Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a short, busy and interesting Term 2. We have already started the term with ANZAC Day being commemorated in our community and school, and the school Cross Country being held this Friday. Other upcoming events are the Mothers’ Day Stall next Thursday 8th May followed by a busy Friday on 9th May, with the Mothers’ Day Breakfast organised by the wonderful Blackboard Café, and the Barber of Seville performances.

**Staff Development Day 28th April**

The first session on Monday was devoted to the school’s participation in a mandated Copyright survey. Mr Earl attended the initial training last term and he informed all staff of the requirements of the survey – maintaining detailed records of all copyright materials being scanned, printed, and photocopied and also of the number of non copyright material copies made on the main printers in the school.

Morning tea was catered for by the Blackboard Café and there was a marked improvement over previous School Development Day catering, which was much appreciated by the teachers.

The rest of the day was devoted to planning the scope and sequence of English texts, ensuring that the requirements of the new syllabus are being met.

The School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Curzon and Mrs Thorndyke attended the SLSO Conference at Epping. The focus was on the use of ipads and behaviour management strategies.

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Hanson maintained their First Aid qualifications at a course at Glenmore Park Primary School run by Rapid Response. It focused mainly on CPR and the use of defibrillators.

**Staffing Update**

- Mrs Joanne Fulham was appointed to Paddington Public School as Assistant Principal by the merit selection process on the last day of Term 1. Ms Rikki-Lee Dalziell will be taking the class until a permanent appointment to the Assistant Principal position is made. This could be either by having a current Assistant Principal awaiting a transfer being appointed or by the merit selection process.
- Mrs McKay was not able to receive a one day a week nominated transfer and has instead applied for part-time leave for one day a week for the remainder of the year. Adjustments have been made to the Library and Release from Face to Face teaching timetables as a result. Library lessons will be held on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5E and 6M will have their Library lessons on Friday and they will be taken by their class teachers.

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ANZAC Day

Congratulations to all students who represented our school community at the ANZAC Day commemorations in Springwood last Friday. Mrs Curzon had more than 40 students there, including every member of our Student Executive, in full school uniform. Well done to all of you and your families and thank you to Mrs Curzon for co-ordinating our school’s representation at this important community event and Mrs Jansons for her support.

The school commemorative ANZAC assembly was held yesterday. Thank you to Mr Jim McKinnon, for his presentation on behalf of the RSL, and to Lily Patterson and Liam Stratford for running the assembly, the support of the other student executive members and Mrs Macky for setting up the hall and to the students and staff who observed this solemn occasion respectfully.

Chess Competition

Included in this Intercom is information about a chess competition at Glenbrook on Tuesday, 10th June. Last year the students who participated in a similar event returned well pleased with their participation and a trophy for second place. We hope to be able to field a team again this year. If your child is attending Chess Club on Wednesday or is an interested player at home please consider this opportunity.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the assessments in Literacy and Numeracy in Week 3 of this term.

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Speech Pathology Program

This program recommenced yesterday, 30th April, and the school received the assessment reports and recommendations for the students involved. The combination of small group and individual interventions that is currently occurring address the identified needs of the students. While there is a range of diagnoses, the identified students with severe receptive and expressive language impairment were identified, as were students having a range of speech sound impairments and difficulties with phonological awareness.

One interesting outcome of this process is seeing the accuracy of staff identification of students to participate in the program, either for receptive and expressive language support or as needing articulation and phonological awareness assistance.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2015

Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents of Year 4 students can apply for Opportunity Class placement through the Intention to apply form available on the intranet.

Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Application forms will be available from 28 April 2014. Application packages will be available from 28 April 2014.

Dorothee Lean
**Book Club**
Anyone wishing to make a purchase from the current issues, please place orders in a sealed envelope with correct money or cheque. Orders to be in by Friday 9th May.

Thank you
Annette Reynolds/Heather Curzon
Book Club Co-ordinators

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014**
All classes are participating in the yearly Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC).
The challenge runs from March 1 to September 1, 2014.

K - 2 students need to experience 30 PRC books, all of which will be read to them by their class teacher or me, their teacher librarian. Entries will be submitted online once their reading logs reach the required number of books.

3 - 4 and 5 - 6 students will read and record their own list of PRC and free choice books, a total of 20 books. Once finished, they will then enter their own reading logs online.

**Congratulations** must go to the many students from 4K and 4T who have already finished their challenge for 2014. As they entered their lists online it was great to see the excitement (and relief) as "Congratulations!
" appeared on the screen. "Done and dusted!" was how one student described it!

With extra effort over the coming months, we are hoping to achieve the rather elusive 100% successful completion rate.

