A big thank you this week to Lexie and Byron for organising Crazy Hair Day last Friday. The children had a great day and another big thank you as well to Emily for organising the Subway lunch. It's these kind of events that make small schools the special places they are and we're looking forward to several more as the year progresses.

Congratulations as well to all the children who submitted work to the Robertson Show recently. Our students won many awards and they should all be very proud of their efforts. If you didn't get to the show you can see a display of the children's work and their awards in the school foyer.

A few reminders this week about school routines. In recent weeks we have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing toys to school. Unless it is for a specific purpose like a news item, please do not send toys to school and check each day that your child's bag contains school items only. Toys can become a point of conflict, delay movements around the school and distract the children from their learning throughout the day. The school will not take responsibility if a favourite toy is lost or damaged.

A reminder as well that we are still using bottled spring water at the school while our tank water system is undergoing maintenance. This week we have had several children without refillable drink bottles and while we attempt to have plastic cups for the children to use it is not a practice that the school can afford to maintain. Please check your child's bag each day to avoid this problem.

Next week we are scheduled have a school assembly.
on Friday 22 March. We are now rescheduling this assembly to **Thursday 28 March** which is the last school day before Easter. On this day we will have our school assembly at 9:30am in the 3-6 classroom followed by an Easter Hat parade. At the conclusion of the parade we will break for recess. All parents and family are invited to attend and we hope you can join us for recess as well.

In regard to the hat parade, the children were busy at school yesterday making their hats. This year the parade will be for hats made during Creative arts lessons only. For any students who were absent or needing more time to complete their hat, we will send home materials with your child to complete it. In fairness to the other children please only use the materials that your child brings home.

Tonight is our second P&C meeting of their year. I was greatly impressed at our first meeting by the enthusiasm and commitment of our current P&C to do the best for our school and raise funds for future programs and equipment. All new parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting begins at 6.30pm.

Kind regards,

Grant Galbraith
Principal.

**Crazy Hair Day**

Last Friday Glenquarry students participated in a crazy hair mufti day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Donations will make a real difference to the patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders. Students came to school sporting some truly crazy hair styles!

We raised $28 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you for your support!

This term our HSIE unit of work is Shelters. Students have been learning about a variety of different shelters from around the world, their purpose and construction. As a combined class we hope to build an igloo out of 2 and 3 litre plastic milk bottles. We are asking families to please save, clean and donate these milk bottles to the school for use in this fun project. Donated milk bottles can be left in the library.

**Robertson Show**

Last week at the Robertson Show Glenquarry Public School students submitted a total of 24 pieces of art and writing into various competition categories.

The following students received Highly Commended Certificates for their excellent work in drawing and painting:

Ryan Q
Ryan S
Samuel
Taryn
Tristen
Ryan B
Honey
Daisy
The following students received prize ribbons for their outstanding work:

Brenden, 2nd place ribbon - Year 1 drawing category.
Summer, 1st place ribbon - Year 2 painting category.
Abby, 1st place ribbon - Year 3 painting category.
Lexie, 1st place ribbon - Year 6 creative writing category.

Glenquarry Public School students were also lucky enough to win a 2nd place ribbon for the group art work category which each student had a small part in constructing.

Congratulations to all students who submitted work into the Robertson Show, your efforts are very much appreciated by all those who braved the rain and made it to the show!

Community News

Harmony Day
Wingecarribee Shire Council and Macarthur Diversity Services are sponsoring a Multicultural Film Festival to be held in several Southern Highlands locations. The one hour, PG rated program is called Colourfest and focuses exclusively on culturally diverse Australian stories. The festival is free and light refreshments will be served. Locations and dates are as follows:

- **Colo Vale** Community Hall, Sunday 17 March 2pm-3.30pm;
- **Moss Vale** Civic Centre Theatrette, Thursday 21 March 5pm-6.30pm;
- **Robertson** Community Technology Centre, Sunday 24 March 2pm-3.30pm.

Bookings (for catering purposes) contact Jenny ph 4868 0855 or email jenny.kena@wsc.nsw.gov.au
Dear Parents,

Each year we provide the opportunity for Glenquarry School students to participate in the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These competitions provide an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. All participating students receive a certificate and individual student report, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses, as well as providing a comparison with other students across the state.

Participation in ICAS is voluntary and open to all students in Years 3-6. Students may undertake as many or as few competitions as they wish. The list of competitions, their date and cost is outlined below.

Please tick the competitions you are entering, sign the permission note, and return with payment to school by Thursday 28 March.

Regards

Grant Galbraith
Principal

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GLENQUARRY PUBLIC SCHOOL
ICAS ENTRY FORM AND PERMISSION NOTE

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