Welcome back! Wow term 3 already. I would like to welcome Mrs Wrightson who will be the teacher on Neptune until the end of the year. I would also like to inform parents that some students from Glenfield Park have made it into School Spectacular. Thank you to Mrs Stiller for her efforts and making this possible for us.

Please check the calendar of events as I am looking forward too seeing you all this term.

GLENFIELD PARK SCHOOL WISHES TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTION OF MCDONALDS TO SCHOOL REWARDS
CLASS REPORTS

SATURN
Class Teacher: Mrs Stiller
SLSO: Mrs Mudie

Saturn have returned from their holidays happy and ready for learning. As part of our literacy lessons this term, we will be focussing on waiting our turn to speak in group discussions and respecting each others' opinions. In Mathematics we will be learning about 2D shapes. We will be exploring the school and local parks for shapes. Congratulations to all our students who have received awards for being safe, respectful and a learner. Well Done!

NEPTUNE
Class Teacher: Mrs Wrightson
SLSO: Mrs Grant

This term we are learning about dinosaurs, where they lived, what they ate and the many different types of dinosaurs that once existed. In Mathematics this term we will be doing lots of problem solving, addition and learning about fractions. Each afternoon we will participate in DEAR time, drop everything and read. Neptune and Saturn are planning to go on an excursion together to Dumaresq Street Twin Cinema. Can't wait! Neptune also had a fantastic time learning about Mini Beasts in term 2. Their classroom display is amazing! I would like to welcome Mrs Grant to Neptune and know that we will have a fantastic term together.

JUPITER
Class Teacher: Mr Oriel
SLSO: Mrs Spresian

Welcome back! Jupiter has two new students this term, Jayden and Talen. Our focus this term will be “Careers in the community”. Students will be investigating different jobs, services and people that help us each day. We will be going on two excursions with the cost not exceeding $10.00. We would like to welcome Mrs Spresian to Jupiter.

MERCURY
Class Teacher: Miss Clinch
SLSO: Mrs Jones

Mercury class had a great time learning about Mini Beasts in term 2 and enjoyed their excursion to the Australian Wildlife Zoo. This term we are learning about ourselves in our topic Amazing Me. We will be learning about our cultures and working hard on our learning goals. We have had a fantastic start to fractions and look forward to learning more about halves, quarters and eighths. We plan to have an excursion this term to a local restaurant, using public transport and working with a budget to develop our Literacy, Maths and problem solving skills. We welcome Mrs Jones to Mercury Class and look forward to an exciting term with her.

MARS
Class Teacher: Mr Moodley
SLSO: Ms Harlow

Congratulations to Mars students who have worked hard in extending their time at their integration schools. We are very proud of your continued success. This term we are focusing on working as a team and improving our social skills so that we can interact positively with others. We love cooking and create a different healthy meal each week. We look forward to having our own class ‘Master Chef’ experience at the end of the term. We are also working on improving our reading, writing and math skills particularly fractions and decimals, to better prepare us for daily life. A big welcome to Ms Harlow who will be our SLSO for the rest of year.
SENIOR 1
Class Teacher  SLSO
Mrs Lal  Mrs Ritchie

Mrs Lal is on well earned long service leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 3. Mrs Johnson will be the teacher on Senior 1 for this time. Students will be learning to get used to the different expectations of a different teacher, just like they will have to when they go to work or TAFE when they are older.

When Mrs Lal returns, Mrs Ritchie will join Senior 1 for the remainder of 2014.

SENIOR 2
Class Teacher  SLSO
Mr Baker  Mrs Rigas

Senior Two have had an excellent first semester. We had to bid farewell to Ms. Wrightson, who is moving into the Neptune class. She will be greatly missed. At the end of last term, the students had a celebration to mark them achieving their individual literacy and numeracy targets.

This semester, the students will be busy getting themselves ready for next year. For a number of them this will involve organising themselves placements at TAFE. For this reason, we will spend the first part of the term looking at improving our interview skills.

Most of all, we wish to welcome the wonderful Mrs. Rigas to our class this semester.

