From the Principal...

I want to start this letter with a huge thank you to all who came to the Halloween Family Fun Night. The staff and students had worked hard to make sure that the Hub was spooky enough for a Halloween party and that there was plenty to do and plenty to eat. The night certainly had the feel of a party and you can see from the photos on the following pages how much effort families put into their costumes and just how much fun was had. The weather was kind, giving us a perfect spring evening to enjoy being both outside and in. I think that this was our best ever Fun Night and we are already planning our theme for next year. As has become a new tradition, the Glenroy Lions Club supported our night by very generously running the barbecue for us.

Last week we celebrated Occupational Therapy Week with activities and competitions and lots of fun and we are happy to share the week with you in this newsletter.

Then on Friday night the Senior 4 girls showcased their VET studies by presenting their Head to Toe Fashion Parade at the Coburg Town Hall. Each girl was dressed, Head to Toe, in the outfit that they had designed and made as they worked to gain units in Certificate 2, Fashion and Design and Certificate 2, Media. The event was very professional and each of the models had their family and friends either beaming or in tears of pride. The photos of the evening will be in the next Newsletter for you to share.

I hope that you are all enjoying the SSG conversations with your child’s teacher. I know that in fourth term there is much to celebrate and lots of thoughts about goals for next year. Our graduating students are doing transitions to their adult placements and are showing us just how confident they will be with the changes to adult life. They are also thinking about the Graduation Dinner Dance that is all too quickly coming up. I look forward to this very special celebration of the Glenroy Specialist School life of our most senior students.

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Dates to Remember:

- Wed Nov 11 & Thurs Nov 19: Prep Orientation
- Friday November 27: Senior Graduation Dinner Dance
- Wednesday December 9: Pupil Free Day
- Thursday December 17: School Hairdresser available—$15
- Friday December 18: Term 4 ends at 2 pm
- Thursday January 28 2016: Students start—Prep start date to be advised.

Free Positive Parenting Seminar

Monash University, in partnership with Hume City Council, is running a Free Stepping Stones Triple P—Positive Parenting seminar for parents and carers of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 years. The seminar, presented by Emeritus Professor Bruce Tonge, will be held at Broadmeadows Community Hub, 180-182 Widford St, Broadmeadows on Thursday, November 19 from 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

If you are interested please contact the research team on 9594 1365 or 9594 1307; email: med-steppingstones@monash.edu; or register via webpage by finding the seminar in the calendar www.triplep-steppingstones.net

International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability (Dec 3 2015) aims to promote understanding of people with disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and inclusion in the community. To mark this, Council is hosting several free community events.

- Employment, Education & Volunteering Expo—Wednesday Dec 2, 10 am—3 pm at the Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.
- Inclusive Children’s Fair—Sunday Dec 6, 1 pm—4pm at the Crown Street Stables, 40 Crown St, Flemington.
- NDIS Information Forum—Tuesday Dec 8, 6 p.m - 8 pm at Windy Hill, Cnr Napier & Brewster Sts Essendon.

Please let us know if you have any specific access requirements. Transport and direct carer support is available on request. RSVPs are essential, call 9243 8748 or visit mvcc.vic.gov.au/idpwd to register.

Wheelchair repairs

If there are any issues with your child’s wheelchair that require repair over school holiday periods, please ring State Wide Equipment (SWEP): 1300 747 937 and explain that a repair is necessary. SWEP will organise for a repairer to come to your home and assess and resolve the issue.
Personal Development

Checking personal space
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Private body parts

How are you

Do you know your

Facial expressions

Digital Licences

Disability Awareness
The Halloween Family Fun Night was a spooky success!

Thank you to all the families to came along and joined in the fun.
We would greatly appreciate any feedback that you have about the Family Fun Night (e.g. start and finish time). Could you please take the time to fill in any suggestions and return this slip to your class teacher.
Did you know?

**Occupational Therapy (OT)** is a health care profession that helps individuals with disabilities achieve their maximum level of independence in all areas of daily living, including self-care, leisure and productivity.

From November 2—6, the Occupational Therapists at Glenroy Specialist School celebrated OT Week. Celebrations included lunchtime activities at each sub-school, where students had the opportunity to engage in:

**Self Care:** Hand washing routines, pampering and dressing relay.

**Productivity:** Fine motor activities (i.e. cutting, pasting and painting).

**Leisure:** Exploring sensory equipment.

The Brainary also attended one morning to show the students interactive large iPad.

The staff enjoyed an OT breakfast with a quiz and “guess the baby photo”.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to 2016.

*From the OT Team—Marzia, Chanel, Jen, Melyssa and Monique*

**The Stars of OT Week**

**Junior School:**
Rhys for enjoying the pampering.
Noor for great exploring.
Neve for trying her best to dress herself in dress ups.
Isabella for participating well in switching at the Brainary.

**Middle School:**
Angelica for pampering her nails.
Annabelle for being competitive in the dressing relay.
Joshua Z for choosing all his dress up clothes and having fun.

**Senior School:**
Amieleigh for doing some great artwork.
Chris for colouring in and showing his enthusiasm.
Antonia for excellent cutting, pasting and painting.
Ruven for being very engaged in the Brainary activities.

**Staff:**
Deb A—winner of the Baby Photo quiz.
Jo H—winner of OT week quiz.
Special mention to OT week quiz runner ups—Jenny C, Rachelle and Annie
JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

OT WEEK 2015
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MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
SENIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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