FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

We thank you for your patience, co-operation and flexibility during the recent wet weather. Unfortunately, our hall became inundated with water Tuesday night, but all is now back to normal activities.

There have been a number of contractors in the school attending to school maintenance issues. This has included some major flooring works in our amenities block which has meant we have had to close the amenities and Eating Area. Whilst the outcome is worth the minor inconvenience, we look forward to celebrating the new flooring as completion of the next stage of refurbishment of the amenities area. Routines should be back to normal next week. In the meantime we have made good use of the Hall facilities. We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation during this time.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in some additional activities next week during our last week of Term. Activities will include:

- Prep to Yr 3 students participating in the Easter Bonnet Parade from 2:30pm on Tuesday 27th March.
- Choral Festival students attending MECC from 6:50pm on Tuesday 27th March.
- All students (who have not received three or more Yellow Cards) will participate in Term 1 Behaviour Reward Day activities on Friday 30th March. This Term we are combining this day with a Schools Crazy Hair Day fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation
(World’s Greatest Shave). Students will be given the opportunity to wear sun-safe ‘free dress’ (closed in shoes) and come to school with coloured/styled hair to participate in a Crazy Hair Parade from 9am in the Hall. In order to participate in this event students are requested to bring a gold coin donation which will be forwarded on to the Leukaemia Foundation. We also must request all products, sprays etc used in students hair must be applied at home. None of these products are to be brought to school. Following this, students will be able to participate in a Disco (all classes together) complete with games etc to help them enjoy this reward. Classroom teachers will organise Easter and other ‘fun’ activities for the remaining parts of the day.

I’m sure all are aware the roadworks on Hill End Road have been interrupted by the wet weather! The current road conditions are very unpleasant! Coupled with this the upgrade to roads around the school means we have to drive extremely carefully. Safety continues to be paramount especially when people are attempting to cross the road. Please be aware there will be on-going inconvenience during Term 2 as work continues. Whilst some works had been planned for the school holiday period, it is now likely this work will be delayed. Please continue to be understanding and patient as we return to school next Term. We thank you for your on-going patience and consideration.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holidays. Please remember from this year onwards we will have a two week break for Easter School Holidays and students and staff will all resume for Term 2 on Monday 16th April.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

PERMISSION FORMS
We still have some permission forms outstanding. Please return your completed permission form as soon as possible. Children are unable to take part in any school activities until these forms have been completed, signed and returned.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Taylah Rouse who made the Northern Suburbs Netball team to play in the Mackay and District Trials to be held on 26th March.

Congratulations also to Tyler Duck who has made the Mackay and District Basketball team to compete at the Capricornia Trials in Rockhampton on 19th & 20th April.

Congratulations to Zac Meyer who has made the Northern Suburbs AFL team who will be competing at the Mackay District competition on 28th March.

Good luck Taylah, Tyler & Zac!!

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS: We are offering students in years 3-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. If you are interested, please take note of the dates below. These tests are not compulsory.

Cost is $15.00 for the writing competition, $10.00 for the Spelling and $7.00 for each of the other competitions.

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Students of the Week

Week Ending 09/03/12

Jemmi Miles, Kaden Muscat, Maria Biju, Cameron Treloar, Breeanna Taylor, Amy Tappert, Ella Toonen, Adam Treloar, Madison Contor, Isaac Galea, Zoe Whyte, Tate Brodel and Kasey Trainor.

ELECTION DAY STALL

The Glenella State School P&C will be holding an Election Day Stall outside the Prep Building on Saturday 24th March.

Items for sale will include baked goods, school honey and cold drinks. Baking is to be sent to school on Friday or to the stall early Saturday morning please. Thank you to all who have volunteered to bake and/or man the stall. Encourage your family and friends to come along and support our school.

TRIVIA NIGHT – 18th May

Get your groups of 10 adults organised and book a table for a fun filled evening. This is a great opportunity to mingle with other parents and teachers from our school. There will be prizes on the night. More information will be in coming newsletters.
ANZAC DAY: ANZAC day is rapidly approaching. This year, our school’s ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held on Monday 23rd April as part of our morning assembly. Parents, Grandparents etc, are welcome to attend. The public ANZAC Day March will be held on Wednesday 25th April. We ask that all students who are interested in taking part in the march, complete the attached form at the back of this newsletter and return it to the office by

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART.

EASTER BONNET PARADE
Students from Prep to Year 3 have been busy making Easter bonnets over the past week in preparation for our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. Our parade will be held in the hall on Tuesday 27th March at 2.30pm. Parents and Friends are invited to come along and join the fun.

CHORAL FESTIVAL
Mr Hamilton and the students involved in this year’s Choral Festival have been working hard at rehearsals for their performance. The students are also required to attend rehearsal this Sunday from 11.30am – 3.30pm at Mercy College Hall. The performance is to be held on Tuesday 27th April at the Mackay Entertainment Centre. Tickets are available for $15 each from the MECC. Please be aware that they do sell out very quickly.

HOY
Thank you to all who have volunteered for Hoy. We would love to hear from more people who could possibly help out once a month. It’s a fun way to meet other parents. Please call Joanne Wallace on 49550865.

