FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Another busy Term is well underway and it is wonderful to see how everyone is diligently attending to things whilst maintaining smiles on faces! As a school community we should be very proud of our on-going accomplishments and the willingness of people to ‘get the job done’ efficiently and effectively!

Staffing Update - I would like to welcome Tricia Lennon to the team at Glenella. Tricia will be our BSM for Semester 2 whilst Natalie is on leave. Tricia is settling in well and we thank parents for their understanding as Tricia gets to know student names etc.

Unfortunately, Lerryn Tickle who works Friday’s in the Yr 1/2 classroom will be finishing up on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} August. We would like to thank Lerryn for her valuable input into our school over the first half of the year. I have enjoyed watching Lerryn re-develop her teaching skills in a very different era of education to that she was used to before being on Leave to raise her family. We wish Lerryn and her family well.

Leonie Keating will be the replacement in the Yr 1/2 classroom, with her first day being Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} August. We look forward to welcoming Leonie to the team at Glenella.

School Opinion Surveys – It is that time of year when we again ask students, parents/caregivers and staff to complete and return School Opinion Surveys. These surveys are undertaken each year by Education Queensland to obtain opinion information to help schools further understand how to better meet the needs of their community.
The information collected helps to highlight areas of strength at each school and areas that could be improved. Over the last two years the school has received very positive feedback and this in turn has helped us to further refine our practices to display our desire to have a united team amongst all stakeholders with consistent aims and objectives which allows your children to develop from year to year. A random sample of parents/caregivers and students from Yrs. 5 & 6 will be selected to participate in this year’s surveys. Should anyone have any questions related to the surveys they are asked to contact me directly. This year parents/caregivers will be able to respond online or on the paper format used in previous years. Students and staff will all be responding online this year. If you receive a blue parent/caregiver survey we ask you to please complete this and either advise myself that you have completed it online OR return it to school by **Friday 26th July (at the latest)**. All instructions for surveys are attached to the survey themselves but if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**School Swimming** – as previously advised swimming will take place in Term 3 this year. We would like to again thank the P&C Association who have kindly agreed to donate funds to assist all families to participate in this important program. Please refer to the attached separate Swimming Flier for details about this year’s swimming program.

**P&C Meeting** - Last Monday night we had another productive monthly meeting, again with a pleasing number of families participating and some delicious ‘home-bake’ to share! Organisation of our 2013 Trivia Night was completed and we look forward to this being another successful, fun night for the adult members of the school community. Please refer to the attached separate Glenella SS Trivia Night Flier for details about this year’s organisation. Tables filled quickly last year so please advise of your participation by the rsvp date of Wednesday 24th July to avoid disappointment of missing another great night together.

Thank you to my ‘good friends’ who attended to a décor update in my Office after State of Origin on
Thursday morning. My predictions for games 1 and 2 were spot on, but the excellent goal line defence displayed by Queensland in Wednesday night’s game ended my skills in this department. For the few students and parents who were loyal to the NSW cause with me, I thank you – we will come back next year better prepared and even more ready to win the series! To the many loyal Queenslanders who made Thursday an especially trying day for me I say congratulations and bring on the 2014 series!!!

Until we next chat, and please remember my door is always open should you need to discuss anything with me, please take care and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at our wonderful school.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:**

**Week Ending 14/6/13:**
Jake Toonen, Cassandra Treloar, Elijah Lally, Ebony Craig, Lilly Sergent, Nickolas McCullagh, Conner McCullagh, Lily Cross, Stephanie Ivey, Sam Donaldson, Konnor Davis, Joshua Vorster and Lauren Owen.

**Week Ending 12/07/13:**
Aryianna Thomas, Kayden Lally, Johnathan Beazley, Mia Finch, Kirra Tower, Adanna Clark, Connor McCullagh, Jordyn Giles, Seb Cali, Chanqua Matthews, Kalyen Devecchi and Sam Donaldson.

**Hoy Roster**

*Roster for the next fortnight is:*

25 July  
Keri McNamara  
Annalees Jackson  
Shoppers Lisa Matthews  
Kylie Garton  
M/Tea Maryanne Funston  
Belinda Bendeich

1 August  
Jenny O’Loughlin  
Michelle Burgess  
Shoppers Paul Mudge  
Kym Mitchell  
M/Tea Jenny O’Loughlin  
Kym Mitchell

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**BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD**

**Winner**

*T2 Week 9 – Cameron Schmidt  
T3 Week 1 – Cameron Schmidt*
MONEY COLLECTION

- **P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:** Please consider helping the school financially by supporting the levy system. Rates are:- 1 child only $15 per term - 2 or more children $20 per term.

