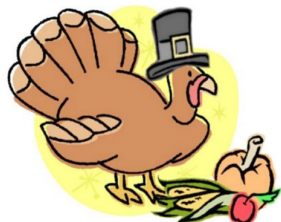




'Strive to Achieve'



25th November 2010



Happy Thanksgiving!

This is a time when Americans and my family celebrate Thanksgiving by having a huge feast and celebrating with family and friends. This symbolizes the harvest and pilgrimage to the USA.

By Libby Moser 5M

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Curriculum Workshops

Thank you for making the effort to come to the curriculum workshops last night. We understand many of you were keen to attend more than one! As always we had so much to share within a relatively short time frame, but we hope you picked up the essence and key messages of the presentation you attended. Where appropriate we will post the presentations on the school website for your reference. I will email you when these are available for viewing. It is likely that many of these sessions will be repeated in term 2, to give you the opportunity to attend another area that interests you.

PTA AGM

The meeting last night was a time to acknowledge and celebrate the superb job our PTA has done over their period in office. Significant sums of money have been raised which have contributed greatly to the enhancement of school life for your children. As always the PTA contributes significantly to the culture of the school by promoting the school within the community and provided excellent occasions for us to gather as an entire Glenealy family to have fun and interact with each other. The Glenealy Market Nights and International Food Fairs are a superb example of this. I would personally like to thank the PTA Committee on a hugely successful year and specifically thank Terri Appel for her tremendous leadership as PTA Chair.

You will see in the PTA section of the newsletter the new committee who were confirmed last night. Welcome to new members and those willing parents who have continued their involvement with the PTA committee.

Assembly

Our first official Celebration Assembly's will take place on Friday December 3rd. You will be notified if your children will be receiving a certificate. As we have a number of children receiving awards and therefore a large number of parents attending – we will be splitting the times into two segments – see below.

Celebration Assembly – Year 4-6 – Friday 3 December 1.50-2.20pm and on the same day Year 1-3, 2.30-3.00pm.

Dress Blue on Monday 15 November!

Thanks so much for the VERY generous donations on Dress Blues Day. The total raised was \$14,271.20. Your generosity will be greatly received by the families involved.

See you tomorrow at Sport Day! It will be a fabulous day!

Kind Regards

Brenda

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SPORTS DAY – Tomorrow 26th November 2010

A few reminders from Ms Thompson:

Food: All students should bring snacks in disposable bags. Students not being collected from KCC should also bring a packed lunch.

Drink: VERY IMPORTANT! All students must bring a full bottle of water (with their name on) to the venue. They should carry this bottle with them at all times to prevent dehydration.

Parents please make sure you notify the class teacher before taking your child from the Sports Day

Programme of Events for Sports Day

10:00am – 11:15am	Yr3/4 Races	Yr5/6 Activities
11:15am -12:45pm	Yr5/6 Races	Yr3/4 Activities
11:00am – 12:30pm	Yr1/2 Races & 'Potted Sports'	
12:45 pm	Parent/Teacher Races	
1:00pm	Presentation of Trophies	
1:15pm	Finish	

There is also a competition for the most "COLOURFUL HOUSE" - This includes parents as well as children! So, parents please come as **yellow, green, red and blue** as you can! You can help win the prize!"

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Year 2 and 3 costume lists have been sent home with the children this week, please make sure the costumes are ready and brought to school **by Wednesday 1st December**. All costume parts should be labelled with your child's name and sent to school in a disposable bag also marked with your child's name. Thank you for your help. The costumes must be in school by Wednesday so that they can be checked and sorted for the performance the following week.

Please let Mr. Benzie know if your child is unable to attend the performances through a note in the diary. It is very difficult to replace someone at the last moment so the more notice the better.

CAROLS ON THE ROOF - Friday the 10th of December

All members of the senior choir are expected to attend this festive event. Please let Mr. Benzie know if your child is unable to make it through a note in the diary.

ATTENDANCE AT MULAN REHEARSALS

If your child is part of the Mulan cast and is unable to attend a rehearsal or has to leave early please write a note in your child's diary. Mr. Benzie is responsible for the students who are enrolled in the rehearsals until 4:30pm and if a student does not turn up and they have been at school that day it takes some time to identify what has happened.

REMINDER OF THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATES

Tuesday 7th of December 6:15pm - Years 1, 2 & 3 Productions

Friday 10th of December 6:30pm - Carols on the Roof

Saturday 11th of December 5:30pm - Carols at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

MOVING ON

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

NETBALL

Glenealy A and B teams played F.I.S. yesterday and played some lovely netball. Many thanks to all the parents who came to support us. These were very good practice matches for both teams in the lead up to the ESF Invitational Netball Tournament on Saturday 4th December. Only three other schools will be entering both A and B teams. There will be 20 teams competing in this competition. We hope we will have plenty of support! Ms Thompson will send out all the details shortly.

The A team scored over 20 goals to win their match quite convincingly. Meanwhile, the B team also beat FIS's B team and C teams. Well done girls!



PTA

Toy in a Box

Our special Toy in a Box Assembly will be held on Monday 6th December at 8.45 in the School Hall. Don't be late and please remember to bring in your 'Toy in a Box' with the label (Year Girl/Boy) affixed to the top. These gifts will go to school children at the Yao Dao Primary School who would be less likely than most to receive anything during this season of giving.

GSPTAL AGM

The Glenealy School PTA Limited AGM was a successful one and we would like to extend a special thanks to all who attended.

The new Committee for 2010 - 2011 as announced at the AGM are comprised as follows:

Executive Committee

Chair: Scarlett Mattoli

Vice Chair: Wendy Mahbubani

Treasurer: Penny Kennington-Donowho

Secretary: Stephanie Weathington

Ex-Officio President: Brenda Cook

Teacher Representatives:

Dianne Best

Michaela Stephan

David Benzie

Parent Representatives:

Terri Appel

Ja Gerjarusak

Rose Kehoe

Christine Meaney

Jaymini Nandha

Sara Sharp

On behalf of the Committee, we look forward to another exciting and fun-filled year of PTA activities to raise funds for our children and the schools benefit.

Popcorn Friday!

We look forward to our first Popcorn Friday of the year on Friday December 10th run by the Year 4 classes. Please check next week for details!

ESF's Finances Public Meeting



Dear Parent

ESF's Finances Public Meeting – Change of venue to Bradbury School

We had announced earlier that the second public meeting about ESF's finances will be held at Quarry Bay School on 9 December 2010 at 6.30 pm. However, since we anticipate that a large group of audience will also be arriving at the same venue for the school's Christmas Carol Concert on the same evening, we have decided to change the venue of the public meeting to **Bradbury School (43C Stubbs Road, Hong Kong)**, starting at 6:30 pm, to minimise traffic congestions and overcrowding in the school campus.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused. Please call 3762 2671 for enquiries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heather Du Quesnay'.

Heather Du Quesnay
Chief Executive
