Dates to Note:

- **April 3rd**
  Maths Focus Day no 2
- **April 7th**
  PARS visit from Director of Schools
- **April 9th**
  Combined scripture
- **April 10th**
  Assembly 2:30pm
- **April 11th**
  Last Day of Term 1

Easter picnic and hat parade

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- **April 25th**
  ANZAC Day march
  Glenorie Woolies 3:00pm
- **April 28th**
  Staff Development Day
  No Students Please
- **April 29th**
  First day of school for students.

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After 39 years of teaching, Mr Barnes has now retired. We are very pleased to be able to offer him an afternoon tea to mark this very special occasion. I know the children are very excited to hear that Mr Barnes will also be attending our 2:30 assembly to share some of his adventures with us. I have had to field so many questions about Mr Barnes, particularly in the younger classroom, where except for a short snippet at Charli and Arthur’s orientation day, none of them have met him. So now they will be able to see him in person! We look forward to his visit and to many of you joining in this wonderful celebration with us.

**Gem of the Week:** Congratulations to Iris, Mahalah and Flynn. You guys Rock!!

**Leaders:** Please note that accompanying the newsletter this week will be the first edition of the “Kid’s Newsletter”. Our leaders are responsible for selecting, recording, editing, designing and publishing this “Page” attached to our regular newsletter. We thank Becky for her support and guidance with the computer in getting this newsletter off to a good start.

**Tragic Loss:** Our hearts go out to the community of Glenorie Public School as they experience the tragic and untimely loss of their longstanding language teacher. Our thoughts are with the family of this beautiful lady who gave so much to those with whom she shared her time.

**Cross Country:** We are again hosting this year’s Cross Country Carnival for our three small schools (including Annangrove and Hillside). The date for this will be the first Friday back after the holidays. That’s Friday 2nd May. Our P&C will again be running the sausage sizzle and canteen. Please await further notes regarding this.

**Maths Focus Day:** The second of our fun maths days will now be on Thursday of this week. We have a variety of fun and different activities to involve our students in the world of mathematics.

**Make-over:** A big thank you to Stephen Loughnan and Michelle Devine for giving our front corner brick wall a make-over. It really is starting to stand out. All we need now is some sandstone capping along the top…. Contacts anyone?? We have also been investigating the costs of updating our sign.

**Easter Hat Parade and Picnic lunch:** The last Friday of school gives us an opportunity to unwind from the intensely busy start of 2014. We will be involved in Kitchen /Garden activities after recess and adding some finishing touches to our “Easter Bonnets”. We invite available parents to come along with a picnic lunch to share with their children in our beautiful grounds. After this we will have an Easter Hat Parade followed by some Easter Games…. All this if the weather is fine! We hope you will be free to join us .. And that the weather holds out.

**Annual School Report:** This is now available on our website or in the front office should you wish to view it.

**Lost Property:** Our basket is overflowing! They must belong to someone. Please!
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

Our P&C will be meeting on Monday 7th April at 7:00pm in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all …..

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.

How wonderful….
To watch our school captains lead the school in running our assemblies, handling “unplanned moments” in their stride without missing a beat.

Well done Caleb and Maddy.

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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Easter Picnic Lunch and Hat Parade
Friday 11th April
12:40pm (weather permitting)
Bring a picnic lunch, rug and join us.
Easter hats will be made at school by students in their peer groups.