

A reminder that you are invited to join us for the **New Parents Evening** on Wednesday February 18th in the Sylvia Brose Hall at 7 for 7.30 pm. Join us at 7 pm for music and supper, followed at 7.30 by brief introductions to the different roles within the school, and presentations on aspects of the Glenaeon community: management, the school Council and the P and F. An important evening for all those new to Glenaeon, we invite all parents to join us in welcoming new parents to our community.

We are also pleased to be able to invite all parents to hear Dr David Ritchie speak next week about the emotional and medical impact of social networking sites on adolescents. Glenaeon is fortunate to have Dr Ritchie as our school doctor, visiting for a few days each term to work with students, parents and teachers. David is co-founder of Helios Integrative Medical Centre (formerly known as Novalis House) in Christchurch, NZ. David has also established a centre with Robyn Ritchie for children with learning issues. With close to 30 years experience as a GP working out of an Anthroposophical medical approach, David has a wealth of knowledge and expertise particularly in the area of child and adolescent health.

David will be giving an evening talk on **Adolescence: Computers, Facebook, Myspace & other Pastimes!** **Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Hall foyer.**

We are often asked about the core values that define us as a school: one is a commitment to the traditional values of childhood as a foundation for a healthy life. We ensure that children begin their journey into education in harmony with the true spirit of childhood, and emerge from the journey with a rich and balanced education.

Below are some thoughts on this spirit of childhood that as parents and teachers we have a responsibility to nurture.

## Spirit of Childhood

There was a time when meadow, grove,  
and stream,  
The earth and every common sight,  
To me did seem  
Apparelled in celestial light,  
The glory and the freshness of a dream.  
It is not now as it hath been of yore; -  
Turn whereso'er I may,  
By night or day,  
The things which I have seen I now can see no more.

The opening lines of Wordsworth's **Ode: Intimations of immortality from recollections of early childhood** are a unique vista on the way the young child experiences the world. The remarkable thing about childhood is that we forget what it really was like: how hard it is to enter that pristine state of mind genuinely. Yet this should be no surprise, for the central aspect of early childhood is its unconsciousness: growing up is a process of waking up, of greater and great clarity of consciousness. Memory is connected with consciousness, so we remember more as we grow older, not just because it is closer in time.

Gifted poets like Wordsworth, with heightened powers of imagination and sensitivity, can evoke the state of mind of the young child by returning to their own early experiences.

And how intensely he expresses what we can all experience when we spend time in the young child's world: "the glory and the freshness of a dream", that magnificent sense of everything being special, of everything "apparelled in celestial light".

Later in the poem he describes this sense of specialness:

"Heaven lies around us in our infancy..."

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But how easily this sense of the sacred is lost in today's world of the child as consumer, the child as accelerated learner, the child as early reader.

At Glenaeon we strive to nurture, protect and honour the young child's sense of the sacred through our teaching methods and curriculum which all are based on this view of young children's special and delicate relationship with the world around them.

It is lost naturally, and we do not have to force it: "the things which I have seen I now can see no more". We strive to protect the integrity of childhood so its precious experiences can be enjoyed as a foundation for all later life. We all naturally "wake up", grow conscious at the appropriate time: usually by the age of 9 this sense is gone, or at least going.

The poem goes on:

"At length the Man perceives it die away,  
And fade into the light of common day."

Our loss is part of the human condition, and the price we pay for growing up is that we "fade into the light of common day".

To the young child each leaf can have a story, every stone can be precious, each flower can hold a secret. We waken into the world of facts, of types: the leaf is a eucalypt, the stone is sedimentary, the flower is a wattle. All such knowledge is important to learn so we can take a place in the adult human community, but when the world is known, the mystery is gone.

Due to space constraints in this week's newsletter, we will introduce you to the remaining new staff next week.

