

A Unique Community

“Glenaeon is in the straightforward business of saving souls for civilisation at a time when youthful despair is the rule and onrushing barbarism is the great expectation of our current life on Earth. It is a shelter for the good, a stimulus for the great, a shield against the worst that is happening and a vivid preparation for the turbulent times that are coming. My children would be less without it, they might even be lost. My thanks are large, my loyalty boundless.

Glenaeon has bought, in large or small part, a happiness I might not have otherwise had as a parent. “

*Bob Ellis,
Writer and Film Director*

Australian writer Bob Ellis has just published his 18th book. Both his children completed their school education a decade ago at Glenaeon: his daughter Jenny lives on in the Senior College through the name Jenny’s Room. She was the first student to undertake our Year 13 program and a room is named in her honour. Bob’s musings would not be the reflection of every family that undertakes the Glenaeon journey, yet he expresses a common appreciation of the school and its unique community values. When education for many was still an institutional arrangement, Glenaeon pioneered the vision of the school as a learning community.

In this age of the digital village we have to work hard at being a community. Unlike the communities of old, the pressures of contemporary life fragment our relationships into compartments that can stay hermetically sealed. All the more important then to work at building the community we have.

This term we have a celebration that can help build our community in a powerful way. The Medieval Midwinter Magic on Saturday June 27th is a particular event that will uniquely add value to the school. This recreation of a medieval Great Hall in the Sylvia Brose Hall will be a night of medieval yarn spinning, music and festivity. Enjoy some mulled wine and mead beside roasting chestnuts and acrobats. Class groups can take up tables to enjoy an evening of revelry together, then mix with the wider throng of merry-makers. Medieval attire is purely optional. A great night is guaranteed and your contribution to the community appreciated: **please purchase your tickets early**. Full details later in the Newsletter.



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 be 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 Class 5 and above: please do not bring younger children.

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Castlecrag Parent Education

Next Tuesday 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 next Tuesday June 9th from 9.15 to 10.45 am. All parents, and visitors, are welcome.

Andrew Hill, Collegiate Chair

School Calendar

Important dates to remember

5th June	Class 10 presents “MARTIN GUERRE” Sylvia Brose Hall, 8.00pm
9th June	Parent Education, Age Compaction - Talk by Ann Jacobson, Castlecrag at 9.15am
9th June	Class 3 Parent Teacher Meeting, Middle Cove, 7.30pm
10-12th June	Class 10 Mid Year Tests
19th June	Midwinter Festival, Middle Cove, 6.30pm
24th June	Kindergarten Winter Festival, Castlecrag, 5pm
22nd-23rd June	High School Music Camp
23rd June	“Ring-a-rosie” Playgroup, Castlecrag, 5pm (NOTE: If rain – postponed to 30th June)
25th June	High School Music Concert, Middle Cove, 7.00pm
FUNDRAISER 27th June	Mid Winter Medieval Magic 5.30pm-10.30pm, Middle Cove
29th June	Twilight Concert, Sylvia Brose Hall, 6.30pm
30th June	Anaphylaxis Training, Sylvia Brose Hall, 4-5.15pm PARENTS WELCOME
3rd July	Castlecrag Coffee Shop, Castlecrag, 2.50pm
3rd July	Winter Festival Classes 1&2, Castlecrag, 5-7pm
3rd July	Class 7 Play, Sylvia Brose Hall, 6.30pm
8th July	End of Term 2

Campus News

MOBILE PHONES

Due to feedback from the school community we have modified the policy in regard to mobile phones. This is due to a parent concern about some children from Class 3 upwards who are traveling relatively long distances on public transport. Therefore please note that children from Class 3 upwards may carry mobile phones which must be switched off and kept in bags while on the school grounds. At school supervised bus stops phones may only be used for making appropriate calls. Children should alert the duty teacher if they intend to make a call. Phones that are used inappropriately during the day will be confiscated – please reinforce these messages with your child. The school would also like to emphasise that the provision of mobile phones to children from Class 6 down is strongly discouraged unless there is a real need.

- Provide a written request to your teacher for early excusal on the morning of the day you intend to collect your child
- Visit the office on your arrival at school to sign your child out before collecting them from their class room.

VISITOR SIGN-IN AT CASTLECRAG

Any visitor to Castlecrag (including parents outside normal drop-off & pickup hours) must come to the office and sign the visitor’s book. This is to ensure that all visitors are known and accounted for. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters

*Sarah Sandberg,
Daily Operations Manager*

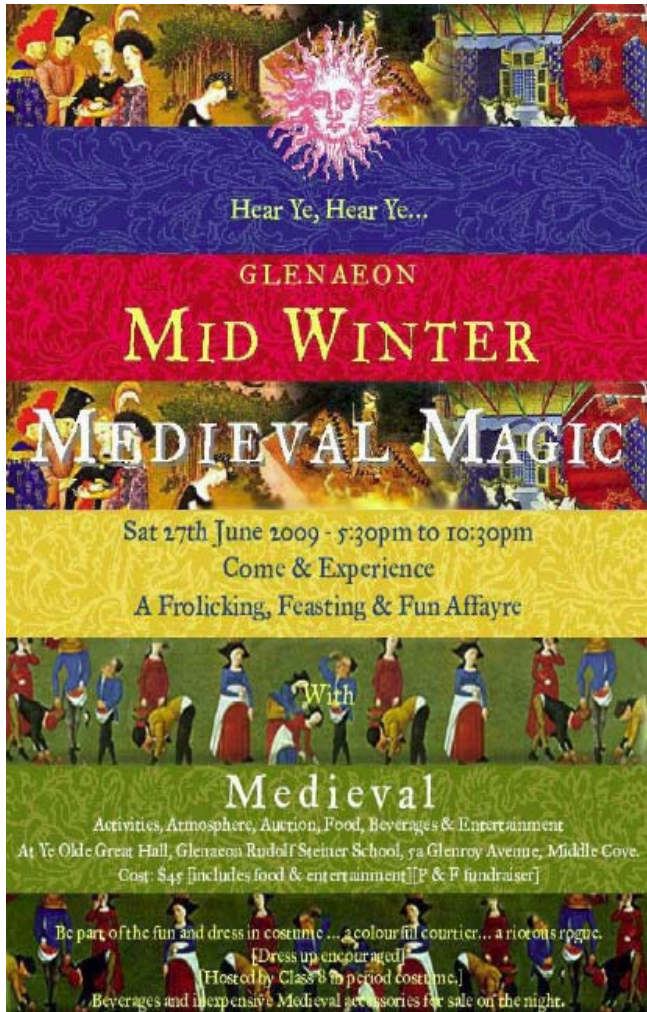
EARLY COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FROM CASTLECRAG CAMPUS

