Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members:

Further to my article in our last newsletter, EQ policy states, “every day counts” for every one of our students! At Glenella SS we also encourage students to promptly arrive at school and class throughout the day as “every minute counts” when we are talking about students’ learning time. The following table is another way of clearly showing why this needs to be acknowledged:

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<th>If Your Child Misses</th>
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<td>1 day per fortnight</td>
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<td>1 day per week</td>
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<td>2 days per week</td>
<td>80 days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 5 years</td>
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<td>120 days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
<td>Equal to finishing in Yr 4</td>
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Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support of our Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 21st November. It was encouraging to see so many families attend and assist throughout the morning. It was also wonderful to watch students display the skills they have developed over our five week school swimming program. We look forward to again offering a swimming carnival in 2013 as a culmination of our school swimming program.

We also look forward to your attendance at our End of Year Christmas Concert on Thursday 6th December in the school Hall. This year we look forward to using a real ‘stage’ and displaying our new ‘sets’ that are currently being constructed using funds from our hugely successful Art Show. If families could please donate any water (not oil) based house paint to help us complete the ‘sets’ this would be greatly appreciated. Any colour house paint, including black, in any size tin/sample pot would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Wilcox as soon as possible with any donations.

Another bonus for the evening will be that our new Hall Ceiling Fan will help to ensure we are comfortable throughout the student’s performances. The purchase of the fan was made possible by the financial support of the P & C Association, and also through the generous donation received by the P & C Building Fund from the Macrossan & Amiet Charitable Foundation. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge and thank the P & C Association and the Macrossan & Amiet Charitable Foundation for enabling the purchase of this ceiling fan to take place for the benefit of the entire school community.

Please note the date claimers in the Dates to Remember section of our Newsletter to help ensure your participation in the activities that will take place over the remaining few weeks of the school year.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

REPORT CARDS
Report Cards will go home to families during the last two weeks of school. Please read these carefully as they provide details of the learning achievement of each student.
REWARDS DAY

Rewards Day this term will be held on Friday 14th December.
Eligible students from Prep-Yr 7 will be travelling to Mount Pleasant Cinema

Students P-2 will see “Tinkerbell & the Secret of the Wings”
Cost is $6.00 per child

Students in Yrs 3-7 will see “Rise of the Guardians”
Cost is $8.00 per child

Please see note attached to this newsletter regarding payment instructions.
Bus costs will be met by the P&C

CLASSROOM AWARDS
Our annual Classroom Awards will be presented at Assembly on Monday 10th December. Parents will be notified in advance about recipients of these awards. All parents, grandparents etc are encouraged to come along.

GRADUATION DINNER – YEAR 7:
The Graduation Dinner will be held on Tuesday 11th December commencing at 6:30pm at Magpies Sporting Complex.
We require payment for meals by Friday 30th November please.
Graduating Year 7 student’s meals will be paid for by the P&C. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Glenella P&C Association.
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.

THANK YOU
We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful band of Religious Education volunteers. These people come into our school in their own time to teach our students social morals, principles and values. We wish you all the very best for the Christmas season and look forward to seeing you in 2013.
LIBRARY NEWS

Books! Books! Books!
The Library will be closed for borrowing books from Friday 30th November and Home Readers from Friday 7th December.

ALL Library books and equipment MUST be returned by these dates.

Send in all overdue books NOW. Accounts for “lost” books will be sent home. Please return payment to the office in a clearly marked/named envelope.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 09/11/12:
Kaden Muscat, Matt Goodson, Cooper Frost, Tia Humphrey, Kate Gibbons, Claire O’Loughlin, Amy Tappert, Kyle Jewell, Ella Jackson, Nyah McNamara, Zoe Whyte, Max Mitchell, Taylah Rouse, Lauren Owen and Damon Funk.

Week Ending 16/11/12:
Faith Penola, Allixx Yankus-Higson, Maria Biju, Jordan Russell, Ayshia Rouse, Seb Cali, Travis Fischer, Cody Carroll, Dylan Phelan, Kieara Devecchi and Alex Mau.

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAYS

North Mackay High 4th Dec
Mackay State High 10th Dec
Holy Spirit 3rd Dec
Mercy College 29th Nov

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:
We still have some jars of our famous Hill Honey available! Cost is $3.50 per jar. Please see the office for your supplies.

MORNING TEA FOR HELPERS
We will be holding our Morning Tea for Helpers next Wednesday 28th November. We would love as many helpers as possible to attend so we can say thank you. Please let the ladies in the office know if you will be present.
**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, soft drink, small glass dishes, toiletries of any kind, tea towels, placemats, washers, Christmas mugs & glasses, decorative candles, bon bons, 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.

29<sup>th</sup> Nov  Keri McNamara  
   Nikki Vorster  
Shoppers  Annalees Jackson  
   Kylie Garton

6<sup>th</sup> Dec  Christmas Hoy  
   All Helpers and shoppers required

**Sincere thanks to all ladies who were involved with Hoy for 2012. The funds raised (OVER $5,000 THIS YEAR) benefit our students significantly and your efforts are very much appreciated by students and staff alike. Thank you!**

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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.

Next week is the last week that prizes can be ordered to ensure delivery before the end of the year. Please note that the only prizes available to order at the moment are: Money box, booklight, pen pod and usb stick.

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**CALENDAR**

Mark **THIS DATE**

**November:**
28  Helpers Morning Tea

**December:**
06  Xmas Hoy at Magpies 9am  
06  Christmas Concert  
10  Awards Ceremony  
11  Year 7 Graduation  
14  Rewards Day  
14  Last Day Term 4

**January 2013:**
29  First Day Term 1
**XMAS HOY BAKING RETURN**

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

…………………………………

**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:

______________________________________________________________

(Please print clearly)

**HOY HELP 2013**

**PLEASE RETURN BY 7/12/12**

Name:

____________________________

Telephone:

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

Caller □
Runner □
Grocery shopper □
Wherever needed □