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From the Principal’s desk.

Remembrance Day- We Will Remember Them
Congratulations to Samantha for an outstanding demonstration of persistence on Tuesday morning when she delivered a very special speech to commemorate the Tomb of The Unnamed Soldier at the Remembrance Day Commemoration Service at Speers Point Cenotaph. She delivered the speech with a full set of fire alarms blaring from the apartments opposite. Our Federal Member of Parliament also came to congratulate her on her efforts afterwards. Although at no time do we ever celebrate war or what it stands for, remembering those who have sacrificed lives and more is an important part of our history.
Our school leaders and future leaders were again excellent representatives of our school on this solemn occasion.
Students at school commemorated the day with a minute silence and thanks to the P and C were all given a beautiful yellow ribbon.

Student Leadership for 2015
As our numbers are very low for next year at this stage we will be inviting year 6 students to stand for the positions of School Captain and Vice Captain. Students from Year 4 will be invited to stand for the position of prefects and House Captains. All positions are voluntary and have associated responsibilities with them including honouring our school, representing our school at a variety of functions and leading our students as positive role models following the school rules.
Students in years 4 and 5 this year will receive a consent to stand for school leadership note to take home and discuss with parents before officially nominating for the elections. (sending wk7)

School Community Survey
During the next few weeks Australia Post will be delivering our School Community Survey to all of the homes in the Argenton area as well as some in Boolaroo and Teralba. Each returned survey will go into a draw for a Bunnings Voucher. These surveys will assist us with our planning for the next few years.

Christmas Choral Performance
Congratulations to all of our students on a fantastic performance and thank you to all of the wonderful supporters who came to hear the songs. Thanks also to Chemworks for the wonderful goodies.
P and C-Donations are being requested for our school Christmas Hamper Raffle. Please drop any donation into the office to the Hamper basket.

HAIR CARE
As the weather warms up we often have an outbreak of the dreaded headlice. This year is no exception and we would ask that all of our families take a few moments this weekend to check their children’s hair.

SWIMMING LESSONS
These will again be run by the Gelndale High School students with assistance from some of our staff. Lessons will begin on Monday the 24th of November and run for the week. They will be held at Speers Point Swimming Pool at a cost of $2.60 per lesson per student. The bus costs will be covered by the High School.
A permission note is attached and needs to be returned to school as soon as possible to enable us to organize the groups. If there is any problems regarding the costs please come and see me.
Daily Bells
The new bell system has been installed and you may hear some of the new bell chimes from time to time. We now have a working evacuation and lock down system that meets the WHS requirements to ensure the safety of our students, staff and community members.

School Banking
The Commonwealth Bank are running a great competition for our bankers this term. Every deposit gives you one entry into the competition. A maximum of 6 entries can be obtained. Banking continues this term. Well done to the students who are banking every week. For those students who wish to open an account, either pop into the office and see Mrs Ryan for a form or drop into the Commonwealth bank branch at Glendale to open an account and get up and running with your savings. There are some great rewards available this term. Call into the office and have a look at the display.

Congratulations to our regular bankers, Tara, Kayden, Jake & Rose-Maree. All of these students are working their way to receiving their first banking rewards.

Mulch and school maintenance
Thank you to Mr and Mrs Foreman for all of their hard work moving mulch in our school grounds this week.
We are having continual problems with water flooding our boys toilet every time it rains. As a result we have had the plumbers in to try and track down the problem.
Over the Christmas break we will be having work done on the C Block guttering to replace the rusted sections on the southern end of the building as well as having the student toilets reroofed. We are also expecting a ‘high clean’ from Transfield to clean up all of those windows too high for our cleaner to reach.
SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Message to Parents / Caregivers

Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our school curriculum.

The Glendale Technology High School -School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program is conducted over one week with high school students providing the instruction with the support of teaching staff.

All students from our school have been invited to participate while only year 4 student from other schools will be participating.

Instruction will take place at Speers Point Swimming Centre pool.

The Program will continue daily for one week from 24th November to 28th November. There will be no charge for instruction or transport. Lessons will run from 9-30am to 10-40am with buses leaving school at 9-20am each morning and returning to school directly after the lessons.

Pool entry will cost $2-60 per day.

The total cost for the 5 day scheme is $ 13-00.

Each child should bring a: swimming costume, towel, blouse/shirt, hat and warm clothing on a cool day. As instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg. an SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sun screen applied before school and a rash shirt is also recommended.

Students will need to wear their swimmers to school each morning but MUST remember to bring dry clothes to change into as it is not satisfactory to have students in wet clothing throughout the day.

Students may wear their own goggles however any breakages etc are at the students risks to the equipment.

If you wish your child to participate in the program could you please complete the following section and return to school as soon as possible.

Principal:  Mrs Leanda Guy  

Date:  13-11-14
SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM
CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to the attendance of my son/daughter ________________________________ at the School Swimming and Water Safety Program classes to be held at Speers Point pool from 24th Nov to 28th Nov. This activity has the approval of the principal.

Travel will be by bus. **Total cost for 5 day program is $13-00.**

My child is a non swimmer [ ]
My child can swim but not confidently [ ]
My child is a strong swimmer [ ]

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

__________________________________________________________

In the event that my child is to leave the pool or be picked up from the pool for any reason this will be placed in writing and given to the teacher in charge.

I have enclosed $___________

Signed: ___________________________ Date ___________________________

TO BE RETAINED AT THE SCHOOL

Privacy Notice
The personal information provided on this permission note, will be used by the Department of Education and Communities for general administration and communication and other matters of welfare relating to your child at this event. While the provision of this information is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that all details are completed. Failure to do so, may impede the resolution of welfare issues should you not be able to be contacted. This information will be stored securely.

Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child’s name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a Newspaper, on Television or on the School Sport Unit: Website

Medical Insurance: Parents please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child’s involvement in the sport program offered by the school, zone, area and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body. Further information can be obtained from [www.sportinginjuries.com.au](http://www.sportinginjuries.com.au)