Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our continuing families for the 2013 school year! We would also like to welcome our new teachers to Glenella for 2013 – Mrs Davina Nelson, Mrs Lerryn Tickle and Mrs Fiona Trenaman. The 2013 school year has started positively at Glenella SS and it has been fantastic to see so many happy smiling faces on the school grounds - our current enrolments are at 175 students. Thank you to all our families for preparing your children for school so well - but please remember your job is not done! It is vital that Parents/Caregivers have a close working relationship with the school, in particular their child’s teacher. Remember to get involved and ask questions because we all have the same goal – to help your child to reach their full potential!

Our class organisation for 2013 has started as follows:

- Prep – Alicia Wardrop and Tracy Riggs
- Yr 1 – Davina Nelson
- Yr 1/2 – Robyn Anderson and Lerryn Tickle
- Yr 2/3 – Cathy Boal
- Yr 4 – Katie Paap
- Yr 5/6 – Josh Gurr
- Yr 6/7 – Leonie Wilcox and Fiona Trenaman

Our school’s commitment to Numeracy and Literacy will continue in 2013. Both Literacy and Numeracy are vital to everything students are required to do at primary school and beyond.
Our focus areas for **School Improvement in 2013** are:

**Major Focus Area**
- **Number & Algebra** – this Strand from the Maths curriculum will be attended to via our whole-school Explicit Instruction strategies in all classrooms.

**Minor Focus Area**
- **Vocabulary** – including Fluency, Grammar & Punctuation and Writing.

Please take the time to talk with your child and your child’s teacher about how you can support them with improving these focus areas as part of the ‘teaching team’ at home.

This year we will be implementing our revised **Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students**. This document which was approved by Regional Office after consultation with the school community at the end of 2012 clearly outlines the behaviour expectations of students, staff, families and all visitors to the school. We will be assisting the students to understand our revised behaviour expectations through classroom discussions, Assembly notices etc. Many families may have already seen some of our new Behaviour Cards; I have seen several students smiling as they displayed the Blue Positive Recognition Card to their parents. All of our new Behaviour Cards are used as a form of communication between school and home. **Should your child bring home any of these cards please ensure you discuss it with them, sign the card as acknowledgement that it arrived safely home to parents and have your son/daughter return it the next school day.**

Please refer to our school website [www.glenellass.eq.edu.au](http://www.glenellass.eq.edu.au) for any information you may require about the school. Our updated 2013 School Handbook should be consulted by all families for general information about the school and how it operates. There are many other resources located on our website to assist families with questions about the school. One area I would like to remind parents/caregivers about is **attending the Office with their children if they arrive at school after 8:45am**. Parents are required to fill in a Register in the Office that outlines the reasons for students’ late arrivals. Similarly if you need to collect your child through the day for any reason you must also attend the Office and fill in this Register.

Please remember we have an ‘open door’ policy at Glenella SS and that I am happy to meet with parents/caregivers as the need arises. Open and
productive discussions are a positive way for communication between school and home to take place. Feel free to call in or phone me if needed so we can continue to have this positive dialogue taking place.

I look forward to working with you in 2013 as we continue to showcase Glenella SS as a great school in the Mackay area!

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Parent information sessions inform parents and caregivers about class routines, expectations and forthcoming learning and events. These sessions also allow parents and caregivers the opportunity to ask questions and discover how they can best work with class teachers to assist their child to reach their full potential throughout the year.
These Parent Information Sessions will be held in Weeks 2 and 3 in classrooms. Please see the timetable below.
We value this educational partnership between school and home and warmly welcome you to join with us to help achieve positive outcomes for students.

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CARPARK
We would like to remind all new and continuing parents to observe the road signs in relation to our carparking facilities.

• Hill End Road (beside the BP shop) has a “NO ENTRY” sign to be observed. Entry to the school drop-off zone is gained via Kinnon Street (just past the BP shop) then right into Mooney Court. **This road facilitates PARKING ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE and MOVING TRAFFIC for dropping and collecting children ON THE LEFT.** For the safety of our children and ourselves, please observe all road signs and travel at a slow pace in and around our school and parking areas.

• The other parking facility is the Sweeney Court carpark, outside the Prep building. This carpark is to be used by **PREP PARENTS ONLY!** In this area, there is a designated disabled carpark which is beside a concrete footpath. The concrete footpath is **not** an additional carpark and is for the safe passage of pedestrians. We will be encouraging the children to use the path and zebra crossing. We appreciate your co-operation.

ASSEMBLY
Assembly will be held each Monday (or the following morning if a public holiday) at 8.45am and we encourage all parents to attend.