*Andrew Hill  
Collegiate Chair*

## School Calendar

Important dates to remember

February 2009	EVENT
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Kindergarten Parent Teacher Meeting, 7.30pm - Castlecrag
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 5 & 6 Parent Teacher Meeting, 7.30pm - Middle Cove
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Glenaeon Bio-dynamic Garden – on site work commences
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>P&amp;F General Meeting, 7.30pm - Sylvia Brose Hall, Middle Cove</b>
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 9 Parent Teacher Meeting, 7.30pm - Middle Cove
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	New Parents Welcome Evening, 7.00pm – Sylvia Brose Hall, Middle Cove
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 Parent Teacher Evening, 7.30pm - Castlecrag
<b>10am</b> on Sat-Sun, 21-22 February	Bio Dynamic Garden Working Bee
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 11 Guardian Meeting, 7.30pm – Middle Cove
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 7.30pm – Middle Cove
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	ISD Basketball Championships
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Classes 3 & 8 Parent Teacher Meetings, 7.30pm – Middle Cove classrooms

## Campus News



### **FRAU TIETGE'S 25 YEAR MILESTONE**

This week Middle Cove staff gathered in the hall foyer for a surprise party. Details were hush-hush, but we knew we were there to celebrate a mystery milestone for a special someone. That special someone was Brigitte Tietge-

Rollans and the milestone - 25 years teaching at Glenaeon.

Brigitte has spent her entire Australian teaching career at Glenaeon, and entertained us all with memories of her job interview which included meeting with the school's founder, Miss Sylvia Brose. Staff toasted Brigitte's years of service and enjoyed the chance to pass on their congratulations.

Brigitte joined Glenaeon as German language teacher in 1984, a role which she continues today. During her time she has worked tirelessly in many areas including as member and Chair of the College

Of Teachers, Senior College Coordinator, Major Project Coordinator, timetabling, guardian to many classes, hosting overseas teachers in Australia, Student Exchange Programs, organising student trips to Germany, the development of Senior School's Waldorf Stream and working with the Board Of Studies.

Brigitte, thank you for your dedication to the school, it's students, teachers and community. We hope to have the benefit of your passion and experience for many years to come.

*Jan Fowler  
School Manager*

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Welcome to new families (and 'old' families might like to read this too!).

We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for our students to learn an instrument in school. This is beneficial to students because it avoids travelling to tutors' homes. This also benefits Glenaeon as it helps to build the culture of musical instrument playing in the school.

All students in classes 5-8 are strongly encouraged to learn a band or orchestral instrument. Guitar and piano can only be taken by students in these years as a second instrument or by special arrangement with the class teacher. In Classes 9-12 students can elect to learn any of the instruments on offer.

Please use the form attached to apply for lessons in 2009. Group lessons (cheaper than individual lessons) are also sometimes possible.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a year full of music making!

*Christian Lillicrap and  
Manu Prasad*

### **WE NEED YOU!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BIODYNAMIC GARDEN, MIDDLE COVE CAMPUS**

**SAT AND SUN 21-22 February**

**10.00am**

We still need more volunteers for this project. Great way to earn CIP points!

Contact: Sarah Sandberg at:

[sarabs@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarabs@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au) or Tel: 9417 3193.

#### **GAP YEAR IN THE USA WITH CULTURAL CARE AU PAIR**

Cultural Care is a cultural exchange organisation offering 18 to 26 year olds the opportunity to work and travel in the USA as an au pair. This program is a GAP year option for students who love children and who are looking to gain experience in childcare while developing their independence and confidence.

There is an information evening where interested students can come along and meet a returned au pair and hear about their story while taking the

opportunity to save up to \$150 off the cost of the program when they travel in the next 12 months as an au pair.

**Details:**

**MONDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**SYDNEY - MATCHING WEEK**

Cultural Care Au Pair Office, Level 2, 9-13 Young Street, Circular Quay

If you would like further information about these meetings or the au pair program please don't hesitate to call on 1800 677 373 or from Sydney on 02 9252 2977.

