

## Parent Education

Parent Education got underway last Tuesday with a talk by Bernadette White on the move from Mythology to History in our curriculum. On Tuesday week, Ann Jacobson our Curriculum Chair and long term Class Teacher will be speaking on the phenomenon of “Age Compaction”: a discussion of the pressures on children to grow up too soon. This very important topic for all parents will be at Castlecrag on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June from 9.15 to 10.45 am. All parents and visitors are welcome.



## New Finance Manager

It is with great pleasure we announce the arrival of Kerry O'Reilly our new Finance Manager. Kerry was until the end of 2008 the Business Manager of the Hills Grammar School and before then Finance Manager at the University of NSW. He comes to us most immediately from construction company, Paynter and Dixon.

Kerry will be getting established this week under the guidance of Daniel Lysaght our long serving “temporary” Business Manager who has served Glenaeon so very well over the past few years. We are very grateful to Daniel for his unstinting service and calming presence during the recent times of difficult change. The handover will enable Kerry to settle in comfortably before Daniel is able to enjoy his long awaited retirement, starting with a trip to the Orangutans of Sabah next

week. We welcome Kerry to Glenaeon and look forward to working with him.

## iPod and Electronic Items

We wish to confirm the policy with electronic equipment for the school. For children in Classes 1 to 6, there should be no electronic equipment brought to school. For Classes 7 and up, mobiles need to be switched off and kept in bags while on the school grounds. At school supervised bus stops mobiles may only be used for making appropriate calls. iPods are not to be visible, or used, on the school grounds or at any school supervised bus stops. We have considered this policy fully in the light of educational, health and safety issues and will have another statement in our handbook which is to be reissued in the near future.

## Open Day

Many thanks again for the feedback from our Open Day. We are reviewing all that happened at this our first in this format. Please be reminded that we will have a more traditional (for us) Open Day in Term 4 that will serve as a celebration of the year's work from our students and teachers. On Saturday October 24th each class will have a display along the usual lines of their work in Main Lessons and every subject, plus performances and exhibits of work across the school. It will be a great opportunity to share in your childrens' work and to experience the quality of work produced through the school. Glenaeon Open Days have traditionally been major showcases for the richness and breadth of our curriculum.

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## Martin Guerre is Back

Due to popular demand, Year 10 will be performing the musical Martin Guerre again. If you missed this outstanding performance last term, come along on Friday June 5th at 8.00 pm. Word has got around about the quality of the show and during the day there will a number of other schools visiting to enjoy this musical drama from the creators of Les Miserables. Entry is free, though of course donations are accepted. Suitable for students Class 5 and above. **Please note** this is NOT suitable for younger children.

## Medieval Night

Coming up on 27<sup>th</sup> June is our first ever Medieval Night: a P and F fundraiser, this entertaining event will be a great way for classes to get together. Tickets available in a variety of ways, but check first with your class representatives. Come in costume and enjoy a unique evening in our Great Hall.

Andrew Hill, Collegiate Chair

## Our Communication With The Parent Community

Since the beginning of this term in emails and phone calls from parents, at the P&F meeting and in the Castlecrag Forum held this week there has been a consistent message coming from the parent community to the Management Group about the need for greater and improved communication from the school.

The main areas of concern are the current absence of a School Handbook and ongoing issues with the email network – which also affects the delivery of the school newsletter.

We have not had a handbook in place for parents since 2007 when it was withdrawn due to long term inaccuracies. We acknowledge the information void this has created. I would like to assure parents that the development of a current parent handbook is a major priority. While we are working on it as quickly as possible it is vital that the information in the handbook is accurate, up to date and consistent with other school documents such as policies and procedures. This cross checking takes a little more time than I would like but I feel it would be counterproductive to release an incomplete document. In response to particular needs expressed by the community the handbook will include sections that address the different parts of the school – Castlecrag, the Class Teacher period and the High School.

The email problems have been frustrating for us all. As you no doubt know many things can happen during the email process at both the sending and receiving end. Emails can be rejected, bypassed, hijacked or classified as spam. We are currently reviewing how our emails are despatched and the effectiveness of the despatch. In the meantime we have discovered some patterns in the rejection of our mail and have noted particular problems with Hotmail, gmail & Yahoo addresses. We therefore attach some steps which will allow you to add Glenaeon Newsletter to 'safe recipients'. Please refer to the PDF file attached to the newsletter. We will be mailing 'hard copies' of this notice to those we know have ongoing problems.

I appreciate your patience on both these issues and look forward to more effective communication in the future.