AWARDS FOR 2012
Congratulations to Brittany Masters on receiving the Academic Award, Liam DeThomasis for the Sporting Award and Cameron Hiskens for the Citizenship Award for their achievements during 2012. These awards were presented at the Year 7 Graduation Ceremony.

BIRTHDAYS:
Happy birthday to the following students for the month of January: Lilly Cashman, Eraihia Maru, Jake Toonen, Savannah Ivey, Matika Perkins, Kaden Muscat, Noah Olsen, Faith Penola, Ella Plattfuss, Katlyn Tappert, Levi Humphrey, Amil Biju, Jackson Harris, Ella Jackson, Tate Brodel, Julie Craig, Tayla De Wet, Luke Watts and Jayda Garton.
**HOY HELP!**

Hoy commences on Thursday, 14th February at 9.30 am. Hoy is a major fundraiser for our school which is run every Thursday morning at Magpies Sporting Club.

**ALL CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM THE FUNDS RAISED THROUGH HOY AND THEREFORE WE WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS, INCLUDING PREP PARENTS, TO BECOME INVOLVED. IT’S FUN!**

Come along and see how the morning operates, meet other parents, and maybe have a game or two. We are in **DESPERATE NEED** of people to help run the morning. We have various positions available including runners and shoppers. Both positions are very easy jobs and help ease the load enormously for organizers. The morning starts at approximately 9.00am and concludes at about 11.30am. If there is one morning per month that you could help out for a couple of hours, it would be much appreciated. Please complete the return at the end of this newsletter or contact the school office.

**PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND UP TO HELP OUT!**

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**MONEY COLLECTION**

- **P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:** To support the progressiveness of our school, we need to maintain fundraising activities. At present, our school’s largest fundraiser is Hoy. A fundraising levy was introduced a number of years ago to ensure all other fundraising ventures will be kept to a **minimum**. We encourage all parents to support this levy. The rates of levies applicable to primary and/or prep students are as follows:-

  1. **1 child** only $15 per term or $60 per year.
  2. **2 or more children** $20.00 per term or $80 per year

This levy can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office or by direct deposit to:

**Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account**

BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00900246

using your “surname” and “Levy” as the reference.
• ARTS COUNCIL: The Queensland Arts Council performs at Glenella School two to three times a year. Queensland Arts Council programs support the key learning areas of the Arts, Studies of Society and Environment.

• Our first performance for all students from Prep-Yr 7 will be held on Wednesday 27th February. “Mana- The Spirit of Polynesia” embodies dance, music, multicultural themes, history, geography, the importance of heritage and the power of self belief and respect. Cost is $5 per student. Please send money to the office in a clearly named envelope. Alternatively direct deposit payments into the school bank account as below:
  Glenella State School
  BSB: 064-707
  Account: 00090677
  Please use your “surname” and “Mana” as the reference.

• BOOKCLUB will be offered to students once per term (4 times per year). The brochures are sent home and those families who wish to be involved choose to do so. The books selected are then ordered and the money (cash/cheque) is returned with the order form to the school. Please note: if paying by cheque, please make all cheques payable to Glenella State School. The first forms will be handed out with the next newsletter.

FUNDRAISERS
• Battery World – Send in all used batteries and place in collection bin outside office. Used car batteries need to be taken directly to the store and nominate our school to receive points.
• Cartridge World: Spend $10 instore on cartridge refills and Cartridge World will donate $1 for each refill to our school. Also please bring along your used cartridges for recycling.

MOSQUITO ALERT: Unfortunately, the wet weather that is around at the moment has brought with it an influx of mozzies. Please apply insect repellent to your children before school for their comfort.
MUSIC NEWS
CHORAL FESTIVAL
The Mackay Regional Choral Festival gives students in Years 6 & 7 a wonderful opportunity to perform in a mass choir with their peers and with community choirs. It also provides an opportunity to work, rehearse and perform with large, experienced choir groups, and to be coached by a well known conductor. This year’s guest conductors are Dr Debra Shearer-Dirie and Anthony Young. The performance will be held on 26th March at the MECC. Cost is $8.50 per student. Permission notes have been handed out. If your Year 6/7 student would like to be involved, please return permission note to Mr Hamilton as soon as possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
School uniforms are available from the office. We are currently experiencing some delivery delays and are short in some sizes. A selection of second hand clothing is also available. Please note our office currently only accepts cash, cheque or direct deposit to the Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account
BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00900246
using your “surname” and “Stock” as the reference.

