PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians, Caregivers and members of our community,

Welcome back to Glenella State School. I hope you all had a great Christmas and fantastic New Year. The time certainly flew past quickly. I have spoken to some of our parents already and by the sounds of it, our students were well entertained.

We have started this year with all the students we expected and more, which is great. Thank you to our community for your open communication towards the end of last year and beginning of this one. It makes our planning much easier to complete with up to date information.

We welcome some new faces to our teaching team this year. We have Mr Rowen who will be our Special Education Teacher and we also welcome Ms Power who will be our new Music Teacher. Both are really looking forward to their new role.

We also have some new students joining us this year. A special welcome to Emily, Lochlan, Bella, Darcy, Cheyenne, Parker, Riley, Masen, Peggy, Cody, Nate, Connor, Emma-Lea, Harrison, Jessie, Lukas, Maddison, Ruby, Luke, Mitchell, James, Paris, Stella, Rishab, Ella, Connor, Charlo, Kandyce, William, Sophie, Nyah, Shania, Mason, Dominic, Molly, Isaac, Mia, Zunairah, Tutiana, Eliegh, Shania and Taylor. I wish all the very best to you here at Glenella State School.

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Last year I included this table to give you an idea of what just 1 day absent per fortnight looks like over a child’s schooling. Through our improved Responsible Behaviour Plan, we will be addressing attendance much more closely.

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<th>If your child misses…</th>
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<td>1 day per fortnight</td>
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<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
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The above table certainly puts things into perspective! Remember - Every Day Counts!

Regards
Cliff Powys

**TAKE A LOOK!**

Search for Principal Glenella on Twitter. Look for our school logo.

[https://twitter.com/GlenellaSS](https://twitter.com/GlenellaSS)
CLASSES FOR 2015
Our class organisation for 2015 is as follows:

Prep  Joanne Brown /Rachel Morrow
Prep/1 Davina Nelson
Yr 2  Erin Myall/Robyn Anderson
Yr 3  Tracy Riggs
Yr 3/4 Cathy Boal
Yr 4/5 Fiona Trenaman
Yr 5/6 Katie Paap

WEEKLY PARADE
Parade 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 2014
Congratulations to Carley Mercer on receiving the Academic Award, Tate Brodel for the Sporting Award, Lacey Harding for the Citizenship Award, Chloe Vella for the All Rounder Award and Logan Purdy for receiving the award for Most Consistent Effort. Well done to all. These awards were presented at the Year 6/7 Graduation Ceremony.

BIRTHDAYS:
Happy birthday to the following students for the month of January:
Maddison Franz, Tristen Coward, Jacques Le Coz, Samantha Rogers, Lily Cashman, Ashwath Gaikwad, Jake Toonen, Matika Perkins, Savannah Ivey, Kaden Muscat, Noah Olsen, Azyia Thompson, Harrison Finch, Jackson Harris and Ella Jackson.

2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR
The Education Queensland 2015 School Calendar is available by going to the following website www.education.qld.gov.au

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
School uniforms are available from the office. Size Small GSS shorts have now arrived. Please note our office currently only accepts cash, cheque or direct deposit to the Glenella State School P & C Account
BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00900246
using your “surname” and “stock” as the reference.
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.

• Parents are not permitted to park within the school grounds at any time, due to safety concerns.

We appreciate your co-operation.

ACTIVITY BOOKS, LIBRARY BAGS & CHAIR BAGS: Books and bags are available at the school office. The cost of books is $2.50 each and the library bags are $8.00. 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.

Glenella SS P&C have A4 plastic book covers in a variety of designs for sale in the office at $2.50 each. Come in and take a look.
MONEY COLLECTION

• **P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:** To support the progressiveness of our school, we need to maintain fundraising activities. 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 $20 per term or $80 per year
  2. **2 or more children** $25.00 per term or $100 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.

• **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. Preferred payment method is by credit card. The **first forms will be handed out later this term.**

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details recently, could you please make sure that you let the office know as soon as possible. It can be very distressing for students who are ill when we are unable to contact parents and loved ones.

MOSQUITO ALERT:
Unfortunately, the wet weather around at the moment has brought with it an influx of mozzies. Please apply insect repellent to your children **before** school for their comfort.
WE NEED YOU
AT OUR
P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 16th February at 7pm in the school library.
We will be looking at what we would like to plan for 2015 - 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.

HOY HELP!
Hoy commences on Thursday, 13th February at 9.00 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 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!
Dear parents and members of the Glenella community, my name is Mick Rowen and for 2015 I will be at Glenella School each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as the teacher supporting students with a disability. Last year I worked at Mackay District Special School where I ran the Hydrotherapy/Sport and Work Experience programs. The four years previous to that, I was a teacher at Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre. I also worked at Glenella School for many years from 1999 to 2010.

I am a bit biased, but I think Glenella is one of the best primary schools in Mackay. It certainly has the best playgrounds. Mr Powys has asked me to get involved with sport and lunchtime activities, which is very easy for me as I love playing a range of sports myself.

Sadly, I am unable to be at the school on a full time basis. As many of you are aware my wife (Julie) has a major illness and I act as her carer on the other days of the week.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the months ahead. Please feel free to make contact if you have any issues or ideas to discuss.

Mick Rowen

COWBOYS VISIT
The Cowboys are coming!!!
Representatives from the North Queensland Cowboys will be visiting our school on Friday 6th February at 9am. Two players will be speaking with our students about physical activity, nutrition and mental well-being. Remember to be on your best behavior. Go Cowboys!

