FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Thank you for your supportive start to a very busy Term. It is encouraging to see so many parents at our school on a daily basis helping in so many ways. We again had a large number of families represented at our April P&C Meeting and we appreciate the on-going assistance P&C offers the students and staff at our school.

Free event — support your child’s wellbeing and learning. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend a free event on Tuesday 8 May 2012 with respected child and teenage psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. There is a very strong link between the wellbeing of young people, and their ability to learn and achieve in education. Dr Carr-Gregg will outline ways that you can support your child’s wellbeing at home, which will in turn help them during their school years. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn practical ideas and tips from a nationally-recognised expert, and meet with parents from other schools in the area to discuss shared issues and interests. The parent information session is being held at the Ocean International, 1 Bridge Road Illawong Beach, Mackay at 6:30 – 8:00pm on Tuesday 8th May 2012 – light refreshments will be available. To RSVP, please email eventregistration@deta.qld.gov.au or phone 3235 9072 today, if you have not already done so. I will be attending a Principal session with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg as part of our school involvement in this great opportunity.

As reported in our last Newsletter the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9.
This year testing will take place on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May with any absent students completing missed tests on Friday 18th May where possible. Please note that strict rules are in place around the implementation of NAPLAN and Parents/Care Givers who have any questions about their child’s participation should contact me immediately.

Thank you to all the students and families that participated in our ANZAC Day activities this year. It was lovely to see the older students run our ANZAC School Assembly which allowed students to formally acknowledge this important day as part of our school routine. It was also pleasing to see families again support our participation in the Mackay ANZAC Day March. It was especially pleasing to see the number of younger students who participated. We certainly appreciate the help and support offered by all who participated this year.

A number of sporting successes have been enjoyed by our students over the last couple of weeks. Tate Brodel and Cody Carroll were selected in the Under 10 Mackay & District Rugby League Team and on the weekend of April 28 & 29 the boys travelled to Rockhampton to contest the Intercity Challenge. This Challenge involved teams from Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Gladstone & Mackay. The Under 10 Team won this Challenge and Tate took out a ‘man of the match’ award in one of the games. Congratulations to you both on your efforts!

Meanwhile back at school, our Yr 3 to 7 students were also taking part in our annual Cross Country event with a number of outstanding performances being achieved. Congratulations to Lacey Harding (Queen of the Hill) and Liam De Thomasis (King of the Hill). We then successfully hosted the Northern Suburbs Cross Country trials last Friday. The event was held in our school grounds and was a great success. Thank you to all the staff who made both these events so successful with all your ‘behind the scenes’ efforts. I am happy to announce that both Liam and Lacey were selected in the Northern Suburbs Teams and they will now attend the Mackay & District Trials at Sarina Golf Course next Friday. We wish these students all the best at this event.
I continue to enjoy every day as Principal of this wonderful school and with continued positive relationships between our students, staff and families our successes will only continue to grow. If you feel the same way, spread the good word amongst the Mackay community so our school can continue to flourish and be acknowledged for its on-going efforts!

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Week Ending 13/04/12:
Kyron Ollington, Sebastian Stehbens, Katlyn Tappert, Cooper Frost, Kirra Tower, Drew Lawn, Stephanie Ivey, Ella Jackson, Max Mitchell, Cory Shackleton, Dylan Phelan, Chloe Cameron, Ethan Upton and Brittany Masters.

Week Ending 27/04/12:
Adanna Clark, Savannah Ivey Calan Bowman, Sarah-Maree Valmadre, Brianna Holmes, Kate Gibbons, Connor Barnard, Amil Biju, Jayden Tower, Madison Contor, Lachlan Wallace, Tiffany Osborne, Maddison Rogers, Charly Milborrow, Lauren Owen and Liam DeThomasis.

CROCHET
Can you crochet? Helpers are needed in the Year 6/7 classroom to work with students learning to crochet. Parents, grandparents, friends or neighbours are welcome.
Helpers would be required on a Wednesday from approx 12-1pm beginning early June. If you think you can help, please contact Miss Hunt in the 6/7 classroom.