We ask that any parents collecting their child early, for any reason, from Castlecrag observe the following protocol:

ATTENTION

all Glenaeon parents, teachers and staff Let's all get together at this extraordinary fundraising event and so....

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!



TO BUY YOUR TICKETS contact your Class Parent or Christina at Christina@renditions.com.au

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 10th 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.

ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING

Parents Welcome!

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: 30th June

Time: 4pm – 5.15pm

Where: Sylvia Brose Hall

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

SYDNEY LOWER NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS

TERTIARY AND CAREERS EXPO

Tuesday 16 June 2009

5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

McQuoin Centre

128 Miller Street, North Sydney

Please note there is no parking available on Monte's grounds. Buses and trains run close by to the College. Refreshments will be available for sale during the evening - all proceeds going to Catherine McAuley House in Lima, Peru. Attached is PDF of confirmed exhibitors list.

Lynne Collett, Careers Advisor

Monthly Noticeboard

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



BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Year 11 Glenaeon student available for babysitting.

Experienced babysitting with young children, references available. \$10.00 per hour. Please call Ellisa on 9975 5582.



STEINER INSPIRED FAMILY DAY CARE

Available in Killarney Heights 9.15am - 3.15pm Tues & Wed during School Terms.

Group of 5 children from approximately 2.5yrs run by Steiner trained mother of three children (now high school age). Place for 1 child, 2 days per week available from Term III 2009 (previous family returning the live in Switzerland). Child Care Benefit and 50% Child Care Rebate available.

Ph Dianna Bryant (m) 0421 319 755, or (h) 9401 9829.



"WANTED: YOUR CHILD'S PRE- LOVED CLOTHING"

Wait! Before you toss them or bring them to Vinnie's, please consider donating your children's outgrown clothing to Class 2's fundraiser at the Spring Fair.

Instructions:

Ensure clothes are freshly washed and in good condition; please bring them to the Castlecrag and Middle Cove collection points, and place in black bin liner in each school office.

Many thanks and let's all enjoy the shopping on the other end!

Donna Manning

Evening Knitting Group

The Knitting Nook- Glenaeon Craft Group

Come knit to your heart's content

Yes, at last we are commencing our group from next Tuesday evening. Come and drop in or make it a habit, knitting is VERY addictive.

Ann Jacobson is coming along to give a talk the first evening June 9th on Steiner and Knitting, why we have knitting for the children and the benefits it provides for our children and ourselves.

The group will be learning to knit, undertaking simple and more intricate patterns, whatever suits your palette. We want to make it easy, simple and most of all enjoyable. There was a similar craft group last year at night. It was so beautiful to come together, sit, chat have a cuppa and do craft, very yummy for the soul, especially on the coming winter nights.

Hope you can join us.

When: Tuesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30pm approx

Where: Castlecrag Campus, Staff Room- If it is dark begin walking in thru main gate and the sensor light will come on and we are in first room directly on left.

Contact: Wendy 0412 284 930/9958 8070

www.glenaeonparentcrafts.wordpress.com



GERMAN STUDENT REQUIRES ACCOMMODATION

A German friend of a Glenaeon family completing an internship in Sydney between 15th June and 18th August, is looking for accommodation convenient to the city. She speaks fluent English. If you can assist, please contact Mark Allsop on 0412 123 898.

Piano and musicianship lessons with professional concert pianist from Europe!

All levels and ages welcome!

About the teacher:

Since the age of 5 I was learning from the best traditions of the Russian piano school. I have won a number of scholarships and competitions. My performances were recorded and broadcasted on radio. I have performed in some major concert halls in Australia and abroad.

With 11 years of teaching experience I treat all my students as unique individuals. I believe that everyone has a gift and I try to bring the best out of all my students. My method is based on the traditional Russian piano teaching school that produced some of the finest musicians in the world.

My students are regularly winning various competitions, scholarships and getting high marks in the AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) and high schools exams.

I still have few spots available and would love to help you or your child improve.

**To book your free trial lessons please
call: 0405 357 747**

FELTING WORKSHOPS

Learn how to create beautiful toys, homewares and gifts from wool fibres using wet felting and needle felting

No experience necessary & all materials supplied

THURSDAYS 9.30-11.30am and 8-10pm

11 June **Gnomes**
18 June **Gnome House**
25 June **Felted Balls**
2 July **Drink bottle holder**

SATURDAYS 10.00am-4.00pm
20 June **King Winter**

You are welcome to come to single classes or attend the whole series. Other classes available on request.

To register or more information
Phone Wendy on 0402 039 677 or

Email enchanted_wool@optusnet.com.au