A WORD FROM
THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to Mrs Wilcox who began the Term as Acting Principal during my overseas holiday whilst on Long Service Leave. I would also like to pass on my appreciation to the students, staff and parents for making Mrs Wilcox feel so welcome and supported during this time – once again Glenella SS community can be proud of its efforts and achievements!

I would also like to congratulate all students who participated in Northern Suburbs Sports this year. It was wonderful to hear that Tyler Duck was named as the 11 years Age Champion at this carnival. Tyler participated strongly at Mackay & District Trials and has now been selected to participate in the Capricornia Trials later this month – best of luck Tyler!

From this week onwards, with my return to school, we have set in place some other minor staffing movements. Mrs Wilcox will now teach in the Yr 6/7 classroom on Mondays & Tuesdays in partnership with Miss Hunt on Wednesdays & Thursdays and they will each work alternate Fridays. This will allow Mrs Wilcox to also move into the role of Curriculum Co-ordinator, previously undertaken by Mr Duncan last semester. Miss Hunt will continue as Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy as she has done two days a week throughout this year. We appreciate your support during this initial transition time and thank you for your on-going encouragement of our staff at Glenella.
I hope families took the opportunity to participate in progress meetings with class teachers earlier this Term. Traditionally these meetings were referred to as Parent-Teacher Interviews but now our aim is to involve all families with your child present and to look at individual student goals for the period ahead so together we can work as a team to help each child reach their full potential. If there are any parents who missed this opportunity to meet I would strongly suggest that you make contact with your class teacher so you can participate in this important opportunity to discuss your child’s progress at school this year. I would like to encourage parents to think of these meetings as a regular part of our school reporting procedures rather than an ‘optional extra’.

It is that time of year when we again participate in Education Queensland’s School Opinion Surveys. These surveys obtain opinions from parents/caregivers, students and school staff, to help schools further understand how to better meet the needs of their community. A random selection of parents/caregivers will receive a confidential survey to complete and return to school in the envelope provided. We value your opinion and whilst we hope you can acknowledge the many strengths of our school, we also need to be aware of the areas that our school community can improve on. If you receive a survey please take the time to answer all the questions and return it to school as soon as possible.

Last Term we also offered parents/caregivers the opportunity to participate in a Ready Reader program at school, but unfortunately we had to postpone the session as the presenter was ill. The program trains community volunteers to support students in early reading programs in Queensland schools. Not only would this be very useful for parents to assist their own children at home, but it would also help to skill them to be great parent helpers in classrooms. If there are any parents who are still keen to participate in this program please contact the school so we can add your name to the list of interested parents. As soon as an alternative date is confirmed I will share this information with those interested in participating in the program.

This Sunday 12th August P&C have organised the Term 3 Working Bee to take place from 9am. We encourage parents to attend where possible during the
day so we can achieve as much as possible. The jobs we will be looking at will include work in the school gardens weeding & trimming etc (bring relevant tools please), whipper snipping (bring your whipper snipper please) and where possible cleaning up areas with high pressure hoses (gurneys please). We look forward to your assistance during Sunday.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received back at work this week. As usual my door is open should you want to call in for a chat at any time.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

ILLNESSES
As you would be aware, many students have been affected by various illnesses in recent weeks. We would encourage parents to keep ill children at home until fully recovered if at all possible. This hopefully will reduce sickness rates affecting both students and staff. We appreciate your understanding in this regard.

BOOKWEEK PARADE
Our Bookweek Parade will be held on Tuesday 21st August at 9am.

Come along dressed as a character from your favourite book (fiction or non fiction).
The theme for Book Week 2012 is “Champions Read”.
All students, staff, parents brothers and sisters are encouraged to take part in this annual event.

As always, we encourage the use of imagination more so than the outlay of dollars when creating your costume.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Tyler Duck who will represent Mackay District in Long Jump at the Capricornia Trials in Yeppoon on 21st August. Good Luck Tyler!
FATHERS DAY STALL

This year the P&C will be running a Fathers Day Stall in the hall on Friday 31st August.

We are asking for donations of small gifts that will be for sale at our stall for $1, $2 and $5. Some examples are: fishing lures, tackle, stubby coolers, travel mugs, golf balls or tees, key rings or cologne etc.

Please encourage your child to bring along a few dollars on Friday 31st August to buy their deserved Dad a special gift to say thank you.

Please send all gift donations to the school office by Wednesday 29th August 2012.

Thank you for your support.

FUNDRAISERS:
Please continue to support:

- **Coles Sports for Schools.** Collect vouchers by shopping at Coles and BiLo Supermarkets. Send vouchers to the office. The more vouchers we collect, the more sporting equipment we will receive.