*Lynne Collett  
Careers Co-ordinator*

#### **VERY IMPORTANT – CAR PARKING SAFETY**

We urgently remind all parents dropping off children to both campuses to observe vital road safety and parking regulations. This is essential to avoid accidents, minimise nuisance to school neighbours and most importantly to safeguard children. Please make sure you **DO NOT** do any of the following:

- Park in Glenroy Ave
- Park in bus stop areas
- Park on the side of the road where there are double unbroken lines – particularly on Greenfield Avenue
- Double park
- Park across driveways
- Park too close to street corners
- Allow your children to get out of the car from the non kerbside door

We have already received complaints from some of our neighbours and from Sydney Buses and we have explained to them that we always have a 'teething period' at the beginning of the year while incoming parents become accustomed to the new location, but you should be aware that if the problems continue it is likely that offending cars will be booked by police or council rangers.

We understand that parking is very difficult especially near the Middle Cove campus but where possible we encourage you to park safely a little further away and walk your child down to the gate.

We would also ask that you remind your children of road safety rules and particularly ask them not to run out from between parked cars.

Thank you very much for your understanding and co-operation.

*Sarah Sandberg  
Daily Operations Manager*

#### **DO YOU HAVE AN OLD OVEN?**

D&T Department requires an old oven, doesn't need to be working as requirement is for making a solar oven.

If you can help then please contact Stephen Hill on 9417 3193.

## **MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS 2009**

Our school will be accepting enrolments from students in Classes 5-10 for the 2009 challenge to be completed by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

This program is through the Australian Mathematics Trust and supported by the Department of Education, Science and Training.

### **What is it?**

The challenge comprises of four problems for Primary students and six problems for Secondary students, each with two problems to be attempted individually while the other two are to be discussed in pairs before individual submissions. Problem sets are specific to Classes 5-6, Classes 7-8 and Classes 9-10.

### **Costs per student:**

Class 5-6           **\$13.75**

Class 7-10         **\$19.80**

For further details visit [www.amt.edu.au](http://www.amt.edu.au)

*Charlotte Ramsay  
Mathematics Dept*

## **NEW BEGINNING FOR PARENT AND FAMILY CRAFT**

Meet at the Uniting Church Hall, Charles Street, Castlecrag 9am-12pm, Wednesday mornings.

We have many projects planned including a name and logo. Ideas for creating toys, teen and adult items needed.

If you wish to start your own group within your class or location, please let us know. Inner West group coming up.

Donations of any material welcome – cotton sheets, wool and woollen jumpers, anything that can be recycled.

Contact: Heather on 0419 225 211

Email: [hevtay54@hotmail.com](mailto:hevtay54@hotmail.com)

## **RING A ROSIE PARENT CHILD GROUPS ON THURSDAYS**

Now offers places for parents and children.

Come and enjoy a playful, educational time with stories, songs, games, baking and socialising.

Enquiries and bookings please Ring Ebba 9958 2571

## **GLENAEON'S CIRCUS PROGRAM**

Due to popular demand the Circus is back at Glenaeon. This term Glenaeon Circus has moved into lunch times. There will be no fee for students attending but we do ask that children commit for the term. Parents please complete & return to Middle Cove office permission slips which are available from Reception at Middle Cove.

The circus group will be smaller this term so that we can really hone our skills!

**Monday Lunch** – Class 5 & 6 students only

**Thursday Lunch** – Class 7 & 8 students only

**Friday Lunch** – Students from Class 9 onwards.

Students are to meet Hans on the Round Oval. We look forward to another term of fun!

*Annette Brian*

## **Noticeboard**

The following section is a service to the School Community and does not necessarily represent the views of the school

### **CLEANERS AVAILABLE**

Looking for a cleaner so you can spend more time with your children?

I would like to recommend Peter & Margaret Park to you. They have been cleaning for me for over 10 years and now clean for 5 Glenaeon families.

Reasonable rates, can-do attitude and lovely people.

You can call Jacqui Rawlings on 0400 398 999 or call Peter direct on 0410 564 110.