ART
Class Teacher  SLSO
Ms Vanjak  Mrs Ussia

The students at GPS had shown much of their talents in art last term and we will be encouraging them for more this term with a very engaging program. Seniors will be continuing their studies on the artist Pablo Picasso. They will explore his diverse artworks by creating their own using various mediums and techniques to truly commemorate the artist’s amazing body of art. As some of the junior school are studying a unit on dinosaurs in their regular classes, we will be supplementing their learning by looking at dinosaurs from an artistic perspective. So far we have worked with the element of texture, in particular in regards to the scaly covering of reptiles and various ways of creating it. Incorporating within the art program is art therapy through visual arts, music and dance. Mrs Ussia and I are looking forward to seeing what the students have to demonstrate with their creativity and enthusiasm.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
Mrs Warren  Mr Baker  Miss Blackstock

Term 3 will be an exciting term with lots of positive events planned. Book week will be happening in week 6 with the theme being ‘connect to reading’. We look forward to seeing all the great work the students will produce. An athletics carnival will be held in week 9 and we can’t wait to see all our students participate in the events. We’re sure our students will earn loads of Learning for Life dollars this term and spend their money wisely on Wacky Wednesday events or save their money for special class events.
Glenfield Park School’s Expectations are:

Home Doctor Service, Tel: 13 7425. The call centre is open: Weekdays from 4pm, Saturdays from 10am, Sunday and public holidays all day and night.

**GRAFFITI AND THE LAW:** Graffiti offences CANNOT be dealt with under the Young Offenders Act. They cannot get a warning, caution or a conference for this offence.

What is a Graffiti related offence? Under the Graffiti Control Act 2008 (NSW), graffiti related offences include: marking premises or property, possession of graffiti implement, posting bills. Graffiti implements include; spray paints, marker pens, any implement designed or modified to produce a mark that is not readily removable by use of water or detergent.

**Penalties for graffiti offences:** Under the Graffiti Control Act 2008 (NSW), the following penalties can be applied by courts:

- Marking property can attract a fine up to $440, or, for an aggravated offence, $2,200 or 12 months imprisonment (Section 4).
- Possessing a graffiti implement with intent can attract a fine up to $1,100 or six months imprisonment (Section 5).
- Person under 18 years carrying spray paint cans in public can attract a fine up to $440 or 6 months imprisonment (Section 8B).
- Bill posting can attract a fine of up to $440 (Section 6).
- A court may also impose a community service order, instead of a fine, for damaging or defacing property, or for possession of a graffiti implement, directing the offender to perform community service work that involves graffiti clean up work where practicable.
- A court may also, in addition to or instead of imposing a fine on a person, also make a driver licence order, extending a learner or provisional drivers licence period, or specify demerit points for holders of an unrestricted driver licence.

Under the NSW Crimes Act (1900), there are penalties of up to 5 years in prison for maliciously damaging property.

**Preventing crime** - The NSW Government has made a number of commitments to reduce the incidence of graffiti vandalism in NSW. The new NSW Laws relating to graffiti:

- Require young offenders charged with graffiti offences to appear before a court.
- Introduce driver licence penalties for offenders as an additional penalty available for the courts for graffiti offenders.
- Strengthen Community Service Orders by requiring courts to order that clean-up work be a condition of a Community Service Order for a graffiti offence where reasonably practicable.

**Graffiti prevention** - Graffiti vandalism is often conducted in areas that are poorly lit to reduce the risk of getting caught or reported. Consider motion-activated lights and request your local council install lighting in community areas that are dark and vandalised with graffiti. Graffiti vandalism is unsightly and it can also reduce people’s sense of safety by attracting further crime and delinquency to that place. Graffiti vandalism is also against the law and should be reported.

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**Student Absences**

An important message

from the Assisted School Travel Program

If your child is going to be absent from school and does not require to be transported it is common courtesy to inform the driver as soon as possible to ensure that the driver does not travel to your address unnecessarily.

Parents / Carers

Please have your child ready in the morning, The drivers are only required to wait 3mins.

A message from the school

If your child is absent from school please call the school 9605 1122, so that we can record them as absent. Also a note the day that student returns to school is necessary for our school records.

Please include students full name and reason for absence. The school would like to thank-you for your co-operation.