- **Woolworths Earn and Learn.** Bring all of your Woolworths docket into the office. At the end of the program we can redeem our points against a choice of school resources including books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much more.

- **Parent Direct/Chalk:** Students from lower primary will have these catalogues delivered with their newsletter. Please note the school’s distribution of these booklets does not constitute an endorsement of the supplier by Education Qld or Glenella School. Order forms and monies to be returned to the office by Friday 31st August.

- **Battery World.** Please send up expired batteries of all kinds to be placed into the battery recycle bin near office.

- **Pauls Collect-a-cap.** Send caps to the office. Pauls have offered to double the payment for all caps. Please send in as many as you can.

HOY:
We would be appreciative of any offers of help. If you could possibly spare a couple of hours once a month, we would love to
hear from you. Feel free to come along one Thursday for a look to see how the morning runs. We have a great bunch of ladies willing to show you the ropes. Please contact Joanne Wallace on Ph: 49550865 for more information.

**Hoy Roster**

| 16 August  | Keri McNamara          |
|           | Nikki Vorster          |
| Shoppers  | Lisa Matthews          |
|           | Michelle Phillips      |

| 23 August  | Kathy Owen             |
|           | Nicole Tappert         |
| Shoppers  | Annalees Jackson       |
|           | Kylie Garton           |

**GOOD LUCK LACHLAN**

We would like to make mention of a former Glenella State School student, Lachlan Brand. Lachlan has just been named the Central Queensland School Based Apprentice of the Year. Lachlan currently attends Year 12 at Pioneer High School. He is undertaking a Diesel Fitting apprenticeship with Hastings Deering and will then work towards gaining an Electrical Apprenticeship before studying Engineering at University. Lachlan will now head to Brisbane in September to compete for the state title. Good luck Lachlan!

**KINCHANT DAM CAMP**

Students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 will attend the Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre for two nights (5th and 6th September) returning to school on Friday 7th September. All students are expected to attend as this is a school program. As always, the students (and staff) will have a fantastic time, with lots of activities planned. Notes have been sent home to children involved. All permission forms should have been completed and returned. Monies are required to be paid no later than Friday 24th August. Thank you.

**MAGPIES:**

Magpie season is here early! We already have birds nesting in the trees in the Sweeny Court area. The Department of Environment advises some steps to ensure our safety:

1. Avoid the attacking birds and their territory.
2. Students to **wear** a wide brimmed hat and if possible wrap around sunglasses. Umbrellas may also be used.
3. Suggestions for bike riders are to place flag on bike and **get off** bike until out of the bird’s territory.
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.

- **SCIENCE TIME SHOW**
  On Tuesday 14th August students from Prep to Year 7 will attend a science show “Electricity: A Shocking Experience”. The show will be presented by Dr Peter Eastwell editor of The Science Education Review. Students will be divided into two groups, Prep-3 and Yrs 4-7. This show will be highly entertaining and informative. **Cost is $7.00 per student which is due now.**

- **SWIMMING TERM 4**
  Our 2012 Swimming program for students from Prep – Yr 7 will commence 17th October. Cost is $65 per child. Invoices will be sent home shortly.

PREP 2013

Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2013? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2007 and 30th June 2008. 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.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

Some families have received a School Opinion Survey with this newsletter. The families who received the survey were randomly selected according to a formula sent to us by the administrators of the testing program. Please return your survey by Friday 24th August. Questions on the survey relate to resources, facilities, teaching, curriculum and technology. **ALL ENVELOPES WILL REMAIN SEALED AND BE SENT AWAY FOR PROCESSING.**
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 12th September. Photos start at 8.45am. Please ensure your child/ren are at school ON TIME in a clean school uniform (blue polo-shirt) and correct footwear.
Order packs have been sent out and need to be completed and returned with payment to the office BEFORE photo day. Every pupil must have their own sealed envelope. If paying in another family member’s envelope, please record the name and the class of the paying student. Order forms for sibling photos are available from the office.
Payment is to be made by Cash, Cheque or Money Order payable to Advancedlife. A Credit Card facility is available on-line at www.advancedlife.com.au

This is a prepay photo system. ALL LATE ORDERS WILL ATTRACT A FEE AND MUST BE POSTED DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER – NOT TO THE SCHOOL.

SWIMMING:
Please note that our swimming program for students in Prep to Yr7 will commence WEDNESDAY 17th OCT 2012. We will swim twice per week (Wednesdays and Thursdays) over a five week period. Lessons will be given by qualified instructors at Marlins Swim School. Cost will be $65.00 per child. P&C have kindly agreed to pay for bus costs.