Certificates will be awarded to all successful students at the end of the year.

**LIBRARY TIMETABLE**
As the library will now operate 3 days per week a new timetable is being finalised and should be available to you next week.

My days will now be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

I am hoping that the wonderful parent helpers who were available for shelving books etc. on Fridays will be able to continue to do so. Tea and coffee facilities will be there for you.

**BOOK FAIR**
Our first Book Fair will arrive on Thursday, May 15 and will continue until the following Thursday morning, May 22.
Volunteers will be appreciated. See me or let me know if you can help.

More details next week.

My thanks for your interest and support.
Diane McKay  Teacher Librarian

Beginning in Term 2, 2014, the **MY SCHOOL LUNCH BOX** Service will be cutting back to **MONDAY** and **FRIDAY ONLY**

**Drumming**
Drumming with John May will resume in Term 2, but not until Week 3.
Enjoying Time iPad With KBC And 2/3T
**Anzac Day March**

On Friday the 25th April, 40 students along with parents, Mrs Curzon and Mrs Jansons represented our school in the ANZAC Day march. They were led by our school captains and prefects looking smart in their school blazers. Following behind were students from year 6 down to kindergarten.

I would like to acknowledge how proud we were of those students and parents who represented our school to honour past and present in the ANZAC Day march.

Mrs Curzon and Mrs Jansons

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**School Banking News**

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We hope everyone had a great holiday. Just a reminder School Banking kicks off again tomorrow - Friday 2nd May.

Term 2 not only sees some great new rewards available but there’s also a fantastic promotion being run by the Commonwealth Bank. Students that make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 will be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major student prize.**

One student (from across Australia) will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

**Runner-up student prizes.**

130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

Good luck to all our consistent savers here at Faulconbridge!!

The School Banking Ladies
**NEXT P & C MEETING**
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 19\textsuperscript{th} May. Even if you haven’t been able to attend a meeting this year, or are wondering what it’s all about, you’re more than welcome to come along!

**MOTHERS DAY GIFT WRAPPING**
Just a reminder that next Monday, 5\textsuperscript{th} May we will be wrapping the Mothers Day gifts. Everyone is welcome to come along and show us your wrapping skills at 7pm in the teachers staffroom. What a great opportunity to have a sneak peek at the gifts! Just don’t tell the kids you know. 😊

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**
The Mothers Day stall will be next Thursday, 8\textsuperscript{th} May. Thank you to everyone who has offered some time to help on the day. Many of our “little shoppers” will appreciate the assistance to help with their shopping decisions. If you would still like to come along we will be meeting in the hall at 1.30pm before our customers arrive at 2pm.

**MONEY RAISED FROM ICE-BLOCKS AND FROZEN ORANGES IN TERM 1**
Wow, what an amazing result!! Term 1 saw a massive $582.80 raised from the sales of ice-blocks and frozen oranges. This money will be generated back in the school to provide further valuable resources. Thank you again to everyone who gave their time to help with the sales. The students definitely appreciated it.

**P & C CONTACT**
The P & C page on the school website is currently “under construction”. If you need to contact someone from the P & C please forward any correspondence to myself, Ginett Mills – ginettmills@yahoo.com.au

G. Mills – P & C President
DATE: TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014
VENUE: GLENBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL WOODVILLE ST, GLENBROOK
DIVISION: PRIMARY SCHOOLS
TIME: 8:30AM – 9:15AM REGISTRATION
      9:30AM ROUND 1 BEGINS
      THERE WILL BE A LUNCH BREAK, AND SHORT BREAKS
      BETWEEN THE ROUNDS.
COST: $10 PER CHILD

FORMAT
This tournament is run as an individual event. The winning school is determined by adding the 4 highest scorers from each school. This means that your school can enter any number of players, and there is no need to rank them by ability, or assign teams.

This tournament is a 7-round ‘Swiss’ competition. This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is ‘knocked out’ of the tournament.

TIME LIMIT
Chess clocks will be used in this event. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament.

The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game.

PRIZES
* Trophies awarded to top scoring players:
   1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.
* Trophies awarded to top 3 placed schools in each heat.
* All participants receive a certificate of participation.
* The top 3 schools from each heat qualify for the Regional Semi-Finals, held in Term 3.

PLEASE FILL IN PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND

TO: Faulconbridge Public School Office

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of class ______________________ to attend the Interschool Chess Challenge at Glenbrook Public School on Tuesday 10th June 2014. I understand that travel will be by private car.

I enclose $10 entry fee

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Andrew McLeod
Accredited Club Professional NSW TCA Coach
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