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.
CANBERRA CAMP UPDATE

Our first meeting for 2015 will be held next Tuesday 3rd February at 5.30pm in the 5/6 classroom (after classroom meetings). We would like as many parents as possible to attend as we have much to discuss.

Our next fundraiser will be another raffle. Donations of suitable hamper items are requested ASAP to fill our wheelbarrow. Suggestions include grocery items, wine, chocolates and Easter goodies.

Tickets will be on sale from Saturday at the election stall. Tickets will be distributed for sale by students early next week. Details are below:

EASTER HAMPER
1st Prize Wheelbarrow Hamper
2nd Prize $100 Coles/Myer voucher
3rd Prize $50 voucher

Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 2nd April.

We will also be conducting a Chocolate Drive this term. Details will be sent home shortly.

BRISBANE BRONCOS KIDS CLINIC

NRL Development in conjunction with the Brisbane Broncos are hosting a fun coaching clinic for kids aged 6-14yrs.

Venue: Mackay Junior RL Grounds Casey Avenue, Mackay
Date: Friday 6th Feb 2015
Time: 4.15pm – 5.45pm

For further info please contact Renae Kunst 0417068132 or rkunst@nrl.com.au

TEENNS:

Mr Alan Harris conducts tennis lessons at school for those students interested. Tennis lessons will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm-4pm for students from Yr 3-6, starting 3rd February. Lessons will be conducted for students Prep-Yr 2 on a Wednesday afternoon from 3pm-4pm, starting 4th February. Application Forms will be handed out this week. Forms need to be completed and handed to the instructor before the lesson. 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.
SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE FOR LOWER INCOME FAMILIES
The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?
To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:
- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card;
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension; or
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE ASSISTANCE
Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their student/s to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

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NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL
Please complete the return below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER
We, the __________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email.
Our email address is below:
________________________________________
________________________________________

(Please print clearly)
DATES TO REMEMBER

February:
03 Yr 4/5 Parent Meet 5.00pm
03 Yr 5/6 Parent Meet 5.00pm
03 Canberra Camp Meet 5.30pm
04 Prep/1 Parent Meet 3.10pm
04 Yr 2 Parent Meet 3.10pm
05 Yr 3/4 Parent Meet 3.10pm
06 Cowboys Visit 9.00am
11 Prep Parent Meet 4.00pm
13 Hoy Magpies 9.00am
16 P&C Meeting AGM 7.00pm

March:
24 Glenella Cross Country

April:
02 Easter Bonnet Pde 2.30pm
02 Last Day Term 1
20 First Day Term 2

HOY HELP 2015
PLEASE RETURN BY 6/2/2015

Name: ___________________________
Ph: ____________________________

I am / am not able to help with Hoy for 2015. I am interested in:-

Grocery shopper □
Wherever needed □

CHORAL FESTIVAL
The Mackay Regional Choral Festival gives students a wonderful opportunity to perform in a mass choir. It also provides them with an opportunity to work, rehearse and perform with large, experienced choir groups and to be coached by a well-known conductor. The event will be held on 23rd March 2015 at the MECC. Encourage your Yr 5/6 student to be involved. Notes will be sent home with interested students.

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 6 students.

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO EAT HEALTHY FOOD AND WOULD ASK PARENTS NOT ORDER LOLLIES AND/OR SWEETS FOR STUDENTS FOR LUNCHES.
# Tuckshop Menu - 2015

## Hot Food
- **Corn on Cob** 0.90
- **Chicken Nuggets x 4** 3.00
- **Chicken Tenderloin** 2.50
- **Pizza Rounder** 3.00
- **Pizza Single** 3.00
  - Ch & Bacon; Hame Pine; Supreme
- **Cheerios/Sauce x 5** 2.70
- **Good Eating Pie reg** 3.70
- **Good Eating S/Roll** 2.70
- **Beef & Cheese Cruiser Pie** 3.10
- **Hot Dog** 3.50
- **Keppel Dog** 3.00

## Extras
- **Peas** 0.35
- **Sauce** 0.35
- **Cheese** 0.60

## Cold Food
- **Mervin Muffin dbl choc** 2.40
- **Yoghurt single tub** 2.40
- **Bulla Frozen Yoghurt** 2.10
- **Fruit Tubs** 2.50
- **Salami Stick** 1.65
- **Cheese Stick** 1.10
- **Nutella** 1.00
- **4 Sao’s Cheese & Tom** 2.90
- **4 Sao’s Vegemite & Ch** 2.90

## Sandwiches
- **Ham & Salad** 5.80
- **Chicken & Salad** 5.80
- **Ham** 4.50
- **Chicken** 4.50
- **Vegemite** 2.00
- **Peanut butter** 2.00
- **Cheese** 2.00

## Toasted
- **Chicken Tenderloin Sub** 4.50
  - Tenderloin/Lett/Mayo or Sauce
  - Wraps are also Available

## Drinks
- **Bundy Juice** variable
  - Please bring selection to the counter
- **Pure Water** 2.00
- **Popper 200ml** 2.00
- **Flav Milk Sm** 2.60
- **Flav Milk Lg** 4.30
- **Full Cream Milk 500ml** 1.90
- **Water Mt Franklin** 3.30
- **LOL** 2.40

**Drink prices will be subject to change**

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

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THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENTS ARE PAID ADVERTISING. ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT GLENELLA SCHOOL OFFICE ON 49692333.