Sarah Sandberg, Daily Operations Manager

## School Calendar

### Important dates to remember

28 <sup>th</sup> May	Christine Pearson Kindergarten Parent Teacher Meeting, Castlecrag at 7.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 Parent Teacher Meeting (The Temperaments) Castlecrag, 7.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> May	NSWCIS Carnival, Eastern Creek
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 9 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4pm - 8pm
<b>1, 4 &amp; 9 June</b>	<b>Year 10 University of Sydney Information Evenings, REGISTER NOW at: <a href="http://www.usyd.edu.au/year_10_evening">www.usyd.edu.au/year_10_evening</a></b>
1 June	Middle Cove Parent Forum, Sylvia Brose Foyer, 9.15am
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Class 8 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4pm - 8pm
<b>5th June</b>	<b>Class 10 presents "MARTIN GUERRE" Sylvia Brose Hall, 8.00pm</b>

9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Education, Age Compaction - Talk by Ann Jacobson, Castlecrag at 9.15am
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 Parent Teacher Meeting, Middle Cove, 7.30pm
10-12 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 10 Mid Year Tests
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Midwinter Festival, Middle Cove, 6.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Kindergarten Winter Festival, Castlecrag, 5pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> June	High School Music Camp
25 <sup>th</sup> June	High School Music Concert, Middle Cove, 7.00pm
<b>FUNDRAISER 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Mid Winter Medieval Magic 5.30pm-10.30pm, Middle Cove</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Twilight Concert, Sylvia Brose Hall, 6.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Anaphylaxis Training, Sylvia Brose Hall, 4-5.15pm

## Campus News

### MARTIN GUERRE

Thank you to so many of you who have provided feedback on the format for the return performance of the Class X musical: 'Martin Guerre'. It became clear that many felt uncomfortable with the fundraising 'cabaret' style format of the evening, and this has now been abandoned in favour of a more 'traditional' setup.

We have also decided that entry will be free, however the class will seek donations at the end to cover production costs. So, by popular demand, we are pleased to invite you to the *Return of Martin Guerre!*

**When: Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time: 8pm**

**Where: Sylvia Brose Hall**

Please note that the production is suitable for students in Class V and above. Supper and refreshments will be available during the interval. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Manu Prasad & Liz Chan  
Class X Guardians*

### CLASS 1 PARENT TEACHER MEETING

We will hold the Class 1 Parent Teacher Meeting on the Temperaments on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Class 1 classroom, Castlecrag campus.

Class 2 parents are most welcome to attend this meeting.

*Ann Jacobson*

### CLASS 3 PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Class 3 Parent Teacher Meeting will be held in the Class 3 classroom on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm with the meeting commencing promptly at 7.30pm. Parents please bring a small plate to share. Many thanks.

*Catherine Pilko, Class 3 Teacher*

### Anaphylaxis Training

In conjunction with the AIS and NSW Health, Glenaeon will hold Anaphylaxis Training for all staff and wish to invite parents to attend also.

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 4pm – 5.15pm

**Where:** Sylvia Brose Hall

As there is limited seating, please RSVP to Margaret on 9417 3193.

### HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CAMP DATES CHANGED

The dates for the High School Music Camp and Concert have, unfortunately been changed. Please note that the camp will now be held a week earlier than previously planned, with the dates as follows:

**CAMP:** Monday and Tuesday  
**22<sup>ND</sup> and 23<sup>RD</sup> June**

**CONCERT:** Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June

(Students will be rehearsing at times throughout the day).

The camp and concert affects ALL of Classes VIII – X and the music elective students in Classes XI & XII. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

*Christian Lillicrap and Manu Prasad*

## GLENAEON ISD CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May the ISD Cross Country Carnival was held at Centennial Park. All students who participated did extremely well putting in a fantastic effort. The following students were selected for the NSW CIS Carnival which will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> May at Eastern Creek:

**Joshua Kavanagh**

**Sonya Ivanovic**

**Sam Gunderson-Briggs**

This event is the highest honour that Glenaeon students can represent in NSW. Only one more step is possible within the whole of Australia, and that is the National Championships. Congratulations to these students.

*Katherine Ivkovic  
(PDHPE Coordinator)*

## GAP YEAR and STUDENT EXCHANGE EXPO

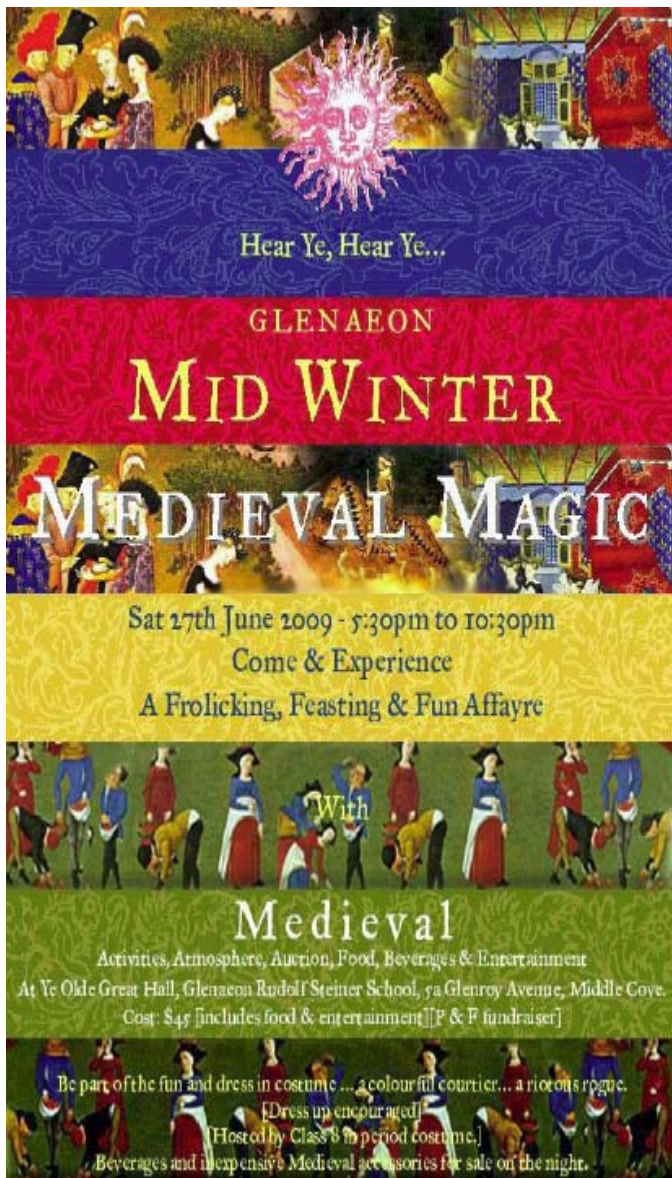
Ever considered volunteering in a third world country? Would like to learn a new language? Would learning about a new culture inspire you? Then come along to this Expo!

