



Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Education Works

With no dissenters, the Glossop High School Governing Council has withdrawn from the proposed Education Works initiative in Berri.

However, the Governing Council has pledged strong support for the building of a B-7 facility at the senior campus site and will work collaboratively to facilitate this project.

Glossop High School will continue to develop and provide the high quality educational service that it currently does. I thank the staff, students, parents and members of the wider community who have given feedback on this issue. This feedback has been the major catalyst for the council to reach its decision.

2. School Achievement

Last Wednesday I shared some statistics with a group of year 7 parents. These statistics compare our performance with LIKE SCHOOLS and with all schools in this STATE. LIKE SCHOOLS are those schools of similar size, rurality, degree of disadvantage, number of aboriginal students and so on. We do not know the identity of the other schools in our group.

STATE schools refers to all schools in this state with a secondary component - country schools, city schools, government schools and private schools.

The following table clearly shows that we are adding value to our students' educational outcomes.

		GHS	LIKE	STATE
Yr 12 average achievement score	2007	14.01	12.35	13.53
	2008	13.88	12.32	13.61
% of As and Bs in year 12	2008	59.7	40.6	55.7
SACE Completion	2007	85.1	64.2	80.9
	2008	85.4	65.0	81.2

Bevin Brooks
Principal

2. SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

The use of scientific calculators is an integral part of all Maths programs at Glossop High School. They allow students to perform a range of Mathematical calculations and to do so in a quick and efficient manner.

It is expected that all students in the middle school have a scientific calculator and take it to every Maths lesson. These calculators are also needed for many of the tasks that may be set for homework. Students without a calculator will be at a disadvantage.

Scientific calculators may be purchased at the school book room for approximately \$20.

If you would like any information about the purchase of a scientific calculator please do not hesitate to contact your child's Maths teacher or me at school on 85832004.

Kingsley Watchman
Maths Coordinator 2009

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SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon 8 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
29 th June – 3 rd July	Mt Gambier Exchange – Mt Gambier
Fri 3 rd July	End of Term 2
Mon 20 th July	Start Term 3
Wed 16 th September	SCHOOL CLOSURE – Riverland Field Days

3. YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION HARD AT WORK

The paving was lifting around the tree at the Senior Campus assembly area, so it has been pulled up. The Year 11 Construction class are removing the crusher dust base prior to planting lawn to beautify this area.



The old library shelving has been put to good use at the Senior Campus. Year 11 Construction students have installed them in the groundsman's shed for additional storage.



Jim Rolfe

4. EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

The Year 12 students have been involved in practical activities related to the role of play in young children's development. This resulted in many interesting outcomes including the "Old McDonald Had A Farm" play mat and the "Bunny's Tea Party" wall hanging. These involved many hours of designing and use of fabrics to achieve the high level of creativity displayed.

Marg Colby
Coordinator Health & PD



Michaela Johnson with her playmat titled "Old McDonald Had A Farm"



Gemma Webber with "Bunny's Tea Party" wall hanging

5. AUSTRALIAN CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

The Australian Childhood Foundation runs seminars for parents and provides useful information to support parents raising happy and confident kids. There is information on their website available in 16 different languages. Visit www.kidscount.com.au for more information.

Jan Sutherland
Deputy Principal

6. WINTER SKIRTS

Please note that winter skirts have now arrived at Glossop High. These can be purchased from the front office for \$95 each.

Uniform Committee

7. CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 11th of May Glossop High school held their cross country at Martin's Bend. It was a fantastic day with many students participating. There were outstanding times achieved by many runners. The overall placings for the day were:

1 st	Parkes	16
2 nd	Hughes	15
3 rd	Deakin	14
4 th	McIntosh	13



'On Your Marks'

Congratulations to all winners and good luck to the athletes competing at the Interschool Cross Country, which will be held in Loxton on 21st May. Thank you to the Year 12 Sport and Rec class and other students that helped out on the day.

The winners for the age groups were:-

U13 Boys	- Blake Fry (M)
U13 Girls	- Megan Graham (D)
U14 Boys	- Kade Boase (M)
U14 Girls	- Tara Wright (D)
U15 Boys	- Ryan Langcake (H)
U15 Girls	- Melissa Formiatti (M)
U16 Boys	- Sam Atkins (D)
U16 Girls	- Maria Conostas (M)
U21 Boys	- David Hankin (D)
U21 Girls	- Kimberley Wade (D)



'Some of the Winners'

Lyn Sweeney
Sport Coordinator

8. JAPANESE NEWS

Japanese Homestay

Glossop High School will once again be hosting students from our sister school in Japan early in term 3. At this stage they will arrive on Saturday July 25th and depart on Wednesday August 5th. We are presently looking for families to host these students. If you are interested in acting as a host family can you please contact the school on 85832004 or have your daughter or son collect an application form from Mrs Viney in the library or me.