### **RENTAL ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

My husband and I are looking for a new home somewhere close to any of the school campuses.

If you can help please call Jessica at the Children's Cottage Tel: 9412 4457

We would take great care of any property and can provide references if necessary

### **HOME HELP NEEDED**

Wed & Fri 3:30pm to 6pm required to mind 2 local Glenaeon boys (ages 8 & 11yrs).

Must have own car to take them to after school activities. Additional cleaning/ironing hours available if interested.

Please call Martin on 0404 650 255.



## Instrumental Tuition Agreement 2009

PUPIL'S NAME: .....

CLASS (2009): ..... DATE OF BIRTH: .....

PHONE: ..... MOBILE: .....

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME: .....

PLEASE CIRCLE APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT:

CELLO

CLARINET

FLUTE

GUITAR

LYRE

PIANO

SAXOPHONE

TROMBONE

TRUMPET

VIOLIN/VIOLA

The agreement will be between the student's family and the Instrument Tutor.

**The School's responsibility** is to facilitate this tuition and ensure that the terms of this agreement are met. Once approved by the School's Music Teachers, this form will be passed on to the Music Tutor and they will contact you directly to arrange the time. The tutor will bill the family directly.

**The Family's Responsibility** is to acknowledge that the following terms of this agreement will be met and that your signature below is a record of your acceptance of those terms.

1. The student will **inform the tutor directly** of illness or **cancellation 24 hours** prior to the lesson time. (Do not leave a message with the School office). The lesson fee applies if notice is not received. Should the tutor be unable to provide a lesson, they will ring you directly to arrange a make-up lesson or you will receive a credit for the missed lesson.

2. **Students wishing to cease tuition must give one term's written notice (ten weeks) to their tutor.**

In 2009, lessons will cost \$32.50 per half hour. The signature below must be that of the custodial parent or guardian and indicates that you accept the above terms of this agreement

SIGNED: .....

PRINT NAME: .....

DATE: .....

**Please forward this form to the Class Teacher** who will pass it on to the Music Department. You will be contacted by either the Music Department or the Tutor to arrange a start date and lesson time.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: .....

TEACHER/COORDINATOR NOTIFIED: Y / N Date: ..... Name: .....

COORDINATOR USE ONLY: Confirmation Letter Sent back to Student: Y / N Date: .....

Copy sent to Teacher: Y / N Date: .....



## Notice of Meeting

All parents are warmly invited to attend the first General Meeting of the Glenaeon Parents and Friends Association for 2009. Come along and hear from the three key bodies from the school about what's in store for 2009. A special presentation (and performance) from Christian Lillicrap about the Music in the Glenaeon Curriculum will round out the evening. Light refreshments will be served.

Monday 16 February

7.30pm, Sylvia Brose Hall, Middle Cove Campus

### AGENDA

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| 1. OPEN  | 7.30pm |
| 2. REPORTS   | 7.40pm |
| 2.1 Report from Glenaeon School Council                      |        |
| 2.2 Report from Management Group                             |        |
| 2.3 Report from P&F Steering Group                           |        |
| 3. OPEN FORUM  | 8.30pm |
| Questions from the floor                                     |        |
| 4. KEYNOTE ADDRESS:  | 8.50pm |
| Christian Lillicrap:   |        |
| <i>The Importance of Music in the Curriculum at Glenaeon</i> |        |
| 5. CLOSE   | 9.30pm |



## CIRCUS SKILLS PROGRAM

Hans Rutrecht, one of our German social year volunteers, is a founding member of the school circus of the Aachen Waldorf School where he has been involved in both administration and the teaching of students for a number of years.

After an extremely successful introduction last year to the Circus Skills Workshop, Hans is very excited to be working with our students again.

Please note that there will be **NO FEE** for students attending but we do ask that children commit for the term.

Parents please complete the Permission Slip overleaf and return to Middle Cove office.

If you would like more information please email [annetteb@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au](mailto:annetteb@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au).

