the Glenealy teams playing at the GSIS under 10 and ESF Educational Services Tournaments this Friday and Saturday. Supporters welcome!

For those players and parents attending on Saturday please see the appeal from ESF Educational Services at the end of this newsletter.

### Upcoming Tournament Date:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November - GSIS Under 9, 5-aside - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Plus three more Saturday morning tournaments at KGV and Hong Lok Yuen this term, as well as friendlies. Dates and times to be confirmed later. You can now check the school football webpage for details and updates:

<http://www.glenealy.edu.hk/at-school/pe/extra-curricular-activities/football>

To help raise funds for the Hong Kong Cancer Association we will be holding our 'Dress Pink for Breast Cancer Day', on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

We would like to ask all students and staff to wear pink or red on this day and bring a small donation for this very worthwhile cause.

## PTA NEWS

### MARKET NIGHT

Everyone get ready for Market Night at Glenealy School coming up Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

This will be an evening of fun, music, shopping and food for the Glenealy community.

All those who would like to volunteer to help out on any of the PTA stalls please contact Wendy Mahbubani at [wendy.mahbubani@hotmail.com](mailto:wendy.mahbubani@hotmail.com)

Stalls include; BBQ, Used Books and DVD's, Games, Dessert, Kitchenware and more!

Please also start looking through your DVD's and Books at home. If there are any you would like to donate for us to sell on our Used DVD and Book Stall, we will be accepting donations from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**NEW this year...a special dancing session for the children in the hall - watch for details in the coming weeks!**

### PTA UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE

**Please be advised that the shop will be closed in the afternoon on Monday 11th October. We apologise for this necessary inconvenience.**

## MOVING ON

If you intend to withdraw your child/ren from Glenealy at the end of this term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December or before, please notify Jane in the school office in writing as soon as possible.

## ESF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



Autumn Half Term Basketball Clinic. Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

This term 'ESF Tigers Basketball' will be running their Basketball clinics during the half term school break for children ages 8yrs – 11yrs and 12 yrs – 15yrs.

These clinics will be for both boys and girls focusing on individual skill development and introduction to team concepts. All lessons involve fun and safe activities conducted in indoor gymnasiums at South Island School and Renaissance College.

The 5 day clinics will include full court games plus half-court drills and shooting competitions that are sure to keep children active for the day! Sessions will also provide a great opportunity for children to enhance their social abilities, getting involved in team and group activities.

For registration please [click here](#) to download the application form or [click on this link](#) for online enrolment.

### Appeal from ESF Educational Services

We've had an approach from the ISF (Indochina Starfish Foundation <http://www.indochinastarfish.org/>) who are a small charitable foundation, set up in 2006 to provide support to children in Cambodia who have dropped out of education to support their families by collecting rubbish and picking over rubbish dumps.

One way of providing support to these children is through football, and ISF has cleared some land and formed a football pitch where children are bussed twice a week to train and play football. There are about 2,500 children involved.

ISF have asked for old football boots to be collected by organisations so that they can be flown to Cambodia, possibly via the CAS system used by ESF Senior Schools and Colleges.

I'm sure that there are lots of players who change boots for various reasons and whose parents then wonder what to do with the old boots. The ISF Football Boot scheme is the ideal way of dealing with two problems at the same time. If parents or players bring their old boots to KGV this Saturday, our coaches will collect them and we'll then hold them at a central storage site before arrangements are made for them to be flown to Cambodia.

If you have any old football boots, hand them to the ESF Ed Services coaches this weekend and know that you'll be making a difference to someone's life.

Thank you

James Hackett

ESF Educational Services

## COMMUNITY NEWS

TennisLife

Fast Track Mini Tennis Competition – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September four teams of young athletes from Hong Kong International, Glenealy, Kennedy/ Wet Island and The American International School braved the heat at Hong Kong International School, Tai Tam in the first of seven competitions being held throughout the 2010/2011 season.

Glenealy was ably represented by Bhaskar Saxena, Byron Daly, Euan Rogers and Ian Weathington, well done boys and the best of luck in the future rounds.

For more details of the events please click the following link:

<http://www.tennislife.com.hk/index-14.html#faststart14>



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Read for Meaning extra-curricular book clubs are returning to Glenealy!

[Saturday](#) program starts Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

[Tuesday](#) program starts Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on clubs for pupils ages 7 – 15, please call **Mrs. Barker at 2523**

0062 / 9401 4559 or email her at [marygbarker@hotmail.com](mailto:marygbarker@hotmail.com).

Read for Meaning– for kids who love to read, and those who don't yet!