Thank you to all staff and students who proudly marched in the Mackay City ANZAC parade. Thank you also to Isaac Penola and Will Young for conducting our school ANZAC ceremony which was a wonderful success.
BIRTHDAYS:
We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday for the month of May:
Cameron Barnard, Mia Finch, Harry Laing, Lawson Darmanin, Cooper Frost, Cameron Treloar, Florence Walsh, Dakota Cairns, Emma Riggs, Chase Tee, Zoe Whyte, Charly Milborrow, Claudia Mitchell, Jake Philip, Sarah Desailly and Chloe Turner.

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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PLEASE HELP
Unfortunately at the end of last term we lost a number of our Hoy helpers and are now in DESPERATE NEED.

It would be unfortunate if this fundraiser was to cease due to lack of support, but under the current conditions, this is a very real possibility. This would mean a loss of nearly $7,000 per year in profit for our school.
If you can help out in ANY way, please contact Joanne Wallace as soon as possible on 49550865.

HOY ROSTER

10th May
Runners: Joanne Wallace
Katrina
Shoppers: Lisa Matthews
Kylie Garton

17th May
Runners: Niki Vorster
Keri McNamara
Shoppers: Annalees Jackson
Michelle Phillips

REMINDER
MONDAY 7TH MAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.
**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.

The stall will be set up in the hall on Friday 11th May at lunch time.

Please encourage your child to bring along a few dollars on Friday 11th May to buy their deserved Mum a special gift to say thank you.

Gift donations can be handed in to the office in the mornings.

Please send all donations to school by next Wednesday 9th May.

Thank you for your support.

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**PREP NEWS**

**Book Donations Wanted!**

We are looking for a range of books to supplement our literacy program. Any childrens books, kids magazines (My Little Pony & KZone), some very easy basic picture dictionaries (board books with colours, shapes, ABC etc.) would be gratefully welcomed. If you have books that you’d like to see go to a new home, please consider sending them into us!

Thank you

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Glenella State School P&C is holding a Trivia Night on Friday 18th May at 7pm in the school hall. Come along for a fun filled evening of questions and riddles. This is 18+ event. Cost is $10 per table (up to 10 people). Each table is to supply their own nibbles on the night. Beverages will be available for purchase. All money raised will benefit our children.

Please complete the return at the end of this newsletter and send in to the school office by Wednesday 16th May.
MONEY COLLECTION

♦ **Theatre in Education Show**
The performance “Excuse me, I was here first!” will be presented by Theatre in Education to students in Years P–7 on Tuesday 22nd May. Please return $5.50 per student in a clearly marked envelope by **WEDNESDAY 16th MAY**.

♦ **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 have been sent home. Orders and payment need to be returned by **Tuesday 8th May**. If paying by cheque, please make out to “Glenella State School”.

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 docket to the school office. We have been very successful in this promotion in the past. The competition will run until 22nd June 2012. There are fantastic prizes to be won. Get collecting today!!

WINTER SCHOOL JACKETS
Stocks of Royal Blue zip-up jackets in sizes 6-12 are now available for $17.00 each from the office. We also have a number of second hand jackets (great condition) available for $5.00 each.

HEAD LICE PREVENTION
P&C have a new head lice 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.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May:
- 7 Labor Day Public Holiday
- 15 NAPLAN
- 16 NAPLAN
- 17 NAPLAN
- 18 Trivia Night

June:
- 11 Queens Jubilee Holiday
- 20 Glenella Sports Day
- 21 Mackay Show Holiday
- 22 Last Day Term 2

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**MOTHERS DAY**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mothers Day for next Sunday 14th May. We do hope you are pampered and spoilt in some way for all the ‘thankless’ tasks that you perform each and every day.

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**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 20th 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 20th May. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more info on how to register call 34269943 or go to www.millionpawswalk.com.au

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

I, ______________________ would like to book a table for the Trivia Night to be held on Friday 18th May. We will have ______ people at our table. I have enclosed the $10 table fee.
THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENTS ARE PAID ADVERTISING.
ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT GLENELLA SCHOOL OFFICE ON 49692333.