



# 'Strive to Achieve'



19<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We are missing the presence of our year 6 cohort at school this week. However from the updates that Brenda is sending each evening from Beijing, the students and teachers appear to be having a very busy time filled with many exciting and new experiences. I know the students are going to return home with many experiences to share with their families and with the student body here at school. We all look forward to their sharing assembly upon their return!!

## The Hong Kong Young Writers Award

On Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> a group of our students from Year 5 and 6 attended the Hong Kong Young Writers Award held at the Wei Hing Theatre City University. The organizing theme for the competition was 'The New Silk Road'. Six of our entrants were selected for consideration for prizes in the Primary Section-Narrative Writing and also Cover Art. These students were: Kylie Tsang, Olivia Bray, Serena Ren, Navya



Lodha, Carissa Lee and Alisha Daswani. Congratulations go to Serena Ren for winning the Cover Art section. Her illustration has been used on the front cover of the competition anthology. Congratulations to all of the girls for their success in this competition. I would also like to thank Mrs Howes for encouraging and supporting student participation in this competition and for organizing the entries. Serena's winning art work and copies of the anthologies will be on display in the library next week.

Serena with her winning entry of the 'Cover Art' section.

## Spring Fair

Get ready for an evening full of fun!!

Join us at the annual Glenealy School Spring Fair on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 5.30-8.00. There will be delicious food from all corners of the globe to eat; challenging, fun games to play with great prizes to win and an exciting round of performances throughout the evening.

It is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a fun family evening and at the same time to support the hard-working Glenealy PTA. All funds raised through this event will find their way back to school activities and resources to support your children.

So come along and have a great time and support our school!!

## An Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr David (Dave) Buckley. Dave will officially join our school in the new academic year as Vice-Principal. Like Dave we are all excited about having him join the Glenealy School 'family'. Dave has written a letter to share some of his thoughts with us.

Kind Regards

Dianne

Please Note: **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is marked as a 'Teacher Training Day' in the children's diaries but this has been moved to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May therefore the children will attend school as normal on this day!**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,



My name is David Buckley and I am very excited to be joining the Glenealy family from August as Vice Principal

For me the highlight of last week's two-day interview process was the time I got to spend in the school, talking to students, teachers, support staff and parents, who were all keen to share with me exactly what made Glenealy school special - the people. Throughout the day everyone I met was very welcoming and warm, which helped to put me at ease. In addition the children I had the pleasure of meeting were all fantastic ambassadors for the school.

It became apparent that Glenealy School is a special place. There was a real passion for learning as all concerned were focused on the most important part of any school, the students. This child centered approach is something I whole heartedly advocate and I look forward to working closely with the Glenealy school community in order to ensure that we provide the best possible, well-rounded education, for the children in our care.

For those of you who want to know a little more about me, I'm originally from Wales in the UK though have now lived in Asia for 8 years (6 of which have been right here in Hong Kong.) I am a father of two beautiful children; Cian (who will be 2 years old on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of next month) and Anwen (who was only born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February this year and clearly wanted to be a Tiger instead of a Rabbit.) I have a background in Education and Psychology and have held leadership positions in a range of curriculum areas including P.E, humanities, science and mathematics. I enjoy playing and coaching many sports and hope to support the extracurricular program next year.

I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months as we work together to continue moving forward in partnership as a school and a community.

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### **BOOK WEEK**

This year we will be celebrating Book Week at Glenealy School from 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June. During this week the students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of book focused activities in the library. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June all students are invited to come to school dressed as a book character or author.

We also ask that each child brings 2 used books to school (during book week) that they no longer need or read which will be donated to other children who are less fortunate than our own. The organisation running this is called kids4kids and the project is called, 'books for a cause.' Please see the following website for more details: [www.kids4kids.org.hk](http://www.kids4kids.org.hk)

Many thanks for your support,  
Katy Howes and the Book Week Team

### **ESF ADVANCE FEES FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR**

All families should have received letters from the ESF asking for advance payment of September fees as a surety to secure your child's school place for the next academic year. If you have not received this letter copies are available in the school office.



### **MOVING ON**

If you will be withdrawing your child/ren from Glenealy at the end of the academic year Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 or before please notify Jane in the school office in writing as soon as possible. Please note that the ESF require notice by the 1<sup>st</sup> June otherwise September fees will be charged.



## PTA NEWS

**Glenealy International Food and Fun Fair Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 5:30-8:00pm**

### Glenealy Money

Glenealy Money, the ONLY currency for the Spring Fair next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May will be on sale in the playground as follows:

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May – 2.40-3.30 pm**

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 8.15-8.45 am**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2.40-3.30pm**

If you would like to take advantage of our extra 10% bonus offer, please bring cash or cheque made payable to "**Glenealy School PTA**" to our Playground Pre-Sale table at the above times.

If you/your child cannot make it to the playground pre-sale, an order form will come home in your child's school bag today. Please note however that the bonus offer does not apply to order forms or purchases at the Spring Fair.

### Food Stalls

In addition to stalls from China, India, Korea and The Philippines, so far, our new international mix table at the Spring Fair will be featuring foods from Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand and Wales! We would love to see even more food on this table, so if you are able to contribute, please contact Scarlett Mattoli ([scatnrick@netvigator.com](mailto:scatnrick@netvigator.com)).



## MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM

### Allergy time of the Year

Allergies - The most common at this time of year are pollen, mould and dust. Symptoms include itchy /runny eyes and nose, sneezing and hives.

### Some Helpful Hints to control the symptom

Wash/shower off pollen, keep windows closed, and cover all pillows and mattresses with protected covers.

Use a dehumidifier/air-conditioning and aHEPA filter vacuum cleaner at home. Take plenty of fluids and if necessary Antihistamines and/or Decongestants if prescribed.

### FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION FOR UNICEF

There is a UNICEF donation box in the office for any foreign money you may have accumulated over the holidays. Every coin helps!

## LIBRARY NEWS



South China Morning Post Summer Reading

If you would like to subscribe to this programme you can register at:

[www.yp.scmp.com/posties](http://www.yp.scmp.com/posties) - or call: 2680 8822 - deadline 31st May 2011.

Forms are also available in the library which can either be faxed or mailed directly to the SCMP

Links to applications being used on iPads in school are:

<http://www.glenealy.edu.hk/at-school/library/links-to-apps-on-ipad>



## ESF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



The recent efforts of a combination of Basketball players within the **ESF Tigers Basketball** programs throughout ESF Schools proved very successful as the team came second in a recent *Girls Only* Basketball

event. On Line Registration details for ESF Tigers Basketball can be found at: [www.esf.org.hk](http://www.esf.org.hk)



Girls, this could be **you** some day. Enrolling and working with the coaches to learn the skills needed to play, you too could possibly enjoy taking home a sporting medal or trophy. Coach Angelica and girls from South Island School, Kowloon Junior School, Renaissance College and Glenealy School spent the last day of the past Spring Break (30 April) to play in an U-13 age competition.

Well done to all the girls!

L to R – Grace (KJS), Sabrina (RC), Lizzy and Ingrid (SIS), Ariana (Glenealy) Vanessa (RC), Sarah (SIS), Coach Angelica