FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

I hope our families are enjoying the many activities that are taking place this Term and we thank you for your ongoing support and interest in our school. **Strong parent and community engagement** is measured in a variety of ways including the belief that Parents are encouraged to take a genuine and close interest in the work of the school, are acknowledged as the first teachers of their children, i.e. the ‘teaching team at home’ who work with the ‘teaching team at school’, and engage as partners in their children’s learning.

We would like to thank our families for their strong support of our participation in **ANZAC Day** ceremonies this year. We had a record number of students join us to march in the Mackay service. This is not only a positive indicator for school community relations but also a positive sign for our future generations around the significance of this day.

This week our Yr 6/7 class were featured on the Channel 7 Local News as part of their participation in the **Janes Creek Co-operative Science Project**. Glenella SS is the first and only school in the region participating in this project and we would like to acknowledge and thank teacher Leonie Wilcox for driving our Reef Guardian School work. In partnership with Mackay Canegrowers and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) our students are studying the Gooseponds catchment area and human impact on the waterway as part of their Term 2 Biology studies in Science. As you could see by our students smiling faces on the news, they are really enjoying this curriculum work and I can already see they are looking forward to their field trip on Thursday next week as part of this project.
Congratulations to our **Interschool Debating Team** of Shaye Hubner, Lauren Owen, Tate Brodel and Luke Fagan on their success in round 1 of the competition last week. They will continue their participation in this competition next week as they debate the topic “students should be allowed mobile phones at school”.

Our School Crossing Supervisors who began working on our new school crossing from the beginning of this term have been doing a wonderful job and we thank them for becoming such a valuable part of the Glenella school community. Feedback to date from the ladies is very positive in regards to our students and parents use of this crossing. It is the feedback around the road users that is of concern. This zone is 40km during the times that the crossing is in operation to assist with the safety of those using the crossing. If we are modelling this then perhaps the trucks and work vehicles that use Hill End Rd will change their behaviours!

Our **Working Bee** has been moved to **Sunday 26th May** from 9am meeting in the staff car park at the Hall end of the school and our next **P&C Meeting** will be held on **Monday 27th May**. As usual we will meet in the Library from 7pm onwards. We look forward to another large group of parents joining us, even if it means we have to share the yummy home-bake with more people!!!!!!

Please remember my door is always open and it is important that I am aware of any ‘questions, queries, hassles & hang-ups’ you might have so that I can follow-up, investigate if required and then give you the feedback you are seeking. Effective communication is an exchange between members of the school community and the school that involves information sharing and opportunities to learn about each other.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

**CANBERRA FUNDRAISING**
All chocolate money and/or unsold chocolates are to be returned by Friday 31st May. Our next fundraiser will be a Pie/Lamington Drive. Forms will be handed out during the first week of June.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Week Ending: 19/04/13
Kaitlin Naylor, Lily Cashman, Ella Chappell, Connor Chappell, Angelica Lotz, Kate Gibbons, Olivia Williams, Tyler Shackleton, Adam Treloar, Jayden Tower, Tayla DeWet, Bethany Rogers, Josh Vorster and Maddison Rogers.

Week Ending: 26/04/13
Nicholas Hetherington, Emmett Counsell, Holly Williams, Coby Cabassi, Jorji Upton, Ella Plattfuss, Carley Mercer and Jake Masters.

BIRTHDAYS:
We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday for the month of May:
Cameron Barnard, Johnathan Beazley, Dakota Cairns, Connor Chappell, Ella Chappell, Emmett Counsell, Lawson Darmanin, Mia Finch, Cooper Frost, Harry Laing, Jaxon Maluga, Riley McCabe, Charly Milborrow, Claudia Mitchell, Emma Riggs, Chase Tee, Cameron Treloar, Jorji Upton, Florence Walsh and Zoe Whyte.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS: We are offering students in years 3-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. Please take note of the dates below. These tests are not compulsory. Cost is $17.00 for the writing competition, $11.00 for the Spelling and $8.00 for each of the other competitions.

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REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE
Recently Tyler Duck competed in the Capricornia Basketball Trials in Rockhampton. From these trials Tyler has been invited to be a member of the Capricornia School Sport 12 yrs Boys Basketball Team to compete in the Queensland School Sport Basketball Championships to be held in Cairns from Thursday 13th June.