Roster for next fortnight:
29 March Kathy Owen
Shoppers: Kylie, Lisa
Jane, Kym

5 April Keri McNamara
Niki Vorster
Shoppers: Annalees, Michelle
Natalie, Jenny
P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY
Thanks to the families who have supported our fundraising levy. Please help the school financially by supporting the levy system. Rates are:-

- 1 child only $15.00 per term or $60 per year.
- 2 or more children $20.00 per term or $80 per year.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held after the holidays on Monday 30th April at 7pm.

EARTH HOUR
The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is hosting the 2012 Earth Hour on Saturday 31st March from 8.30pm-9.30pm. Earth Hour is a global event that is focused on how individual, government and corporate actions can collectively reduce our carbon footprint through behaviour change such as turning off lights and other unnecessary electrical appliances. Switching off is a simple act, yet a hugely powerful one, making a statement that we care about the planet. With over 5000 cities and 135 countries taking part, Earth Hour has grown into the world’s largest community driven campaign for the planet. It’s YOUR Earth Hour!

THANK YOU
We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Lorna Andrews and Carmel O’Loughlin who have been volunteering their time in our school library. These wonderful ladies have been busy repairing and covering books, sorting shelves and tending to the many other library tasks that build up during the term. We really do appreciate everything you do!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:
24  Election Day Cake Stall
25  Choral Festival Practice
27  Easter Bonnet Parade
27  Choral Festival
30  Rewards/Crazy Hair Day

April:
16  First day Term 2
19  King/Queen of the Hill
23  ANZAC Ceremony
25  ANZAC March
30  P & C Meeting 7pm

May:
18  Trivia Night
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.

Watch over our school during the holidays

With the holidays approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Let’s work together to help create a safer school community!

Mackay Rugby Union Holiday Programme
to be held at 28 Quarry Street North Mackay from Monday 2/4/12 to Wednesday 4/4/12 from 8.30am-3pm
Cost: $30 per day for $60 for 3 days
Age: 6-13 Year olds
Please contact Ryan Dunnett on 0427 176797 for more info.

Gymnastics
School holiday fun for primary school aged children at Mackay Gymnastics: Wednesday 4th April and Friday 13 April, 2012 at Swayne St, North Mackay 9.30 – 11 a.m. Cost only $15 per child. A great way to get children active and out of the house. Numbers are limited so please book. Phone 49 53 1425

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL FAMILIES A SAFE, HAPPY AND RELAXING EASTER BREAK. WE WILL SEE YOU ALL NEXT TERM.

ANZAC DAY MARCH 25 APRIL

Student Name/s...........................................
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WILL / WILL NOT
be marching in the Anzac Parade.

Please return this form no later than FRIDAY 20TH APRIL.
A MESSAGE FROM YEAR 5/6

Hi, for those that don’t know me, my name is Mr Josh Gurr, and I am currently teaching Year 5/6 until the end of Term 2. Mrs Leonie Wilcox will replace me for Terms 3 & 4. Here are a few things about our class.…

Our class captains for the month of February were Tyler Duck and Skye Cairns. Our current Class Captains for March are Jayda Garton and Claudia Mitchell.

Class Captains are given many responsibilities such as line leaders, peer support and tutoring, taking care/watching over the class if I am attending to a phone call or responding to an emergency. Class Captains are chosen every 4 weeks and have displayed responsibility, improvement in their class work, leadership and respect towards others.

We are currently working on a number of projects and assignments in class.

**English**  Creating a persuasive text

**Science**  Changing States of matter including evaporation and condensation

**S.O.S.E.**  PowerPoint presentation on a Natural Disaster

**Art/Technology**  Colour Art using a variety of techniques and processes

We are currently calling for donations of empty 600ml and 1.5l clear plastic bottles and pieces of wool of all different colours and sizes. Just drop any of these items off at the Year 5/6 classroom. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Joshua Gurr & Year 5/6
HOY HELP
DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Hoy has been our school’s major fundraiser for the past 30 years. Just last year Hoy made a profit of over $7,200. The funds from Hoy are used to support our students in many areas such as bus travel, excursions, library resources, environmental programs and various other school resources. Our school depends on Hoy which negates the need for other fundraising ventures such as raffles and chocolate drives etc.

The funds raised from Hoy DIRECTLY benefit your children!

Unfortunately we have lost a number of helpers over the past few months and we DESPERATELY need volunteers to keep this vital program running. Ideally we would require 10 helpers. This would mean that each person would only need to work one morning every 5 weeks.

Hoy is held each Thursday morning at Magpies. It is a game similar to Bingo. We also run raffles and a small cent sale each week. The morning begins at 9am and finishes around 11.30am. As a Helper you would be required to sell tickets, check player’s boards and hand out prizes. It’s that simple!!

If you have not yet been involved with Hoy, now is the time to put up your hand!

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

Please contact Joanne Wallace on 0419 768 457 for more information. Please complete the return below and send up to the school office ASAP.

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I am / am not able to help with Hoy for 2012.