Japan Trip

With the Australian dollar slowly but surely gaining in strength I am now investigating the possibility of an end of year trip to Japan. Students would travel to Japan in December and spend the first week staying with a Japanese family and attending school. The second week would be spent travelling, visiting Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 6pm in the Japanese room to gauge interest and to discuss the proposal.

Kingsley Watchman
LOTE Coordinator 2009

9. YEAR 8/9 GIRL'S TOUCH RUGBY

With less than two weeks to prepare for a knockout competition and only a few practices behind them, the girl's nonetheless headed off to Riverton with relatively high hopes of success. Friday morning, week three of term two and we were all happily underway by 8 o'clock.

Our first and only stop was at Eudunda where the temperature and wind chill factors were enough to make us wonder what in fact might lay ahead of us on the exposed rugby pitch. Sure enough, upon arrival at Riverton it was raining as we peered through the windows of the bus at Clare and Riverton girls running up and down the water sodden oval.

In our first game against Riverton, our girls came back well and nearly took out the match with a 4-5 final result. All Glossop girls played well and improved noticeably as the game progressed.

The second game against Clare was again played with enthusiasm and endeavour but weary legs held us back somewhat and we went down 0-6.

I was proud to be associated with the girls who tried hard, enjoyed themselves and displayed good sportsmanship. Well done girls.

Bob Clark

10. KNOCKOUT TENNIS

Glossop High's Senior Boys Knockout Tennis team won its way through to the finals of the competition. The team (Corey Hanna, Ben & Jake Rogers and Jack Quintel) travelled to Adelaide to take part in the round robin final and were drawn to play Brighton, Seaview and Tatchilla. Brighton is a specialist tennis school and boasted the state's number one ranked U16 boy.

The team did not win any sets against Brighton but acquitted themselves well in all games. The 4 sets to 2 win against Tatchilla finished a hard day's tennis, in which the players gained significant experience against some of the state's best. Well done boys.

Neville McPherson

11. OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

At 9:30 in the morning on Wednesday the 13th May, the Glossop Llamas took to the field to battle Renmark High School in the first of four games at Berri oval. Our boys were way too good running away to victory by 14 – 5 to 2 points.

We then headed down the Riverland Plaza to grab a feed and prime up for the big knockout clash with Loxton at 1 o'clock. The game began with a ferocious intensity as both sides competed to become the best open footy team in the Riverland. With the scores even in the second quarter, one of our star players Kieran Stone went down with a game ending ankle injury. Everyone feared the worst as the brave trooper was taken off to Berri hospital in an ambulance. This horrific injury definitely had an effect on the team, as Loxton piled on 5 unanswered goals in the remainder of the second term. We were unable to regain control of the match, as Loxton ran out victors by 14-8 to 5-2.

Best players were David Hankin, Aaron Manning, Gary Branford, Travis Wilson, Kieran Stone, Mark Hamilton and Jon Pintilie.

Tom Leverenz

12. COMMUNITY NOTICES

EMPACT Youth Group

For high school ages, runs on Friday evenings fortnightly. For more information contact Luke Hale at Glossop High.

Luke Hale
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

EF Foundation for Foreign Study

Host a student with the Student Exchange program

Students from around the world

The next best thing to going on exchange yourself is hosting an 'EF' overseas student. If your family wishes to bring another culture into your home, then you should consider being part of the large network of volunteer host families, welcoming 'EF' students into their homes each year.

Cultural swap

Learn all about another culture without leaving home. Having an overseas exchange student gives you a unique opportunity to learn about a new culture, with your entire family, and at the same time, be able to showcase Australia.

Our students are well prepared

All 'EF' students are between the age of 15 and 18 on arrival, have shown a maturity and flexibility at their interview, and all share an enthusiasm for new experiences. Our students are not only carefully screened for the program, they also receive comprehensive preparation before their departure.

Students wishing to go overseas and other programs

Your local contact: Mel and Shirley 8582 5420
Sydney office: 02 92523911 or 1800 251 866

Christian Pastoral Support Worker (previously known as School Chaplain)

Position Vacant

LOVEDAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hunt Road, Loveday SA Ph: 8688 7114

Applications are invited for this 10 hour per week position commencing Term 3, 2009.

The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community.

A job and Person Specification is available from the front office at Loveday Primary school.

Closing date: 4pm Monday 25th May

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