Invoices will be issued shortly. Payments can be made in instalments.

Parents please note there will be NO REFUNDS for non-attendance of any student for the duration of the swimming program for 2012. Our school is required to pay upfront for this program and as such would appreciate full payment by all students prior to the commencement of swimming for 2012.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Week Ending 27/7/12:
Cameron Barnard, Adanna Clark, Ella Riggs, Thomas Bendeich, Drew Lawn, Connor Barnard, Madison Masters, Jackson Harris, Brooke Naylor, Chase Tee, Zoe Whyte, Isabel Ryan and Jasmin Sehl.

Week Ending 3/8/12:
Mia Finch, Ebony Craig, Larissa Frost, Reese Naylor, Ella Toonen, Seb Cali, Stephanie Ivey, Tiffany Osborne, Emma Riggs, Teagan Hansen, Skye Cairns, Bradley Trainor and Zac Meyer.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you once again to Carmel O’Loughlin and Lorna Andrews for their continued support in our Library. Both of these ladies volunteer their time freely to help keep our library running smoothly. We would also like to welcome Natalie Cambra to the library team. Natalie has also volunteered to lend a hand. We really appreciate all of your help.

WORKING BEE

The P&C will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday 12th August at 9am. This will be our first Working Bee for the year and will be a general cleanup of the school grounds. Future target areas will be discussed on the day. We would love to see as many families as possible attend. The more help we get, the lighter the load.

LOTE NEWS - JAPANESE

Glenella Cranes
To help celebrate Hiroshima Peace Day on August 6, the year 6 and 7’s made Origami Paper Cranes in their Japanese class. The students’ effort in their two lessons was fantastic and even a few students helped to make some additional cranes in a lunch time session to make a grand total of 223 cranes. This is a fantastic number considering the small amount of students in these year levels. The
students also learnt the meaning behind Peace Day and read the story of “Sadako”. The cranes are now on display in the library. Well done Year 6 and 7’s for a fantastic job.

Pearce Sensei

HEALTHY EATS

Did you know that around a third of your child’s daily nutrition requirements need to come from the food they eat at school? Don’t let a busy schedule prevent you from making a balanced, tasty lunch for your kids.

School lunches don’t have to be limited to sandwiches made from sliced bread. There are other great alternatives such as wholemeal lavish or wholemeal pita breads. Alternatively you could pack child-size portions of leftovers, soups or stews. Ham/chicken/tuna salads are also a great hit in the lunchbox.

Try to avoid sugary drinks and include things like, fruit juice, fresh milk or water.

Studies have shown that children who help make their own lunch are more likely to eat it. This is a great opportunity to get the kids to give you a hand in the kitchen. If mornings are too busy, maybe they could pack a few things the night before.

A nutritious lunch complements an active, healthy lifestyle – habits that last children a lifetime.
EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Please consider having your newsletter emailed directly to you. It will arrive promptly in your inbox fortnightly on the Friday morning. By emailing our newsletter, we can save considerably on printing and paper costs and it is also friendlier to the environment. Please complete the return below and send in to the office.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE

We, the ____________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email. Our email address is below:

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(Please print clearly)

DATES TO REMEMBER

August
12  Working Bee 9am
14  Science Show
21  Bookweek Parade
24  School Surveys due
31  Parent Direct/Chalk due

September
5-7  Kinchant Dam Camp
     Yrs 4-7
7    Teacher Aide Day
12   School Photos

October
17   Swimming commences

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
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.

Farleigh C.W.L. Cent Sale
Sat. 8 September at 1.30pm
Great prizes, delicious afternoon tea. No automatic number machine
**Shakespeare Child and Family Centre** will be holding a Children's Expo. This expo is targeting families with children between the ages of 0-8yrs with the aim of raising community awareness of the services that are available to families in Mackay.
Date: Sunday 26/8/12
Time: 11am-2pm
Where: 43 Shakespeare St, East Mackay.

Information Stalls, Fun activities for the kids, Raffles, Mini Cent Sale and BBQ on the day. Call 49577222 for more information.

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**Net Set Go!**  
**Junior Netball**

Aimed at 5-10 year olds
Weekly program with accredited coaches.

Where: Emmanual Catholic Primary
Ph: Rebecca 0402 018775
Email: deanna.marsden@gmail.com
Cost: $80.00
When: Thursday 30th August
Time: 4pm
Reg Date: Friday 16th August

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**WEBSITE**

Just a reminder that you can find a copy of this newsletter on our new website [www.glenellass.eq.edu.au](http://www.glenellass.eq.edu.au). As well as our newsletter you will also find our prospectus and all enrolment information.