



Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Planning for 2010

1. Your Governing Council have started to give their input into planning for next year. Council will complete their part of the planning at next term's week 3 meeting. Council have brainstormed:

- Things that are going well
- Opportunities for improvement

They will prioritise "opportunities for improvement" at the next meeting.

2. Staff will be involved in a similar process next term. They will also take part in a self-audit process using the rubric from the DIAF (DECS Improvement and Accountability Framework) package. Student achievement and other data will be used to assist staff with this process.

3. The staff executive group will put together a draft Site Learning Plan, which will be finalised after Governing Council and staff input.

4. Staff from each campus will then contribute to the development of Operational Plans, which will add considerable detail to what we will do in 2010.

5. Randomly selected (by DECS) parents have already completed the annual Parent Survey. Results of this will be published in the Annual School Report.

6. Randomly selected (by DECS) students have already completed the annual Student Survey. Results of this will also be published in the Annual School Report.

7. All staff have completed the DECS psychological health checklist survey. Results of this will be analysed and a Psychological Health Action Plan will be constructed and implemented throughout 2010.

8. We are committed to a Quality Assurance approach to school development with a particular emphasis on continuous improvement. Evidence of this is given in our Annual School Report, which is available every year from the date of the Governing Council Annual School Report. This usually occurs in week 5 of term 1.

8. I am in the process of getting a full staffing complement on board for 2010. Known departures are Chris Brookes (Blackwood HS) and Marg Colby (leave and then retirement). Known arrivals are

- Ricky Handrickan (Senior Campus English/History)
- Danielle Weeks (Middle Campus English)
- Laura Carrington (Japanese, ESL, English)

We welcome these highly regarded teachers into the school.

Bevin Brooks
Principal

2. PARENT/TEACHER EVENING – MIDDLE CAMPUS

PARENT / TEACHER EVENING MIDDLE CAMPUS

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
FROM 4.00-7.00PM

REPORTS TO BE COLLECTED AND DISCUSSED
AT THIS TIME.

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SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri 25 th September	Last Day Term 3-Early Dismissal 2.20pm
Mon 12 th October	First Day Term 4
16 th & 17 th October	Sheep Dog Trials
28 th October	Governing Council Meeting 7pm

3. END OF TERM – EARLY DISMISSAL / REPORTS

Dismissal:

Students will be dismissed at 2.20pm on Friday 25th September, with buses departing from 2.30pm. Term 4 will commence on Monday 12th October, 2009.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays!

Report Collection:

Middle Campus Students – Distribution of reports will be at parent interviews on Thursday night. Any remaining reports will be distributed to students on Friday afternoon. Reports for absent students will only be available from Till Wing (T38) from 2.30pm – 3.00pm, or the first day back in Term 4. Reports will not be available for collection during the holidays.

Senior Campus Students – Distribution of reports after assembly at Middle Campus. Any uncollected reports will be available for collection at senior campus, 1st day of Term 4.

Neville McPherson
Deputy Principal
Middle Campus

Jan Sutherland
Deputy Principal
Senior Campus

4. HAT POLICY – TERM 4

In accordance with the school's hat policy, parents are reminded that all students and staff must wear hats at any time they are outside during Term 4. Hats are available for students to purchase for \$7.50 from the bookroom if they have misplaced their hat from Term 1. Hats must be broad brim (**caps are not acceptable**).

Jan Sutherland
Deputy Principal

5. FIELD DAYS – SUCCESSES

SCULPTURE COMPETITION



Glossop students hard at work on their sculptures

On Thursday 17th September, Jessica Weidenhofer, Ashley Parsons, Janita Raams and Matt Rawlins represented GHS at the Field Days in a limestone sculpture competition. The students were given a block of limestone when they arrived and had the day to create a work of art. I am very proud of all 4 students. They worked hard all day in blustery conditions (lots of dust in eyes!). They were competing against students 1-2 years older and certainly held their own. (I think they were the best – but I might be a bit biased!)



Ashley Parsons

Ms Lord

DANCE WORKSHOP



Steph, Carlee, Tara, Nikki and Veronica (left to right)

About five weeks ago a group of girls from Glossop attended a dance workshop with two professional dancers from Adelaide. The girls split into two groups and were able to learn and refine skills needed to choreograph and perform their own dance routine. Organised and sponsored by the Riverland Development Corporation (RDC) the girls then had to create their own routines to perform to the public at the Riverland Field Days.

Obviously fitting this into an already busy schedule was no easy feat, but the girls were committed and energetic and in only a few short sessions were able to choreograph, rehearse and perform their own dances on Thursday 17th September at the Field Days.

