FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Our busy Term 2 continues, it is hard to believe but we are already half way through and there is plenty more to keep us all busy in the weeks ahead!

We can now say the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2012 is completed for another year! Thank you to our students who participated well and maintained good behaviour throughout the testing. Thank you to our parents who supported us from home in so many ways. This year our new initiative of a NAPLAN breakfast was not only well supported by families in relation to donations, but also enjoyed by the students who ‘tucked in’ each morning! Thank you also to our staff who continue to help our students to reach their potential on a daily basis and who assisted with the NAPLAN breakfast, implemented the Testing program and ensured all classrooms across the school were kept ‘on task’ throughout the week. We all look forward to receiving the school and student results towards the end of this year.

Next week state schools across Queensland will celebrate State Education Week 2012 from Sunday 20th May to Saturday 26th May by opening their doors to the community. The annual week-long celebration is an opportunity to recognise the talent and achievements of students and teachers in state schools, and showcase their wonderful work to the wider community. Given we operate an ‘open door’ policy at Glenella SS, we not only encourage, but we welcome visitors and helpers in our classrooms. During next week we would like family members such as parents and grandparents to find time to call in to our classrooms, even for a short visit,
to see the wonderful things that take place in our classrooms on a regular basis. Perhaps you could walk your children/grandchildren to school and call in to the classroom as part of the experience. We would also like to acknowledge that Friday 25th May is P&C Day, an opportunity to recognise the contribution parents and citizens' associations make to state school communities across Queensland. At Glenella SS we continue to be very well supported by our active P&C Association in a variety of ways. We all appreciate the efforts of our P&C members and value their contribution to our school.

This Friday night our P&C Association are running an adult only Trivia Night in the School Hall from 7pm. If you haven’t already made a team of up to 10 people (18+) then come along on the night and you can join one. Teams will pay a $10 entrance fee to participate in a fun-filled evening of questions and riddles. We really hope you can take a night off from your normal routine to join us, and yes staff are taking part as well! This is yet another way P&C are raising funds to assist the school and therefore the students, i.e. your children. We look forward to sharing a fun night with plenty of laughs!

We would also like to acknowledge that last Friday was National Admin Day. This day helps us to acknowledge the great work of Administration workers across the country. At Glenella SS we are particularly lucky to have Natalie Vella and Kylie Garton who work tirelessly to keep the administrative side of our school running smoothly. On behalf of the entire school community, we thank you for your daily commitment to your roles and to our wonderful school.

Thank you all for your on-going support of our school, together we make a great team who share a great school!

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following students 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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 27/04/12:

Week Ending 04/05/12:

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.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS:
We are offering students in years 3-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. 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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APPLE SLINKY FOR CANCER
As part of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, which supports cancer research, the students from Year 7 will be holding Apple Slinky mornings from Monday 21st May to Friday 25th May. Apple slinky machines will be set up in the undercover area at Morning Tea. All students are invited to bring their own apple from home and pay 50c to have it “SLINKIED”. Please support this fantastic cause and at the same time teach healthy eating habits to our children. All funds will be donated to Cancer Council Queensland.

FREE DRESS DAY
Some students from our school will be participating in the Relay for Life 2012. Relay for Life is an international event involving teams walking around a track overnight for 18 hours to celebrate cancer survival and fundraise to fight back against Cancer. All funds raised are invested in Cancer Council Queensland’s research, patient support services and education programs. To help our students fundraise we will be holding a Free Dress Day next Friday 25th May. Please send in a gold coin donation on the day.

MCDONALDS MATHS COMPETITION
This year’s McDonalds Maths competition will be held on Tuesday 29th May at Whitsunday Anglican School. Students competing are: Lauren Owen, Shaye Hubner, Freya Swinbourne, Orannia Ninness and Isaac Penola. Good Luck!

YEAR 7 NEWS
Mrs Shelley Lewis, Principal and Mr Ian Luck, Year 8 Co-ordinator of North Mackay High School will visit the Year 7 classroom on Thursday 24th May for a discussion regarding scholarship opportunities. Students will be given application forms to take home.

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FUNDRAISERS:
Please support:-

- **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!!

- **Woolworths Earn and Learn** – Collect stickers everytime you shop at Woolworths. Stick them onto your sticker chart and drop them into the box in the school office. Extra sticker charts are also available from the office.

- **Aluminium cans collection**

- **Cartridge World** - Spend $10 instore on cartridge refills OR place reusable empty cartridges in the school’s Cartridge World Recycle Box.

HEALTHY EATS

Keeping in line with our school’s healthy eating policy, we encourage all parents to prepare healthy snacks for your children’s lunch boxes. Here are a few ideas:

- Plain Popcorn
- Hard boiled Egg
- Tub of yoghurt
- Dried Fruit & Nut packs
- Cheese (sticks/cubes/etc)
- Chicken Legs
- Celery filled with peanut butter, creamed cheese or vegemite
- Cheese and crackers
- Meatballs or Patties
- Carrot/celery sticks with dip
- Scones/muffins/crumpets
- Piklets
- Pasta Bake
- Rice Salad
- Canned Fish
- Soup

Next newsletter we will cover some yummy sandwich fillings. If you have any healthy recipes that you would like included in this section, please send them in to the office.
MONEY COLLECTION

♦ P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY: Thanks to the families who have paid the fundraising levy. Receipts will be issued. 1 child only $15 per term, 2 or more children $20 per term.

