Principal's Message

Footsteps Dance Program - URGENT
If you haven’t already done so, please return the signed permission note and payment as soon as possible.

Supervision Before School
Should your child/children arrive at school before 8:45am and are unaccompanied by an adult, they MUST proceed to Centipede until the 8:45am morning bell rings and a teacher is on duty in the playground.

Car Park
The school car park is extremely busy in the mornings and afternoons. Pedestrians, please use the school gate on Derwent Street instead of walking through the carpark. For parents who drive their children to and from school, parking on the street rather than the school carpark would be appreciated as well.

School Drama and City of Sydney
School Drama is a professional development program for primary school teachers, which demonstrates the power of using drama pedagogy with quality literature for improving English and literacy in young learners.

STC partners each participating school teacher with a teaching artist over a school term and together they explore how drama strategies can be integrated into any area of English and literacy, such as narrative writing, speaking and listening and/or student engagement.

This term our school has been lucky enough to take part in the School Drama program, thanks to generous funding provided by City of Sydney council as part of their commitment to supporting the arts and arts education within the City of Sydney. We have 3/4D and 4/5L involved with the program, and are very excited to be incorporating new strategies for teaching and learning into our practice here at Glebe Public School. If you would like to find out more about the program, you can visit the STC Ed website: www.sydneytheatre.com.au/schooldrama.

Science Day
Last Friday was lots of fun for all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 as we celebrated Glebe Public School’s Science Day. Students explored lots of different areas of science including; earth science, thrust, chemical reactions, colour mixing, sound, matter and the transfer of energy. Thank you to the families that joined us on the day, it was great to have members of the school community celebrating science with us.

What’s On in August/September...

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Assembly Times as of last week:
Fridays, 2:20pm – 3:00pm

August Birthdays
Chang – 3/4D
Cate – 6B
Shane – 4/5L
Matias – KW
Tjanara – 6B
Jack - KW
Thank you!
A great turn out and great results. The grounds look so much better. The following photo is of Nikki planting a tibbochina tree in memory of Aunty Rhonda who worked and was a special part of our Glebe PS community a number of years ago. The tree that we had planted originally didn’t survive. We hope this one will!

P and C News
Working Bee Sunday 10th August
A big thank you to all those who turned up to our 2014 working bee on Sunday. Parents and friends, you will notice that our drains are cleared, the toilets have newly painted floors, new plants have been planted in the beds down near Glebe Point Road, the grounds are significantly cleaner and tidier and we have a new garden bed at the end of the oval. It was a busy day with lots of families, staff and some excellent helpers from St Barnabas’ church without whom our garden bed would not have been organised. A huge thanks to Katrina Stomann for organising us all, well done!!

P&C AGM Tuesday 2nd September
Put it in your diaries now so you don’t miss out on our last meeting for Term 2. Come and chat about what is happening at Glebe Public School, take the opportunity to ask questions of the Principal and let the P&C know what you would like parents and friends of Glebe Public School to get involved in for the rest of this year. As this is the AGM we will also be voting for next year’s office holders, so if you are keen to participate in the P&C committee or exercise your right to decide who will be on the committee we hope to see you on the night. From 6:30pm as per usual - free childcare will be provided at Centipede.

Upcoming fetes
More dates for your diary:
12 October - Hilda Boole Fete in Jubilee Park. Last year we were able to sell Glebe tshirts and bags at this event, at the very least it’s a wonderful day out and a chance to support a local community run preschool
19 October - Forest Lodge Fete. Our very own Glebe Public School choir will be performing on the day, there will be rides and food and lots of fun. Ride tickets will be available in advance and we’ll have more information on that in upcoming Glebe Matters - watch this space!!
Cheers
Anna Playford
President Glebe Public School P&C Association

Medication for Students:
Students must bring all medication to the office accompanied by a note. Mrs Saleh and Maris are our First Aid Officers and they will administer the medication.

Have a Great Week!
Vicki Pogulis - Principal
Dramatic Action is an established performing arts school specialising in Drama, Singing and Dance. We are excited to announce Drama classes will be offered to Glebe Public school students from Term 4.