A crowd of over 50 people were treated to our girls' routines and applauded sincerely at the brave, positive and energetic performances. The younger of the two groups performed first, including Steph Lacey, Carlee Bachmann, Nikki Brooke, Veronica Migga and Tara Wright. Their routine was fast and technical and included solo performances as well as group. Second performing were our year 10 girls, Maria Conostas, Katie Krollig, Rhiannon Lowe and Chelsea Fiebig. Katie Cook-Lindsay was a part of the year 10 team but was unable to attend on the day and Chelsea Fiebig stepped up learning the routine within one hour and supporting her friends with what they had created.

A special thanks to Sonya Lawson who worked with both teams to schedule rehearsals, offer feedback and most importantly encouragement! Both teams did Glossop proud with their positive conduct and obvious teamwork skills. Well done to all!

Amanda Storr

COOKING CHALLENGE



Tahila Hughes, Megan Delzoppo, Kate McKinlay

Glossop High students participated in the Field Days cooking competition.

Glossop's 1st group, Omar Rasheed, Beau Brown and Katherine Campbell achieved 100% to finish 1st. Briony Winen, Athy Pipinis and Caitlyn Blank came 2nd with 98% and the 3rd group, being Tahila Hughes, Megan Delzoppo and Kate McKinlay finished 3rd with a score of 97%. Well done to everyone who participated. What a great result.

Jade Eagle
Home Economics Teacher

PAVING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Year 11 Construction students Josh Wiseman, Kobi Lloyd, Jordan Rossiter and Trent Miller who competed in, and went on to win, the Field Days paving challenge. Well done boys!



Jim Rolfe
Construction Teacher

HAIRDRESSING COMPETITION

A number of Glossop High students took part in a 'Hairstyling' challenge at the field days. Glossop participants all put in an excellent effort with Kira Charnstrom being named the overall winner on the day.

Lyn Sweeney



Ashlee Wright & model (Kira Charnstrom)



Kira Charnstrom, Ashlee Wright (model), Lauren Traeger and Sarah Traeger (model)

**6. FAREWELL JAVIER ARANDA
– EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Good day mate. I have written this speech to give to the teachers, my friends and everybody. I thank you all for giving me this opportunity. It has been a very good experience that I will never forget in my life. I have done a lot of things with you that I have never done before and I will never forget. I have travelled to different places here in Australia like Melbourne and Sydney, and they are very beautiful. I have tried special food like kangaroo in Australia and it is very good. Glossop is different to my school because my school is five floors high and Glossop has a lot of different buildings. Here in Australia the day is shorter than Spain. My favourite thing in Australia has been meeting all people here in Glossop and out of Glossop. I am going to miss everyone. I would like to come back to Berri again. Thank you everyone.

Javier Aranda
Exchange Student

7. CONGRATULATIONS-STACEY GWIAZDA



Recently Nikki Brooke, Tara Wright, Bridget Caddy, Staci Pront and Stacey Gwiazda were selected to play in the Riverland U16 girls soccer team to compete in the state country championship at Port Lincoln. Our girls finished in third place.

Stacey Gwiazda was selected to play in the zone team at the talent identification tournament on the October long weekend in Adelaide.

On Friday night Stacey Gwiazda won the best and fairest award for the Riverland Girls/Women soccer championship.

Last Sunday in Renmark she played in the "open girls" grand final, U/15 boys' grand final and she was the 1st girl to play in the A grade mens' grand final for Berri Soccer Club.

She has been an ambassador for girls' soccer and is a worthy recipient of her award.

Jenni Victor

8. SHEEP DOG TRIALS – HELP NEEDED



I need your help. The Sheep Dog Trials this year will be providing a 'Children's Petting Zoo'. If you have any baby animals you can loan us for the field days on 16th & 17th October, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school on 8583 2004 and leave a message for me if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Bob Clark
Coordinator - Sheep Dog Trials

9. SAJSA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Glossop High School was well represented in the SA Junior Soccer Association Country Championships held recently in Pt Lincoln.

The following students were involved:

U14 Boys

Edmond Grosser, Sam Sporbet, Paul Zahos, Mitchell Knight

U15 Boys

James Bucon, Tyson Schrapel, Josh Milonas

U16 Girls

Nikki Brooke, Stacey Gwiazda, Staci Pront, Tara Wright, Bridget Caddy

U16 Boys

Josh Tsorotiotis, Jimmy Vlassopoulos, George Vlassopoulos, Johnny Giahgias, Sam Atkins

The U16 boys' team won their age division and all other teams were highly competitive, even though there were some one-sided results. It is pleasing to see these students involved playing representative sports for the Riverland.

Stacey Gwiazda and Edmond Grosser were further selected to be members of the State Country Soccer Teams in their respective divisions/ages. They will be 'waving the flag' for the Riverland when they compete in Adelaide in the upcoming school holidays. Well done to you both.

Jenni Victor

10. COMMUNITY NOTICES

BARMERA JUNIOR TENNIS SEASON 2009/2010

Registration and Training Thursday 24th September at the Barmera Tennis Courts from 4 to 5pm. Please phone Justin on 0419817672.