Congratulations Tyler on an excellent job and best of luck!
**HOY ROSTER**

9th May
Runners: Nikkie Vorster
Jenny O’Loughlin

Shoppers: Paula Mudge
Kym Mitchell

M/Tea: Nat Schmidt
Mandy Treloar

16th May
Runners: Kathy Owen
Michelle Burgess

Shoppers: Maryanne Funston
Jordana Darmanin

M/Tea: Michelle Burgess
Tracey Purdy

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to the Morgan/Lawlor family on the birth of their new baby daughter and sister, Montana Eva Faith Lawlor.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

We are asking for donations of small gifts that will be for sale at our stall from $1 - $5.

Some examples are: Candles, Earrings, nice notepads and pens, photo frames, ornaments, bath goodies, pretty pots with seeds, anything really that smells good, looks pretty or sparkles (no aerosols please).

The stall will be held in the hall on Friday 10th May. We would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help with gift wrapping gifts before the day.

Please contact Kym Mitchell on 0410 616165

Please encourage your child to bring along a few dollars on Friday 10th May to buy their deserved Mum a special gift to say thank you.

Gift donations can be handed in to the office before next Thursday.

Thank you for your support.
MONEY COLLECTION

♦ P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY: Thanks to the families who have paid the fundraising levy. Please help the school financially by supporting the levy system. 1 child only $15 per term, 2 or more children $20 per term.

♦ BOOK CLUB: Book Club Order Forms were sent home last week. All orders and payment MUST be received by the office no later than Monday 6th May. If paying by cheque, please make out to “Glenella State School”.

WINTER SCHOOL JACKETS
Royal Blue zip-up jackets in sizes 6-12 are now available for $17.00 each. Please come and visit our uniform shop near the school office each Monday and Friday morning from 8.30am.

FUNDRAISERS

♦ Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre Run Around Australia
This fundraiser is on again. Customers simply present Mount Pleasant shopping receipts to the Customer Service Desk during the promotional period and nominate Glenella School. Quick drop boxes are also available in the centre or alternatively you can bring your dockets to the school office. We have been very successful in this promotion in the past. The competition will run until 26th May 2013. There are fantastic prizes to be won. Get collecting today!!

♦ Woolworths Earn and Learn. Bring all of your Woolworths Stickers/Sticker Charts into the office. The more stickers we collect, the more points we will receive. These points can then be redeemed against a choice of school resources including books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials.
HEAD LICE PREVENTION
P&C have a headlice treatment for sale in the school office. The product is called Hit Nitz 4 6. It is a complete system of treatment and prevention. 100% natural with no poisons or chemicals. Cost is $19.95 for the Once Off Lotion and $15.95 for the Daily Control Spray.

WORKING BEE
The P&C will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday 26th May from 9am. This working bee will focus on a variety of maintenance jobs as well as gardening and general school cleanup. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER
May:
09 Yr 5/6/7 Field Trip
10 Mother’s Day Stall
14 NAPLAN
15 NAPLAN
16 NAPLAN
26 Working Bee
27 P&C Meeting 7pm
31 Canberra Choc $ due

June:
03 Pie Drive Forms out
10 Queens Jubilee Holiday
18 Glenella Sports Day
20 Mackay Show Holiday
21 Rewards/Last Day Term 2

EMAIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE
We, the ____________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email. Our email address is below:
__________________________________________
__________________________________________
(Please print clearly)
MOTHERS DAY
We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mothers Day for next Sunday 12th May. We do hope you are pampered and spoilt in some way for all the ‘thankless’ tasks that you perform each and every day.

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.

The Annual Farleigh Palm Fete will be held at the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens. Sunday 19th May, 8am-1pm. Mackay’s largest annual garden markets. A variety of food stalls available. Phone Farleigh State School on 49598229 for more information.

RSPCA Million Paws Walk is to be held at the Gooseponds on Sunday 19th May. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Register on the day from 7.30am. Sponsorship forms are also available from the school office. For more info call 34269943 or go to www.millionpawswalk.com.au

JOIN THE WALK TO RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR ANIMAL CARE IN QLD.