From the Principal...

This time of year you will receive quite a lot of information from us and requests for new permission forms and medical letters. I am sure that you may well be feeling that there is something new every day. We try to minimise the amount that we have to send home so please be assured that everything that we do send is important and should be read and, where necessary, acted upon.

This time of year there is much finishing off to be done. Teachers and Therapists are busily completing student reports ready for Jane and I to read this weekend, the school magazine is at the printers, our new website has been launched and the new A Day in the Life video is being developed.

Our senior students are trying to stay focused on their school work but I know that quite a few of them are just thinking about their Graduation celebration that is on Friday night. What we know is that with all of this finishing off work there is also lots of new learning happening. I was at a meeting yesterday and was introduced to the group as the Principal of one of the best schools in Australia. I was very proud of the fact that the context of the statement was about the learning at our school and not about the beautiful building and grounds.

Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas raffle. We now have 3 tables full of prizes. Our aim is to fill 4 tables so if you or your family or friends have not yet donated anything please consider what you might be able to contribute. This week we received a beautiful basket of chocolates from one student’s grandparents and 3 beautifully dressed baby dolls from the grandmother of two of our teachers.

The more prizes that we have the more exciting it is for the students when the raffle is drawn. My ideal raffle would be one where every student wins a prize. We haven’t yet achieved this but hopefully this will be the year when we do!

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Dates to Remember:

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Scholastic Huge Children’s Book Sale

50% - 90% off or fill a box for $40. Wednesday, December 2—Friday December 4 from 8 am—5 pm.
Scholastic Warehouse, 9-11 Northern Rd West Heidelberg.

Stars of the Week

**Junior School** — Marko for making great clear choices during communication. Congratulations Marko.

**Middle School 3**—to Connor, Caitlin, Zein, Ziad, Jemma, Jordan and Danilo for their fantastic participation in our ‘Sound and Light’ sessions. Well done!

**Senior School** 4—Star to Brianna for her fantastic effort on the bike.

**Art**— Taj MS6 for using the dish mop so well to apply the paint to her beautiful spring flower picture.

**SS4**—Hayley, Elisha, Antonia, Brianna and Caitlin for successfully completing Cert 2 in Fashion and Design and Cert 3 Media. Congratulations ladies!!

**Music**—Middle School 7 for a great jam session with the whole class playing their instruments together.

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.
From Head to Toe - Fashion Show.

On the 6th November 2015 the 5 students from Senior 4 presented their VET Fashion, Design and Media projects to family, friends and staff at the Coburg Concert Hall. They walked the Red Carpet to their favourite piece of music, wearing the outfit they had designed and created over the past two years. Well done girls, you were amazing!
The highlight of the year has been the ‘GSS Student Challenge’.

Congratulations to all those students who participated. We had lots of fun celebrating their achievements at our DISCO.

We have one more project:

**The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

We will be decorating boxes and filling them with donated gifts for children living in the Broadmeadows Detention Centre.
**A MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISERS**

We invite children from the community to decorate a shoe box and ask their family and friends to donate gifts to fill it with.

You can create a box on your own or with a small group. We are seeking boxes for boys and girls aged from newborn to 17 years old.

Please place a slip in your box of the age and gender you have bought for and we encourage written notes and cards. If you are unsure who to buy for, there is often a need for gifts for children aged 14 – 17 years old.

Please note:

- We already have enough books and notepads which is great!
- Clothes are definitely an item we encourage along with games, toiletries, watches, jewellery, dolls, cars etc... and all the stuff the kids in your life would like!
- Please do not wrap boxes or the gifts in them as all boxes undergo security measures at the centre.
- No glass, ceramic, mirrors, sharp items, belts or skipping ropes.
- Any excess items will be distributed throughout the year for birthdays and donated to asylum seeker/refugee children in the community.
- In this instance we are unable to accept second hand items.

The boxes will be distributed internally at Christmas time inside the detention centre facility.

The student leaders are decorating 9 boxes for this appeal and would really appreciate your donations so we can fill them with gifts.

- 3 boxes 6-10 yrs (2 boys, 1 girl)
- 3 boxes 10-14 yrs (2 boys, 1 girl)
- 3 boxes 14-18 yrs (2 girls, 1 boy)

Boxes to be completed by **Friday Dec 11th**

Please leave your donations at the office.
During Term 4, Middle School 7 have enjoyed following recipes to make some delicious food! We work out the start, middle and end of the recipe and follow the steps. We have enjoyed rumballs, pancakes, golden syrup dumplings, fritters, fairy bread and ice cream. The last step is always eating our food and then writing about it!
Glenroy Specialist School Christmas Raffle

We are asking for donations of new Christmas items to fill Christmas bags for our raffle, for example Christmas decorations, toys, cakes, lollies (*please watch the use by dates*).

*Thank you to everyone who has donated some amazing prizes.*

Tickets—50 c each or $5 per book.

Extra Tickets will be available.

The raffle will be drawn at the end of term.

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Christmas Stall Invitation

Senior Section Christmas Stall

Monday November 30

From 10 am—12 pm in the school Hub

We will have a selection of plants, Christmas items, food and gifts ranging from 50 c to $7.
Key Word Signs (Handout No. 7)

Key Word Sign (KWS) used to be called Makaton. It uses the same or similar signs to Auslan.

We use it a lot at school to help our students understand what we are saying. We also teach our students to use KWS when they want to tell us a message. **Try it at home!**

**How to use KWS:**

- Always use **speech** together with the sign
- Speak in **normal** sentences
- Only sign the **key words** in the sentence
- Use **natural gesture** such as pointing to people/objects/things
- Use **facial expression** and **body language**
- Use **directionality** – for example when you sign “go” wave your hand towards the direction you are going i.e. outside/inside

**GOOD** - Move extended dominant thumb forward with stress.

**BAD** - Move extended dominant little finger forward slightly.

**SORRY** - Move cupped dominant hand, fingers slightly spread, at side of face in two short diagonal movements.

Resources: You can look up videos of each sign www.auslan.org.au

*From the Speech Pathology Team*