WE NEED YOU AT OUR P&C MEETING
Our first P&C meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 11th February at 7pm in the school library.
We will be looking at what we would like to plan for 2013 - whether this is repairing, replacing, purchasing equipment or simply what social events we would like to hold throughout the year. A P&C meeting is an opportunity for parents to have input into the future direction of our school. If you would like input but simply cannot make it to our meeting please see the office for the contact details of our P&C committee. They would love to hear from you!
P&C Meetings are a fun, constructive get together to benefit our school and our kids.
PERMISSION FORMS
Attached you will find a copy of our General Permission form which covers excursions, swimming lessons, bus trips such as sports carnivals etc and other school related activities. This permission form is to be completed and returned by FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY.

Please note that students will be unable to attend sporting events/excursions etc until this permission form has been completed and returned to the school.

Families with students in Year 3-7 will also find a Student Internet Access Agreement section. Parents please note students in these years will be given an e-mail account and can access this account from school and home. (Please be aware!) As a matter of interest, any inappropriate e-mails rebound to Mr Wood’s personal e-mail account for his perusal and will be discussed with students!

REMINDER TO PREP OR NEW YEAR 1 PARENTS
If you have yet to produce your child’s birth certificate, please do so without delay. This formality is a requirement of Education Queensland.

ACTIVITY BOOKS, THRASS CHARTS, LIBRARY BAGS & CHAIR BAGS: Books, bags and charts are available at the school office. The cost of books is $2.50 each; the library/homework bags are $8.00 and Thrass charts are $7.00 each. We also have PVC Chair Bags available at a cost of $10.00 each or fabric Chair Bags for $20.00. We would request students have all necessary equipment at school by next Friday please.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
Chaplaincy in 2013 is looking exciting! I am glad to be back and will be spending each Wednesday at Glenella. I am looking forward to a wonderful year, and I hope that it brings along many opportunities for great new friendships, learning all sorts of interesting facts and building up your children to be the best that they can be, now and in the future.

“All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them” – Walt Disney
Let’s work together to make this new year even more amazing than the last!
Chappy Amie
**PREP NEWS**

Hi and welcome to Prep!

We’ve had a great first couple of days. We’ve been busy finding our way around the school, meeting all the teachers and learning all about one another! The first few weeks of Prep are all about getting to know each other and the school rules and routines. It’s important we take the time now to set these routines and expectations in place, as it will become a solid foundation for all the amazing discoveries that lay ahead of us.

Just a few housekeeping items....

- All the students have been given a yellow hat. These hats will be sent home at the end of each week to be washed.

- Snack – We stop to have a quick snack at 10am. We ask that this snack is a piece of fruit, yoghurt or half a sandwich. It must be a **HEALTHY** item. Please place snack into a brown paper bag with your child’s name on the front.

- The classroom door will open at 8.30am.

- Each child will be given a **Keep In Touch (KIT) Book**, which will be sent home from today, so keep an eye out for this.

We will be holding a parent information morning on Tuesday 12th January at 8.15am. However, if you do have any urgent questions, please feel free to contact us so we can arrange a time to meet to discuss your queries.

Regards, Alicia and Tracy

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is underway at our school. Application forms are available from the school office.

Our School Banking day is **MONDAY**. Please have your child hand their Passbook and deposit $ to their classroom teacher each Monday morning. Passbooks will be returned to students each Wednesday.

For every deposit a student makes, no matter how big or small, they will receive a Dollarmites token. These tokens can be exchanged for gifts of different values as a reward for saving.
TENNIS:
Mr Alan Harris conducts tennis lessons at school for those students interested. Tennis lessons will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm-4pm starting Tuesday 4th February. Cost is $8.00 per lesson or $60 per term (8 weeks). Application Forms are available from the office. This form needs to be completed and handed to the instructor before the lesson. Only students from Years 1 – 4 are eligible to attend in Term 1. Older students from Years 5-7 will be eligible to attend from Term 2. Mr Harris also conducts lessons for ALL ages at his tennis court at 14 Schapers Road, Glenella. Please contact him on 49421060 for further information.

POSITIONS VACANT
Casual Grounds Persons
Glenella State School  
Applicants are invited for the above casual position. We are hoping to have a pool of interested people to call on for this position which will initially run for a 6 month period.
In your application outline your skills, knowledge and experience in relation to the following:
- Ability to work with limited supervision.
- Ability to use and maintain or learn quickly to use and maintain - portable hand tools, gardening and cleaning equipment/machinery and general landscaping equipment.
- Ability to apply Workplace Health and Safety standards especially on the use, application and storage of fuels, insecticides, herbicides, fertilisers and chemicals.
- Awareness of the need for security in relation to buildings, access, personal property and equipment.

Applicants will have relevant criminal history checks undertaken and will need to obtain a Working with Children Blue Card. Any First Aid qualifications would also be advantageous.

