



# The Glamorgan Goss

A quarterly newsletter from the Board of Trustees

December 2012

**By the time you are reading this the year will almost be over ... one day to go, only nine sleeps until Santa arrives!**

**There seems to have been a lot crammed into this short term. We've had athletics, discos, graduation ceremonies, Fancy Feet Day, shared lunches, end-of-year trips ... not to mention another busy term inside the classroom.**

## **ERO**

We hope you have all had the opportunity to read the ERO report we received earlier this term. It was an excellent endorsement of our school and we thank everyone involved with making this report a success. A copy was sent to all families and the report is also now on our website.

## **Donations**

No doubt you will have caught at least one of the requests for school donations to be paid. Without sounding like a broken record we would love to increase the amount of donations we receive in 2012 and we hope that you will all be planning on paying your school donation next year. We know the beginning of the year is often expensive but there are many options on when and how to pay as detailed in previous school newsletters. If you need to talk to someone regarding this please contact the office and they will advise or direct you to the appropriate person.

## **Upgrades**

If you are at the school over the holidays you will notice the builders upgrading rooms 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22. These rooms will have their interior painted, wall coverings replaced and be re-carpeted ready for the start of next year. We are also hoping to have the PE Shed upgrade begun over the holidays thanks to FOTS and their fund-raising, although this timing will depend on council permits etc.



## **Dental Clinic**

You may not be aware that the DHB are now closing Dental Clinics in primary schools. The Glamorgan School Dental Clinic is now officially decommissioned. There is some talk of mobile clinics being put into operation but at this stage we have no concrete information on how this system will work – or if indeed it will ever happen. This means that you, as parents, are solely responsible for monitoring your child's oral hygiene. Any issues you

have with your children's teeth need to be seen by the dental nurses at the new dental hub at the front of Northcross Intermediate School. Unlike our previous clinic this is open for extended hours through the day and weekends so hopefully you will be able to organise a time that suits you. We urge you to be vigilant with this – particularly if you know your child is susceptible to dental issues.

The upside of this is that the Dental Clinic will now be turned into a usable teaching space. Plans are afoot to make this building more user-friendly and we look forward to sharing the new-look space with you next year.

### **Staff Farewells**

We need to take this opportunity to thank and farewell Julia Anderson in Room 16 and two of our teaching staff who are leaving us just for the coming year. Tracey Poulter is taking a year's study leave and Kirstin Crocome is having her second child early in 2012. We wish you all the best with your endeavours and look forward to seeing you both back in 2013.

### **Sionara Year 6**

We farewell the Year 6 students of 2011 who are leaving us to continue their school journey at their chosen intermediate school. We know that the staff of Glamorgan School have prepared you well for this transition and we wish you all the best. We encourage you to remember the Glamorgan Steps for Success and with these in mind you will be able to make the most of the opportunities available to you in your new school.

### **A string of thank yous ...**

There is no way that we can have such a fantastic school without a lot of hard work from a variety of dedicated people.

Firstly we wish to thank our talented, passionate and hard-working teaching staff. We are a lucky Board to have you and we truly appreciate all your efforts. We would also like to make a special mention of our teacher aides and support staff. These people work with small groups and make a huge difference to the education of the children they come in contact with. We also have some wonderful administration and grounds staff who help keep our school running smoothly. Please take the opportunity to thank these people if you come across them tomorrow.

At the same time as this we need to thank our Friends Of The School members – these people work tirelessly to make our school a better place (a job made even harder when all our school donations aren't paid – hint hint!). They give up a lot of their own time to raise money for things that are not covered by government subsidies or funding. As a Board we want to thank them for the work they have done this year and we look forward to seeing the results of this work as the PE Shed upgrade begins.

Last, but not least, are all the parents who help in some way or another. You might be a sports coach, put books away, help out FOTS when needed, support the fundraising, buy a pool key ... you are all wonderful!

**On that note ... the Board extends a Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy the Christmas break, have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you and your children back here next year!**

### **Your Board of Trustees is made up of:**

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