



June 6th 2018

Term 2 Number 10

## Calendar Dates

### Month : June

11<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

12<sup>th</sup> Rm 18 Zoo Snooze

15<sup>th</sup> Rooms 12 & 20 Oaklands Wetlands

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Rms 12 & 20 Narnu Farm

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Rms 11 & 9 Narnu Farm

### Month : July

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 GU Cinema Glenelg

4<sup>th</sup> Music is Fun

6<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Marion Bowland

6<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2 - Early Dismissal at 2:30pm

## Pupil Free day

*'When and where have you been a part of a culture of thinking? That is, when have you been in a place where the groups' collective thinking as well as each individual's thinking was valued, visible, and actively promoted as part of the regular day-to-day experience of all group members? It might have been any type of learning group – a book study, committee, graduate course, online community, museum tour, or hobby group – or it might have been in a school or classroom. Take a moment to identify a single instance from your life as a learner in which you were a part of such a group. A time when you felt that everyone's thinking in the group was valued, that thinking was expressed in a way that made the thinking itself visible, and you felt pushed to think and to advance your thinking.'*

*Now, with that particular experience in mind, what were some of the practices or ingredients that helped shape, promote, advance, and sustain that group. ....'*

This is the beginning of the book 'Creating Cultures of Thinking – the 8 forces we must master to truly transform our schools' written by Ron Ritchhart. We were fortunate to have Ron, a senior research associate with Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, as our guest speaker and leader for our Pupil-Free Day.

Staff were involved in learning about these cultural forces and how they worked together to provide a sense of purpose to the learning. This sense of purpose is important for all learners and lays the foundation for the development of commitment to the task they are undertaking and the learning of themselves and others that promotes engagement. The cultures of thinking promote the learners doing the thinking and the discussing to make sense of their learning. When using the cultures of thinking, group members feel the need to take part, to feel challenged with where their collective thinking will take them and have a sense of connection to the task at hand, the broader topic, to each other and to the learning. Staff were inspired by the day and have many new practices to include into their programs.

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## Discos

Glenelg Primary School had a disco on the 24<sup>th</sup> May this year. The receptions were at lunch time, the year 1 to year 4s from 4 o'clock and the rest of the students from 5.30 to 7.00pm. I'm a year 7 so I went to the 4-7 disco but I think they were all mostly the same.

It was really cool, and quite professional! Don't worry parents, there was great supervision! All of the kids had a really good time, and even the teachers had a little jig! I saw Mr. McIver dance and do the limbo. As for Mr. Fischer, I saw him dance too!

All of the music and lights were gr8! Everyone had a good time. There were also chips, drinks and even glowsticks everyone could buy! There were loads of people. Most of the year 7s went!

As for the people that missed out, don't stress! There's another one during this year some time. In fact, it's next term! So watch out for the date.

**By Ashley Colbey  
School Reporter**



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## Kids' Council Meeting

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May we held a Kids' Council meeting. At this meeting we started off talking about nude food week. This is a week where we bring food in recyclable wrapping, bio bags or reuseable containers for a week. The nine Senior Student Leaders have formed three groups of three to address all year levels about Nude Food week early next term and the dangers of not recycling. More information will be released soon.

We also talked about a project we have as a group to help children at the Flinders Hospital. A group have gotten together to discuss ideas for fundraising. Lastly we talked about upgrading equipment. We have groups investigating, but no decisions or commitments have been made yet.

**By Cooper Hansen  
Senior Student Leader**

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## Year 7 Excursion to Mars!

On Wednesday the 23rd the Year 7 students were privileged 'to boldly go where no GPS Year 7 students have gone before', to the **Space School at Hamilton Secondary College**. It was an amazing experience due to the Space Centre having three main areas which support the simulation of visiting Mars. Initially we met in the Briefing Room where we discovered which mission control or astronaut role we were allocated. From there we adorned our spacesuits and collected our helmets and essential equipment. Having 'kitted up' we were literally launched into space with the assistance of a NASA astronaut computer simulation guiding us onwards and upwards on our 9 month, (5 minutes really), journey to Mars.