♦ 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 send $5.50 per student in a clearly marked envelope if you have not already done so.

MEDICATION FOR ASTHMA SUFFERERS: With the cooler weather approaching and lots of sporting activities happening, parents please be aware that asthmatic students may need school medical supplies checked, replaced and/or purchased. Please see the office if you require a new medical form. Thanks.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Wow!!
Thanks to your generous donations towards the Mothers Day Stall the P&C raised a total of $540.00.
The look on every child’s face was priceless.
They were all very excited to be able to purchase a gift from the amazing selection on display.
We hope that every Mum, Guardian and Grandmother had a wonderful Mothers Day.
Thank you again for your overwhelming support.
The P&C

SCHOOL BANKING
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program continues to run at our school. Application forms are available from the office.
Our school banking day is Monday. Books are returned to students on Wednesdays.
TRIVIA NIGHT

Glenella State School P&C is holding a Trivia Night this 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.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

UNIFORM SALE

On Monday 21st May our P&C will be holding a Uniform Sale in the Hall after assembly. Shorts, skorts, shirts, hats, jumpers, jackets and track pants will be available. Come along and find plenty of second hand bargains. Our stocks of new winter zip up jackets in all sizes will also be available. Payment can be made by cash or cheque on the day.

P & C PRATTLE

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 4th JUNE AT 7.00PM

The Glenella State School Parents and Citizens Association aims to provide financial or other resources for the benefit of all students. We would love to see as many new faces as possible.

GLENELLA STATE SCHOOL

A large volume of our families are now enjoying receiving their newsletter by email. This not only saves on printing costs, it is also kinder to the environment. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please complete the return below.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE

We, the ______________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email.
Our email address is below:

__________________________________________

(Please print clearly)
Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event encouraging all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event that seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians,
- To ensure that children hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults
- To promote and improve the use of public transport and reduce the level of traffic congestion
- To reduce vehicle emissions to help tackle climate change and improve air quality.
- Walking benefits the environment in terms of less traffic congestion on roads, less pollution and less noise around schools.

When: Friday 18th May
Where: Primary schools Australia wide

DATES TO REMEMBER

May:
18 Trivia Night
21 Uniform Sale in Hall
21-25 Apple Slinky Week
22 Theatre in Education Show
22 ICAS Computer Comp
25 Free Dress Day
29 McDonalds Maths Comp

June:
04 P&C Meeting 7pm
06 ICAS Science Comp
06 Queensland Day
11 Queens Jubilee Holiday
20 Glenella Sports Day
21 Mackay Show Holiday
22 Last Day Term 2

July:
9 First Day Term 3
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 Farleigh School. 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. There are some fantastic prizes to be won! Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more info on how to register call 34269943 or go to www.millionpawswalk.com.au

MACKAY’S GETTING BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE AND FINDING FLEXIBILITY
If you’ve been out of the workforce for a period of time for whatever reason, or just wanting to start working after recently moving here, this event will get you heading in the right direction with the right tools, resources and support. Come to: Souths Leagues Club, Milton St Mackay, Thursday 24 May, 9.00am and 6pm. A selection of employers offering flexible and school-hours employment will be attending the event. To RSVP 4953 2655 or email info@mwredc.org.au

FREE SUPERVISED CHILD MINDING SERVICE available in South’s Nippers Kids Room.

NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - A time to celebrate and appreciate our blessings! Saturday 26th May 10am-3pm at the Mackay Regional Council Civic Precinct. Activities, Entertainment, Food and Drinks. Everything is FREE!

Magpies Northern Beaches AFL – Would you like to be a part of one of Mackay’s fastest growing AFL Clubs. The Magpies AFL is looking for players from Under 9’s; under 11, under 13 and Under 15’s to play in the current competition. It is not too late to join! Enquiries please contact Noel on 0409588454 or Paul on 0438795791 or email noel@u-first.com.au.
Mayfair

Mackay West State School is again holding our Annual School Fair

Sat 26th May from 4pm – 8pm

Amusement rides, Show bags, Face painting, Student Art Auction, Wild Wild West stall, Dart the teacher and a host of other stalls and games. Grocery Wheel, Pluck-a-Duck, Cent Sale, Silent Auction and Cane Toad Races.

Come along and join the fun!

BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE. 2 vacancies available.
Situated in North Mackay. School pick up/drop off.
Selina McGaffin/ Day Care Educator Ph: 4942 7806 or 0421 274 618

SOME PICTURES FROM OUR WONDERFUL MOTHERS DAY STALL