Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

As previously shared with the school community - EQ policy states, “every day counts” for every one of our students! At Glenella SS we also encourage students to promptly arrive at class throughout the day as “every minute counts” when we are talking about students’ learning time. The following table clearly shows why this needs to be acknowledged:

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Now that we have reached the half-way point of our final Term of the year we would like to remind the school community about school events that will take place over the remainder of the Term.

Dates to remember include:

- **Swimming Carnival** – Wednesday 21st November from 8:45am to 1pm at Memorial Pool. Parent helpers in the pool and parent involvement in this day are strongly encouraged. Please advise if you can help in the pool as soon as possible.

- **Parent Helpers Morning Tea** – Wednesday 28th November. This is our way of showing appreciation for your support within our school.
• **End of Year Christmas Concert** – Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} December. This event will again take place in the Hall with food and drinks being sold by our hard-working P&C.

• **2012 Classroom Awards** – Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} December at Assembly. This is where each class will discover who is awarded the Academic Effort, Citizenship and All-Rounder Awards.

• **Yr 7 Graduation Ceremony** – Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} December. This is the night the Yr 7’s and their families celebrate the end of their primary years of schooling.

• **Term 4 Reward Day** – Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} December. Details will follow in the near future about this event.

In our last two Newsletters we have mentioned the need for families to return the **Enrolment Intentions for 2013** notice. It is imperative that each family return this note or phone the school to confirm their child’s 2013 attendance at Glenella SS by Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} November – many thanks to the families who have attended to this.

We look forward to a positive and productive end to our school year together. We are currently working on plans for the 2013 school year and we look forward to welcoming as many new families to our school community as possible.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

**YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER**
The Year 7 Graduation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} December commencing at 6:30pm at Magpies Sporting Complex. Numbers are required BY 23rd NOVEMBER PLEASE. Please complete the return at the end of this newsletter. Dress code for the night will be smart casual. Please have boys dressed in long pants and collared dress shirts. Girls, please dress in sensible attire with no skimpy or revealing clothing.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of November: Calan Bowman, Maria Biju, Kate Gibbons, Tyler Shackleton, Georgia Hansen, Jarrod Wallace, Chloe Vella, Noah Brownsey, Taylah Rouse, Kasey Trainor and Shaye Hubner.
**MORNING TEA FOR HELPERS**

Each year the school has a morning tea to say thank you to all who have helped out in any way throughout the year. This might have been reading with children in the classroom, helping with art, maths activities, covering library books. Our morning tea will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 9am. Please contact the school office if you are able to attend.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week Ending 19/10/12:**

**Week Ending 26/10/12:**
Charli Johnson, Jemmi Miles, Cooper Frost, Tiffany Falzon, Reese Naylor, Tyson Fischer, Jazmyn Dwyer-West, Paige Penola, Jackson Harris, Emma Riggs, Logan Purdy, Cory Shackleton, Jayda Garton, Layla Lui, Kieara Devecchi and Alex Mau.

**PREP OPEN DAYS**

Our Prep Orientation days are progressing well. The last is to be held next Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm. These visits give children the opportunity to engage in a variety of inside and outside experiences that they will encounter during Prep at Glenella. If you know of any families who may be interested in enrolling their child in Prep at Glenella for 2013, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible.

**POSITIONS VACANT**

**SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS**

- Position Vacant - relief & rostered
- Hours up to 7.5 per f/night
- Casual rates start at $25.64 per hour
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Call Glenella State School on 49 692333 for an application package!

- All staff are required to undergo a medical, police and working with children Blue Card check which will be provided by Transport and Main Roads.
HOY XMAS DONATIONS

Our last Hoy for 2012 will be held on Thursday, 6th December.
We are asking all families to help make this day as successful and profitable as it has been in past years. **We need around 100 cent sale items as prizes.** Christmas items (to the value of $2.00) or a monetary donation (in order to buy prizes) would be most appreciated.

