## Dates to Note:

- **March 21st**: Harmony Day
- **March 27th**: Kitchen Garden
- **March 27th**: Assembly 2:30pm
- **April 2nd**: Maths Focus Day no 2
- **April 8th**: P&C meeting 7pm
- **April 10th**: Assembly 2:30pm
- **April 11th**: Mr Barnes’ Retirement Afternoon Tea at 3:30pm (see over)
- **April 11th**: Last Day of Term 1
- **April 25th**: ANZAC Day march Glenorie Woolies 3:00pm

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I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Torie and AJ on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl. Rochelle is a happy and healthy little sister for Kollah-Jade and Brayton. Such wonderful news.

**GA**: I am sure you must have noticed the changes in our school grounds of late. I would like to acknowledge the fine work being carried out by our new General Assistant, John Tyszyk. He has really taken on this role with passion and pride. We are all so delighted. Thank you so much John for your care, interest and dedication. While on the “thank you” run, I would like to again thank Michelle Devine for undertaking the rather unpleasant task of cleaning up the dusty old “stage store room”. This has been a massive task. Thank you so much for helping us out.

**Thank you WOOLIES!!**: Thanks to your hard work collecting the earn and learn stickers last year, we have an amazing supply of resources for our school. Just take a look at this!!!

**Harmony Day**: This Friday is Harmony Day and is recognized every year at Middle Dural. A time where we acknowledge and appreciate the great diversity of cultures that make up Australia (and especially Middle Dural). Students will be involved in various activities throughout the day. It would be great if students could wear something “orange” along with their sports uniform.... Perhaps a wrist band, ribbon, scarf, t-shirt, headband etc. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day.

**Leaders**: Our leaders are about to take on yet another task. It is hoped that once a month our students will produce a Kids Journal showcasing some of our students work plus some fun bits and pieces. Our leaders will be responsible for selecting, recording, editing, designing and publishing this “Page” attached to our regular newsletter.

**Gem of the Week**: Congratulations to Billie-Jo and Summer. You guys Rock!!

**Trees**: Please be mindful of cordoned off areas indicating trees that will need to be removed for safety reasons. The only trees that have been roped off are those in high traffic or play areas. Please also be aware that single trees marked with yellow tape could also pose a threat. We are awaiting further notice from our Assets Management Unit.

**New Working with Children Check**: Anyone engaged in child-related work, either volunteer or paid, is required to have a “Working with Children Check Clearance”. If you have not completed this yet, we ask you please to do so as soon as possible.

**School payments**: Thank you for your response to this. A few more to go.
**RETIREMENT FUNCTION**

We would like to invite all families to an afternoon tea being held for Mr Gary Barnes on Thursday 10th April at 3:30pm. This will be held in our library/COLA area following our usual 2:30 assembly. RSVP for catering purposes by 3/4/2014. 96511761.

**ANZAC DAY MARCH**

This will again be held at Glenorie RSL. We hope you will be able to march with your school in Winter Uniform. Meet in Woolworth’s car park at 3pm Friday April 25th.

**Girls Club**

Would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support of their fund-raising effort last week. They raised around $50 for their club. And what a tasty way to do it!

**PRODUCTIVE!!!**

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It’s time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

**Our P&C will be meeting on**

**Tuesday 8th April at 7:00pm in the school library.**

These meetings are short, fun and best of all .....

**How cute....**

**Student having reported wrong-doing at school to Mum....**

“So what did you say when Mrs M asked if you did it?”

“I just nodded my head because I knew my mouth would tell a lie.”

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

**Ann Mills**

Relieving Principal

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