Applications Close Friday 15th February, 2013 at 3.30pm.
Please address all applications as follows:
Private and Confidential
Casual Grounds Positions
The Principal
Glenella State School
Hill End Road
Glenella Qld 4740
Contact Mr. Rod Wood  
(Ph: 49692333) for additional details.
POSITIONS VACANT
SCHOOL CROSSING
SUPERVISORS

• Position Vacant - relief & rostered
• Hours up to 7.5 per f/night
• Casual rates start at $25.64 per hour
• Training provided
• Equal opportunity employer

Call Glenella State School on 49 692333 for an application package!

• All staff are required to undergo a medical, police and working with children Blue Card check which will be provided by Transport and Main Roads.

THANK YOU

Iceblocks: A belated thank you to Toni and Margaret (BP Glenella) for the iceblocks which were kindly donated for our 2012 break up day. All children thoroughly enjoyed these cold delights!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

February:
07  Yr 2/3 Info Session 3.15pm
08  Permission Forms Due
11  Yr 1 Info Session 3.15pm
11  P&C Meeting 7.00pm
12  Prep Info Session 8.15am
13  Yr 1/2 Info Session 3.15pm
14  Hoy Magpies 9.30am
14  Yr 4 Info Session 3.15pm
14  Yr 5/6/7 Info & Canberra Trip info session 4.00pm
27  Mana - Spirit of Polynesia performance $5 per student

March:
28  Last Day Term 1
29  Good Friday

April:
05  First Day Term 2
GLENELLA STATE SCHOOL
is always trying to think of ways to be GREENER. If you would be interested in receiving your newsletter by email, please complete the return below and return it to the office as soon as possible. We already have a number of families on board who are enjoying this service.

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 8/2/2013

Name: ________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________

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

[ ] Caller
[ ] Runner
[ ] Grocery shopper
[ ] Wherever needed

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.

St Joseph’s Catholic Parish of Nth Mackay & Northern Beaches Sacramental Program
Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will commence with Parent Information Night Tuesday 26th February 2013. For more info contact Parish Office on 49574855 Mon-Fri 9am-2pm.
GLENELLA STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP:
Glenella Cash Store (BP) supplies lunches for the school students of our school if parents so wish.

Orders and payment must be placed directly with the shop by parents by 9.30 am. Orders are to be on a paper bag with the CHILD’S NAME, YEAR, TIME (11am or 1pm) AND ORDER.

No students go to the shop to collect morning tea or lunch as it will be delivered to the school gate and collected on their behalf by two Year 7 students.

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO EAT HEALTHY FOOD AND WOULD ASK PARENTS NOT ORDER LOLLIES AND/OR SWEETS FOR STUDENTS FOR LUNCHES.

Please keep the menu (over the page) handy for future reference.
**TUCKSHOP MENU • 2013**

**Hot Food**
- Corn on Cob 0.80
- Chicken Nuggets x 4 2.90
- Chicken Tenderloin 2.10
- Pizza Rounder 2.70
- Pizza Single 2.70
- Ch & Bacon; Hame Pine; Supreme
- Cheerios/Sauce x 5 2.00
- Good Eating Pie sm 2.50
- Good Eating Pie reg 3.50
- Good Eating S/Roll 2.50
- Beef & Cheese Cruiser Pie 3.00
- Pasta Blasta Lasagne 3.85
- Hot Dog 3.00
- Keppel Dog 2.70
- Extras
- Peas 0.30
- Sauce 0.30
- Cheese 0.60

**Cold Food**
- Mervin Muffin dbl choc 1.70
- Yoghurt single tub 1.95
- Fruit Tubs 2.00
- Salami Stick 1.50
- Pepperoni Stick 1.50
- Cheese Stick 1.10
- Nutella 1.00
- 4 Sao’s Cheese & Tom 2.20
- 4 Sao’s Vegemite & Ch 2.20
- Salad - Chicken/Lettuce/Cheese/Carrot 4.50
- Bulla Frozen Yoghurt Cups 2.10

**Sandwiches**
- Ham & Salad 5.50
- Chicken & Salad 5.50
- Ham 4.00
- Chicken 4.00
- Vegemite 2.00
- Peanut butter 2.00
- Cheese 2.00
- **Toasted** 0.20
- Chicken Tenderloin Sub 4.20
  Tenderloin/Lett/ Mayo or Sauce
  Wraps are also Available

**Drinks**
- **Bundy Juice** variable
  Please bring selection to the counter
- Cooroy Water 2.00
- Popper 200ml 2.00
- Flav Milk Sm 1.80
- Flav Milk Lg 3.00
- Full Cream Milk 500ml 1.50
- Water Mt Franklin 3.00

**Other**
- Dried Fruit Boxes 0.90
- Fruit Flakes 1.20

**Fruit**
Prices vary according to season
- Apples
- Oranges
- Bananas

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