**WHEN:** Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm

**WHERE:** Dougherty Community Centre  
7 Victor Street,  
Chatswood

**COST:** Free

For more info or to register contact Adam Makepeace  
At NBBEN on 9907 3133.



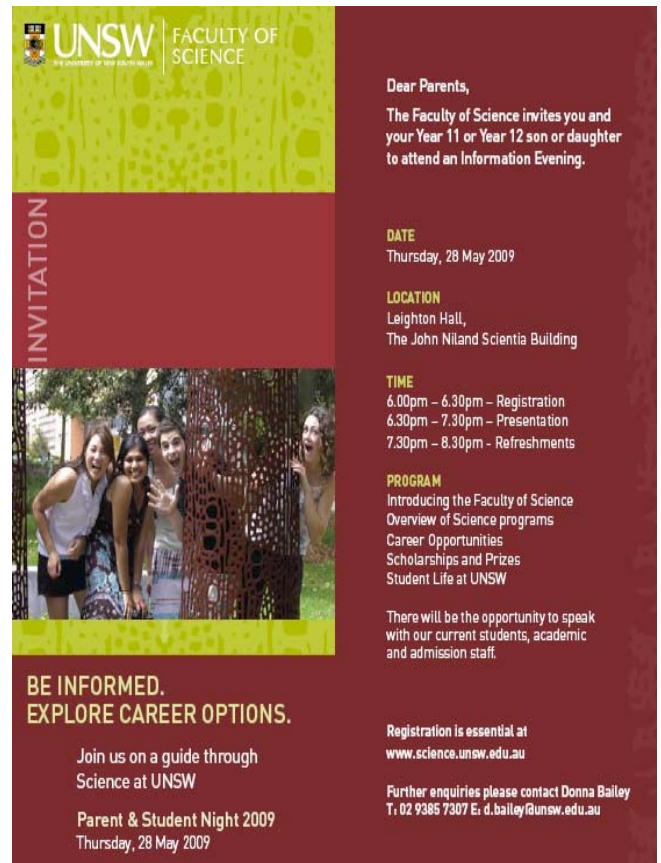
Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

GLENAEON  
**MID WINTER  
MEDIEVAL MAGIC**

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 - 5:30pm to 10:30pm  
Come & Experience  
A Frolicking, Feasting & Fun Affayre

With  
**Medieval**  
Activities, Atmosphere, Auction, Food, Beverages & Entertainment  
At Ye Olde Great Hall, Glenaeon Rudolf Steiner School, 5a Glenroy Avenue, Middle Cove.  
Cost: \$45 [includes food & entertainment] [P & F fundraiser]

Be part of the fun and dress in costume... a colourful courtier... a riotous rogue.  
[Dress up encouraged]  
[Hosted by Class 8 in period costume.]  
Beverages and inexpensive Medieval accessories for sale on the night.



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FACULTY OF  
SCIENCE

Dear Parents,  
The Faculty of Science invites you and your Year 11 or Year 12 son or daughter to attend an Information Evening.

**DATE**  
Thursday, 28 May 2009

**LOCATION**  
Laighton Hall,  
The John Niland Scientia Building

**TIME**  
6.00pm - 6.30pm - Registration  
6.30pm - 7.30pm - Presentation  
7.30pm - 8.30pm - Refreshments

**PROGRAM**  
Introducing the Faculty of Science  
Overview of Science programs  
Career Opportunities  
Scholarships and Prizes  
Student Life at UNSW

There will be the opportunity to speak with our current students, academic and admission staff.

**BE INFORMED.  
EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS.**

Join us on a guide through  
Science at UNSW

Parent & Student Night 2009  
Thursday, 28 May 2009

Registration is essential at  
[www.science.unsw.edu.au](http://www.science.unsw.edu.au)

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