

GLAMORGAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, week 8: 15 December 2011

Kia ora koutou. Hello everyone.

School closes at 1pm tomorrow

School will close at **1 p.m.** tomorrow Friday 16th December for the end of our 2011 school year. **Please make sure you have made arrangements for your child as there will be nobody at school after 1pm to look after them.** PLEASE NOTE: there will be no school bus in the afternoon or at 1pm. Our first day of school for 2012 will be Thursday 2 February.

2011 School Office Opening Hours

Our office staff are part time and do not work during the school holidays but they will open the school office next year on Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. You will be able come in prior to the commencement of our school year to pay for school stationery and school donations on both of those mornings. Make the most of this and avoid the rush on the first day of school!

Please note: no orders will be taken for school uniforms on these mornings.

Meet the Teacher 2012

Keep the evening of 21st February free, as we will be having an informal evening for parents and children to come up to school between 5 and 7pm and meet the teacher. Our Friends of The School will be holding a sausage sizzle along with a few other goodies for sale so why not come as a family and introduce yourselves, have a sausage and maybe picnic on the field with family and friends.

Congratulations, farewells and welcomes for our teaching staff

We send our best wishes to Kirstin and Danny Crocome on the imminent arrival of their second child. Kirstin teaches in Team 6 and will be on maternity leave in 2012. Jess Milne will provide classroom release for teachers for part of term 1 next year until she begins her maternity leave for the remainder of 2012.

Our congratulations also to Tracey Poulter who has won a study award to complete her Masters degree next year. Tracey will still be around one day a week during 2012.

We farewell Julia Anderson and wish her all the best in her new job at Stanmore Bay School and welcome Anna Palmer to Team 6, Bernadette (Bernie) Mahoney to Team 3, Helen Lambertson to Team 2 and Jo Barker to Team 1 next year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nohan Hensman who played representative hockey primary grade for North Harbour Hockey and was jointly awarded Most Improved Player of the Year and Player of the Year in his club team for soccer.

This year we have had a focus on written language and our children have surprised and exceeded our expectations on a number of occasions. I would like to share this poem written by Dylan Hubbard in year 6 after the rugby world cup. Having been at the final I can vouch for all the emotions it contains!

Tribute to the Rugby World Cup

Anticipation soaring high like a determined eagle,
National cultures blending in unity.
Crushed dreams like shattered glass,
Extraordinary challenges include success and failure.
Ambitious countries displaying remarkable sportsmanship,
Expectations creating enormous pressure on worried teams.
Hopes and dreams turning into reality,
Acknowledgement and desire from all supporters.
Diving for victory and overall achievement,
Encouraging groups of fans follow the teams like a lion hunting a deer,
Leaping to tackle and protect the match,
Viciously smashing the opposition.
The Webb Ellis Cup stands in glory while two teams vie for the ultimate prize.

Happy Holidays

If you are at Torbay shops over Christmas have a look at the stockings in the windows with Christmas wishes on them from local school children. Glamorgan is one of the schools represented and here are some of the wishes of our younger children:

Dear Santa,
You are kind, please can I have a flower pot for Mum. You are good, I am good too. Richard Rm1

Dear Santa,
I hope that all children that don't have food get to have food. Michael Rm16

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the presents from last year. I would love to have the same amount again if you get time to see my list. I will leave milk with a drop of whiskey, carrots and cookies. Grace Rm21

Finally, as this is the last newsletter for this year I would like to thank all of you who have helped the school over the past year. To the year 6 children and families whose association with Glamorgan School is coming to an end, we wish you all the best for the future. To the rest of our families, have a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Kind Regards
Janet Pinchen Principal