- **BOOKCLUB:**
  Forms have been sent home today. Orders and payments are to be received by Wednesday 7th August. Please make all cheques payable to Glenella State School.

- **THE BIG SAMBA**
  On Friday 2nd August students from Prep to Year 7 will attend a show with a difference. An explosion of hands-on musical teamwork based on Brazilian Carnival street music. Every child will have an instrument. The show will be presented by Steve Shulz from Nexus Arts. A truly unique experience. **Cost is $5.00 per student.** Please forward payment to the office in a clearly marked envelope by Wednesday 31st July.

NORTHERN SUBURBS ATHLETICS TRIALS

Congratulations to all students who have qualified for the Northern Suburbs Athletics Carnivals. Throwing events will be held on Monday 22nd July at Whitsunday Anglican School and Track and Field events will be held on Tuesday 23rd July at Cathy Freeman Oval, Slade Point. All parents with students attending should have received a copy of the programs for both days.

**PLEASE NOTE:** On Tuesday the bus will be departing school at **8:30am sharp** therefore your student must be at school no later than 8:15am. Unfortunately if your student is late and misses the bus they will not be able to attend the trials.

_We wish all competitors well and hope they represent our school with pride and display good sportsmanship at all times._

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 11th September 2013. Order packs will be sent out with our next newsletter.
**PREP 2014**

Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2014? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2008 and 30th June 2009.

We are currently taking enrolments and would love to hear from any new families that are interested. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

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**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

As we move into a new school term, please take the time to ensure that your children have all the essential pencils, felts, erasers, rulers, scissors etc. that they require.

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**SCHOOL LUNCHES:**

Please note with the cooler weather around that children tend to be hungrier than usual. It is a good idea to pop in a few extra goodies or sandwiches to satisfy those hungry tummies.

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Glenella State School P&C is holding a Trivia Night on Friday 26th July at 7pm in the school hall. Come along for a fun filled evening of questions and riddles. This is 18+ event. **Cost is $10 per person.** Each table is to supply their own nibbles on the night. Beverages will be available for purchase. All money raised will benefit our children.

Please complete the return at the end of this newsletter and send in to the school office by Wednesday 24th July.

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**TENNIS**

Mr Alan Harris conducts tennis lessons at school for those students interested. Tennis lessons will now be conducted on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm-4pm. Cost is $8.00 per lesson or $60 per term (8 weeks). Application Forms are available from the office. Students from Years 1 – 7 are eligible to attend. Please phone 49421060 for further information.
We would like to send a big thank you to the mums that have helped cover new reading scheme books in our library. To Natalie Cambra, Carmel O’Loughlin, Annalees Jackson and Kym Mitchell, THANK YOU. We really do appreciate your generosity.

Students from Year 6 and 7 would also like to say a special thank you to Tracey Purdy, Annalees Jackson and Kym Mitchell for the efficient dispatch of their Pie Drive orders last Friday. We are very fortunate to have these selfless people volunteering time out of their busy schedules. Thanks again.

SCOLIOSIS
Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and many are at risk of developing a significant curve. Because in the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. Parents of girls in Years 7-9 are encouraged to visit the Scoliosis Australia website at www.scoliosis-australia.org and download a copy of the Self Detection Brochure.

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BABY NEWS
Congratulations to the Tappert family on the birth of their new daughter and sister Layla Grace.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD:
Please note that all notices in this section are provided purely as a service to the community and that Glenella State School does not necessarily endorse the contents therein.

**Mackay State High School England Tour Cent Sale**
Venue: MSHS
When: Sunday 4th August
Time: 1pm
200 prizes to be won, State of Origin Jersey raffle, smoko and drinks available.

**St Joseph’s Catholic Parish of Nth Mackay and Nthrn Beaches Sacramental Program**
Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Eucharist will commence with Parent Information Night on Tuesday 30th July 2013. Please call Parish Office on 49574855 for further information.

**Mackay PCYC ROLLER DISCO** Mackay PCYC will be holding a Roller Disco this Friday 19th July from 5.00pm – 9.00pm. $5.00 Entry with lots of prizes and giveaways. Primary School aged children only. PCYC Supervised at the Mackay PCYC just off Norris Road. Please phone 49423296 for more information.

**DYSLEXIA FORUM: Q&A**
Venue: St Mary’s Hall Morely St South Mackay
Date: Sunday 4th August
Time: 3.00pm-5.00pm
Cost: $10 per family
No bookings required
Pay on the day
Please call 0407647654 for more information.

**TRIVIA NIGHT RETURN**
I, ______________________
would like to book a table for the Trivia Night to be held on Friday 27th July.

We will have _______ people at our table at a cost of $10 per person.