Drama Kindy – Year 2 students

Wednesday 3:00pm – 4:15pm Glebe school hall

Start date: Term 4, Wednesday 8th October – Wednesday 17th December

Cost $15 per lesson payable by the term $165 for 11 weeks

The Drama program offers students the opportunity to learn about
- Improvisation
- Characterisation
- Stage make up and special effects
- Playbuilding
- Theatresports
- Street Theatre
- Script Writing
- Mime
- Clowning
- Camera Production
- Auditioning Techniques
- TV and film acting techniques
- Musical Theatre

The program seeks to develop student’s communication skills, empower students, increase energy and enthusiasm, encourage listening and conversational skills, promote social skills, stimulate creativity and concentration, provide a solid platform for success in performing arts and foster confidence and self-esteem amongst young people.

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE. Please phone or email the following details.

Child’s name

Year group

Contact number

WWW.DRAMATICACTION.COM.AU

PH: 0410 338 368

Email: info@dramaticaction.com.au
Director: Brooke Oldfield
t took me until I was 24 to correctly pronounce the word “chutzpah”. Even now I have to think about it. Indeed, one Sunday last year I was chatting with the TV host Sarah Harris and came out with the “ch”. As in cheese. Or chump. Fortunately we were off air. But still.

As all you smart readers would know chutzpah has a silent “c” and is pronounced “hunts pah”. I’d know it too if I hadn’t pulled a convincing sickie that day in fifth form when Miss Hamilton was teaching silent letters. I’m also tripped up by “columnist” (silent “n” obvs) which would be a delicious irony for Miss H if only she knew.

Why I remember that sick day so well is because it was one of only a handful I ever had. Mum was a teacher, and unless you were haemorrhaging or had a temperature over 45°C we went to school. Likewise we never took holidays in term time because, well, no one did.

How alarming then that so many Ausie kids are missing school. The average public school student in NSW is absent almost three weeks each year. Three weeks! That’s not just a few silent letters but whole tracts of maths and the entire periodic table.

High school students are worse — an OECD survey in 2012 revealed almost a third of Australian 15-year-olds (32 per cent) said they’d skipped at least one day of school in the previous two weeks. Compare that with the UK (18 per cent), New Zealand (17 per cent) and Japan and Korea (less than 2 per cent) and it becomes clear we’re raising a generation of slackers.

Until recently it was the disadvantaged in the firing line. Hence Tony Abbott’s new policy to get indigenous students back in the classroom by docking their parents’ welfare payments if they don’t attend. (A similar scheme was trialled in disadvantaged areas in Queensland but was abandoned in 2012 after only a 4 per cent increase in attendance rates).

So far, so predictable. Except it’s not. Because as the authors of a study have found the new truants are just as likely to come from middle-class households where Mum and Dad think nothing of taking young Toby out of class for a month to go to Europe. Or for a spontaneous weekend at the beach. You need to be able to spell hypocrisy to know that’s what this is.

Absenteeism is no longer a socio-economic issue but a cultural one and it’s poised to make dummies out of all of us. This week the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results found that even a single absence can lead to a decline in academic performance.

Absences impact markedly on a student’s results, says the report’s co-author, Stephen Zubrick, from the University of Western Australia. “A 10-day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing,” he says.

I’ve argued vociferously against the likes of Mark Latham who advocates we look to Asia for our education model. No one wants our happy-go-lucky, sand-and-surf kids to be stuck in learning gulags with small pillows strapped to their wrists so they can snatch sleep between round-the-clock lessons.

But if we are to increase productivity, hone our intellectual capital and compete globally then we have to get serious about education and, at heart, that means recognising that school is a child’s job.

Yet increasingly it seems the same parents who are over-invested in their child’s schooling — complaining about teachers, questioning results — are under-committed when it comes to their child actually attending. This, too, is the first generation raised by parents who constantly offer choice. “Oh you don’t want to go to school? OK.”

