Every student succeeding every day

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday throughout the September break. Enjoy the spring weather, school will resume Tuesday October 4.

Friday

As you aware from previous correspondence, a former student from Glen Aplin State School, passed away last Wednesday 7th September. The funeral will be held this Friday. He was a member of the school community from Prep to Year 6 and many of the staff who worked with him during this time will be attending the funeral. School will still operate as a regular day with Mr Forbes, Ms Hill, Ms Petrie, Mrs Torrisi and Mrs Dunn working with classes. A program will be organised for the day, however at times some classes may need to be combined. Students and staff will continue to receive ongoing support as required. Individuals deal with their grief and emotions in different ways and at different times, please be aware of this now and in the weeks to come. If you feel that your child needs help dealing with their emotions please contact the school. Our Guidance Officer will be at school on Friday also.

Communication

Please be aware that it is very important to keep communication open between yourself and the school. If you have a query or concern you need to speak directly to the school to ensure that these concerns are addressed. If we are unaware of something we are unable to help resolve the issue.

Late Arrivals

If your child is a late arrival or early departure, please ensure that you bring your child to the office and complete the early and late arrivals register. This is important as we are able to be aware of where all children are at all times.
Parent Interviews

Parent interviews to discuss your child’s progress will occur early in Term 4. If you have any queries or concerns that you would like to address with your child’s class teacher before this time, please contact them to make an appointment. Notes with times available for interviews will be sent home shortly.

School Accounts

- Paper statements sent home last Friday.
- A Swag of Tales $6 performance fee to be paid ASAP
- Yr5/6 camp $50 deposit due 16th Sept, full amount due 7th October

If you are having issues paying your account please speak to Chris or Judi promptly to arrange a payment plan and avoid your child missing out on attending events.

Compulsory Prep Year

Attending Prep is now compulsory. From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1.

To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017.

Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. The vast majority of Queensland parents already choose to enrol their child in Prep when they reach the eligible age.

Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning.

Under 8s Day

Under 8s Day is tomorrow (Wednesday 14th) and all permission notes must be returned before your child can attend. We will be travelling by bus, leaving Glen Aplin at 9:10am and returning at around 12:30pm. All children must be dressed in full school uniform - including hat, and they need to wear closed-in shoes. Children must bring morning tea and a water bottle. These will be collected and transported in cartes to the park, so all items will need to be clearly named.

School Photographs

Every family who has registered online to purchase photos will receive an email on Wednesday confirming photos have been uploaded and are ready to buy. If you are having trouble logging on, you are welcome to try on a school laptop. The school will have paper order forms available this week for those who do not wish to order online.

Awards

The following students have received awards for following our school expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Responsible and a Learner: Phoenix, Thomas, Hannah, Darius, Jordan, Rilley, Jarrah, Nick S, Tristen W, DJ, Jess and Max.

Chess Puzzle

Solution: White Queen moves to h5 to capture black’s pawn. Black king is then in check so has to move but if he moves backwards to h8, White Queen still checks, if he moves sideways to f7, White Bishop at b2 controls this square. King cannot move anywhere safely and is in danger currently, it is checkmate.
Orientation Days for 2017 Prep Students
I am currently in the process of organising our open days for our new prep students. If you have or know of someone who will be coming next year to our school please let me know or ring the school to let them know. I will be sending out letters the first week back.

Mrs Willoughby
Our school expectations are: I am Safe, I am Responsible, I am Respectful, I am a Learner.

How We Made Paper

Equipment: Blender, cup, decal, mould, chop, felt, cloth.

Materials: Shredded paper, water.

1. We scooped up the pulp with the mould and decal.
2. Mixed it all up.
3. We tipped this into a tub and mixed with hands.

25.8.16

Glen Aplin Gallery
Year 3 Paper Making

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End of term 3 is already here and the P&C would like to wish everyone a safe holiday. Thank you for your support this term.

There will be some other fundraising opportunities next term to reach our $6,000 target for the Year 5/6 School Camp. 'Lunch Days' on Tuesday also contributes to our fundraising efforts and so far $1,244.50 has been raised so thank you to all the families who support our Lunch Days.

**P&C Collection Box** - There is a green P&C Collection box in the library. Please use this box for P&C notes and not the Red Box. Thank you.

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**Important Dates**

- **Wed Sept 14** GB Under 8s Day
- **Thurs Sept 15** Arts Council Performance
- **Thurs Sept 15** GB Maths Challenge (Yr 6 team only)
- **Fri Sept 16** Last day of Term 3
- **Wed Oct 12** Prep Open Day

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**Fundraising Thermometer**

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**Free Computer Packages for Students**

All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active login, school email account and password - those who don't have these should contact the school office.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students' personal equipment only - not equipment which is part of a school network.

If your child has their MIS & passwords already, go to [http://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx](http://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx)

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