The next step, (having landed on Mars), was for Mission Control Members to enter the Mission Control Room and take charge, and for our brave astronauts to walk out onto the Martian crater. The Martian landscape was incredibly realistic with seven different geological zones in which we could collect and analyse rock samples. Back in Mission Control we could talk directly with our assigned astronaut on Mars in order to provide guidance and assistance with their exploration tasks.

Protecting them from the harsh Martian weather conditions was also paramount. In fact, we had less than a minute to abort the whole mission and escort our astronauts safely back on-board the craft before a potentially lethal dust storm struck. It was all rather dramatic and exciting, but everyone survived.

Back safely on Earth, we had a great debrief on the bus with comments like:

"That was awesome"

"Wish we could have stayed longer"

"The Space School was amazing. The crater was so realistic"

"The Control Room was like being in the NASA Control Room".

"I would definitely recommend going".





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"I really got into it. You thought that you were really in a spaceship"

"The equipment was so real" "Can we go again next term?"



So I think we can honestly say that this was 'an out of this world' experience and it is an absolute must as a future Year7 excursion. We would however like to thank the brilliant Hamilton Secondary Colleague teachers, who with great patience and expertise returned all 95 Year 7 students safely back to Earth with no extra-terrestrial being Klingons!



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## Beanies

We are pleased to announce that we now have school beanies for the winter months. The Kids' Council at the end of last year asked for this to be added to the school uniform and it has been approved by Governing Council.

Beanies worn at school need to be navy blue only and cannot be worn in the classroom. These knitted beanies are available in the Uniform Shop for just \$5.50.



## Farewell Chris



We were very sad to farewell one of our longest serving teachers at Glenelg at the end of last week. Chris Berigan has been a teacher at Glenelg for the last 13 years and has been a well-respected teacher and leader in early childhood. Chris has had some health issues recently that have made it difficult for her to continue teaching with the flair and enthusiasm that she is known for.

Her commitment to and guidance in learning, for students and staff, and the support she has provided, will be very sorely missed. We wish her good health and good luck as she hopefully recovers to full health.

## Red Donut Day



As a school we are supporting the 'sids and kids' fundraising effort this year. They are having a 'red donut' special event and we are joining in.

We have asked that the donuts are delivered at the end of the day so that the children will have them to eat or bring home at home time. This way you can order if you please but it will not affect the canteen or be provided during the school day.

We support the activity and leave you to make the decision regarding your child's consumption of the donut. The donuts can be ordered with the slip sent home on Monday or it is available on the Qkr! App.

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## Chairs

The school has just purchased some new chairs for the hall and we are disposing of the old off-white plastic chairs. These chairs are stackable and great if you just need a few spares for the shed. They will be outside of the Hall on Friday afternoon, so help yourself if you would like some. They will be going into the bin after this time.

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## Important Dates

We have had a few enquiries lately about special events for 2018. You might like to put these dates into your diaries for future reference.

Sports Day	September 26 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)
End of year concert	December 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Monday) – due to oval availability
Pupil Free Days	September 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Monday Show Week)
	October 15 <sup>th</sup> (first day of term 4)
School closure	December 4 <sup>th</sup> (after concert)

Another date you might like to talk to others about is [Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup>](#). This is in Book Week and the theme is 'Find your treasure'. We would like to hold a '[Special Persons' Morning](#)'. We will encourage the young children to invite their grandparents or a special person to come to school for the morning. More information about this will come out over the next few weeks.

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## Qkr!

As of June 6th some of the older versions of the Qkr app will no longer work, and families must update their app. Most people have auto update enabled in their phone settings so this will happen seamlessly for them. If the app has stopped working, you simply have to download the current version from the app store. We can track who is using a new version and the overwhelming majority of Qkr users have already updated, so the number of impacted families should be very, very small.

If you still have any issues, there is always the website as a backup for people with really old phones that may not be able to upgrade.

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## Community News

**Thunder Cup** Term netball registrations now open. The competition is outdoors, Priceline Stadium, 155 Railway Tce, Mile End South on Thursday afternoons, 4:30pm – 5:30pm from August 2 to September 20. To register for Thunder Cup, download the type-in registration form [here](#), complete and send back to [ashleigh.stratford@netballsa.asn.au](mailto:ashleigh.stratford@netballsa.asn.au) by Thursday 5 July.

**Beeswax food wraps** - all goods 100% natural, made with organic ingredients. Poster on the noticeboard.