Yet as David Smith, of Sydney’s St Andrew’s Cathedral school, argued in a recent letter to students, the “main event” at school was perseverance. It’s not essay writing or chemical reactions, he wrote, but how to deal with the harshness of life when it gets difficult. “The main event is delaying your temptation to give up and instead invest in your own intelligence.”

It was Smith’s words I recalled this week when my 13-year-old woke feeling unwell. I diagnosed she’d contracted some new acute form of adolescence or her drama classes were paying off. But just to be sure we went via the medical centre on the way to school where it was revealed she had “a mildly red throat.”

I thought nothing more of it until she came home that afternoon. “My teacher asked why I was late,” she said. “I told her I was a bit sick but you’d make me come to school anyway. She said she’d never make her kids go to school if they were sick.”

Mmm, bet her kids can’t pronounce “chutzpah”.

Barcelona because it’s convenient to tag a month in Europe on to Dad’s business trip to Spain.

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Held annually since 1997, the Glebe Art Show takes place in Glebe Library and adjoining 'Benledi', 186 Glebe Point Road. The Glebe Art Show is a non-acquisitive art show and all displayed artwork is for sale. The show aims to support and encourage both emerging and established artists living and/or working in Glebe and neighbouring suburbs, and to promote the work and services of the Glebe Library.

For those who wish to put an entry in the show the entry form is on our website at [http://www.glebeartshow.org.au/#12014-entry/cwag](http://www.glebeartshow.org.au/#12014-entry/cwag)

**Delivery of works** Sunday 31 August 2–6pm and Monday 1 September 9-11am

**Collection of works**
Sunday 14 September 4–6.00pm
Monday 15 September 9–11am

(late collection will incur a holding fee of $5 per day)

**Fringe events**

- **Glebe Art Walk**

  There will be a street-long celebration of art through Glebe Point Road with more than a dozen cafes hosting local artists. Visitors to the Glebe Art Show will be offered an Art Walk map to the cafes with information on artists showing work at each venue. It's a chance for people to see more work by award-winning Glebe artists as they stroll the street, sample local fare, or enjoy a coffee.

- **Glebe Craft Market**

  On Saturday 13th September a craft fair with stalls featuring quality, locally made artisan products. These include resin and silver jewellery, fibre art, clothes and original prints. The stalls will be located at the entrance to Glebe Library.

- **Creative Glebe Judges Talk**

  As part of the Creative Glebe talk series, the Glebe Library is hosting an Art Talk on Wednesday September 10 at 6pm. Join Glebe Art Show Judge, Ian Chapman, as he discusses the works in this year's show and his selection process. Please join us for drinks, a tour, and special viewing. This is a free event, however bookings is essential via the library website. [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/creative-glebe-glebe-art-show-judges-talk-viewing-tickets-12364551707?ref=ecal](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/creative-glebe-glebe-art-show-judges-talk-viewing-tickets-12364551707?ref=ecal)

For more information is on our website [http://www.glebeartshow.org.au/](http://www.glebeartshow.org.au/) and for any enquiry please email the Glebe Art Show, [info@glebeartshow.org.au](mailto:info@glebeartshow.org.au) or contact the following committee member Seraphina Martin - The Deputy Chairman, [seraphina@aapt.net.au](mailto:seraphina@aapt.net.au)

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Glebe Schools Community Centre, Glebe Public School, 9-25 Derwent St, Glebe - 9566 1285
Last week, Class 6B travelled to Mowbray Park Farm in Picton for our camp.....

We had a fantastic week at Mowbray Park Farm. We spent time learning about the history of farming in Australia and experienced participating in a range of farm activities.

We were able to milk cows, crack the stock whips, throw boomerangs, cook damper and drink Billy Tea around the camp fire as well as make new friends of both the human and animal kind.

We would like to thank Marcus, Aunty Wendy, Ms Pogulis and Anita for coming with us and being such a great support. We would also like to thank the staff from Mowbray Park Farm for providing us with such a wonderful school camp.