Some suggestions include Christmas cards, wrapping paper, serviettes, decorations, chocolates, peanuts, lollies, softdrink, small glass dishes, toiletries of any kind, tea towels, placemats, washers, Christmas mugs & glasses, decorative candles, bonbons, biscuits, wine etc.

Please start sending up those Christmas goodies as soon as possible. Thanks.

XMAS HOY BAKING

On that last day of Hoy we also give our supporters free morning tea. It’s our way of thanking them for injecting much needed money into the school. A form is attached for those people who are willing to bake or make sandwiches or other goodies, other suggestions are listed below. Please note all workers are welcome to join us on that last day, either to work or play for the morning. All Hoy helpers will stay and have lunch afterwards, so come along and join us.

Some suggestions include:
**Baking:** Cakes, tarts, quiche, savouries, dips, slices, scones, pikelets.
**Sandwiches:** We need a total of 3 Cafe loaves of sandwiches made up.

Please return the completed form to the office as soon as possible.

HOY FOR 2013

We are currently looking at the Hoy helpers and shoppers we will or won’t be able to count on for 2013. Helpers for the morning are required to sell tickets, deliver prizes etc. Shoppers are allocated an amount of money to purchase prizes for the morning. Helpers and Shoppers are usually rostered on for one morning each month.

**If you have not yet been involved with Hoy, now is the time to help out.**
Please complete the return in today’s newsletter and return it to the office by Monday 3rd December. **Please give serious consideration to volunteering to help this fundraiser. Hoy has been the most reliable and long term financial support for our school. We are hoping some of our newer families will become involved. There are many to show you the ropes.**

HOY ROSTER

Please take note of the dates you are rostered on for Hoy.

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SWIMMING

Our last swimming lesson for the program will be held next Wednesday. **There is no swimming on Thursday.**

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st November at the Memorial Swimming Pool on Mangrove Road. This carnival will include students from Prep to Year 7.

The morning will begin at 8.45am and conclude around 1pm. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to attend and cheer on the students. Feel free to bring your togs if you are able to help out in the pool on the day.

FUNDRAISERS:

Please support:-

- **Battery World** – Send in all used batteries and place in collection bin outside office.
- **Cartridge World** - Spend $10 instore on cartridge refills and Cartridge World will donate $1 for each refill OR place reusable empty cartridges in the school’s Recycle Box.

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAYS

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SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is offered at our school. Application forms are available from the office.

Our school banking day is Monday. Books are returned to students on Wednesdays.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

Please note that the only prizes available to order at the moment are: Money box, booklight, pen pod and usb stick.

WANTED

If you have any second hand school uniforms in good condition that you would be willing to donate to the P&C (especially smaller sized boys shorts), please bring them up to the school office before the holidays.

Thank you.

HONEY:

Our famous Hill Honey is now available! Cost is $3.50 per jar. Please see the office for your supplies.
### Dates to Remember

**November:**
- 21: Swimming Carnival P-7
- 28: Helpers Morning Tea

**December:**
- 06: Xmas Hoy at Magpies 9am
- 06: Glenella Carols Night
- 11: Year 7 Graduation
- 14: Rewards Day
- 14: Last Day Term 4

### Xmas Hoy Baking Return

I ……………………………………… am able to bake for the Christmas Hoy morning. I will provide the following baked goods:

……………………………………
……………………………………

### Hoy Help 2013

**Please return by 3/12/12**

Name: _____________________________

Telephone: _________________________

I am / am not able to help with Hoy for 2013. I am interested in:-

- Caller
- Runner
- Grocery shopper
- Wherever needed

### Year 7 Graduation

Please return by 23rd November

My Year 7 student will / will not be attending the Graduation Dinner.

NAME: _____________________________

No. Parents attending: ________
No. Children attending: ________
(please include graduating student)
THANK YOU
We think a huge THANK YOU is in order for our parent helpers who came out in force for our last working bee for the year. They have done an amazing job cleaning paths and walkways, creating new gardens with retaining walls and planting a bush tucker garden for our students to enjoy for many years to come. The grounds are looking fantastic. You have all done a wonderful job.