PRINCIPALS CORNER

In light of our weekly rule this week (incorporating all of our Be Rules - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner) when interacting with the community, I thought I would highlight some important messages around manners.

It’s the family’s job to develop a sense of OTHER so that children become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. Many children have L Plates when it comes to behaving in public so they need your assistance to behave according to the requirements of the situation – or according to the time and place. You can do this by:

1. Giving your kids social scripts
   There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith...”is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, children on the autism spectrum as well as children who need extra help to get on with others.

2. Regular behaviour rehearsal
   Practice appropriate social behaviours at home so children know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your children’s meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. Just-in-time prompts
   It helps to remind in positive terms how children should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant.
4. Teaching good manners
Manners are social guidelines that teach children how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. Respectful use of consequences
While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the children’s behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. The best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the child (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

Time and place as well as following through are great parenting messages for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.

Our Stephanie Alexander Gardens are progressing wonderfully with a few parents pitching in and organising our garden beds. The results are fantastic and we are starting to see some real growth. A special thank you to Leanne Vella for donating the seedlings to our project and to all who have helped get our garden underway. The pump which utilises our collected rain water has been a big hit, with some recognition in the local paper. If you would like to be involved in our gardening program, please have a look at the Facebook site – Glenella SS SAKitchen Garden. If you would like to know more, please contact the school.

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. Families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students.
Earlier in the term I wrote an article in the newsletter regarding student’s attendance at school and trying to eliminate unexplained absences. I would like to say thank you to our families for the increased usage of our absentee line, keeping the office informed of any student absences which has made a significant reduction in unexplained absences. There are still some that slip through, so please continue to use the absentee line as well as writing notes to the classroom teacher. I am still seeing a steady rate of late arrivals, some no more than 15 minutes. That doesn’t seem like a lot of time, however many routine but important activities are programmed for early in the day. Please endeavour to get your child/ren to school by 8.45am.

We are in the process of painting our tennis court and I would like to call on a couple of parents who may be willing to help out early on Saturday morning, the 25th of July. We need 3 extra people to help at 6am on that morning to clean and get the court ready. It’s perfect weather for the paint to be applied. Please let the office know if you can help out.

Please be mindful during pick up time at the end of the day. If you waiting on the right hand side of the road, please do not call for your child across the road, walk across and collect them! If you are in the stop drop and go section (left hand side) you CANNOT park and leave your car. You must remain in your car. We do not have the space on our road to accommodate this system being ignored.

Parent/teacher interview notes have or will be sent home shortly. If you would like to make an appointment, please complete the form with your preferences and send back to your child’s teacher. These times are integral in keeping up communication with your teacher as well as improving the relationship between home and school. Thank you to those who have booked in a time to see their teacher already.

Regards

Cliff Powys
Principal

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Congratulations to our Students of the Week.
Week Ending 19/6/15
Prep: Cheyenne and Mia
Prep/1: Caitlyn and Clea
Year 2: Rihanna and Kaitlin
Year 3: Charlie and Charli
Year 3/4: Claire and Kaden
Year 4/5: Nathan and Maliki
Year 5/6: Alyyeah
Keep up the good work!

Our Bookweek Fancy Dress Parade will be held on Friday 14th August at 9am.
Come along dressed as a character from your favourite book (fiction or non fiction). The theme for Book Week 2015 is “Books Light Up Our World”. All students, staff, parents, brothers and sisters are encouraged to take part in this annual event.
As always, we encourage the use of imagination more so than the outlay of dollars when creating your costume.

P & C PRATTLE
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 20th JULY 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.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our athletics carnival was a huge success. Congratulations to the Oak team who were the overall winners of the day. For a full list of Age Champions and Records Broken, see the school noticeboard near the office or the Library noticeboard. Well done to all involved!

NTHN SUBURBS ATHLETICS
We have a large number of students who will represent Glenella at the Northern Suburbs Athletics Carnival which will be held over 2 days. On Monday 20th July throwing events will be held at Whitsunday Anglican school and Tuesday 21st July jumps and running events will be held at Cathy Freeman Oval, Slade Point. Buses will transport students for these events on both days. Students involved have received a letter with detailed information regarding the events and times.

WINTER SCHOOL JACKETS
Stocks of Royal Blue zip-up jackets in sizes 6-12 are available now. Price is $17.50 each.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
This very successful program will be up and running again from week. This term we are offering Softball on a Monday afternoon (starting 20/7/15) and Rugby League on Thursday afternoons (starting 23/7/15). The program runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm each day and afternoon tea is provided. There is no cost to students. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

JULY BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday to those students celebrating in July: Parker, Peggy, Ruby, Mitchell, Breeana, Charlie, Logan, Kayden, Julian, Rylan, Shania, Gabrielle, Max, Connor, Larissa, Brayden, Jayden and Adam.

SCHOOL LUNCHES:
Please note with the cooler weather around, children tend to be hungrier than usual. It is a good idea to pop in a few extra goodies or sandwiches to satisfy those hungry tummies.
CRAFTY CLUB
Our Crafty Club is held every Friday from 1.15pm-1.40pm in the school art room. All children are invited to participate in a variety of fun craft activities. We really need two helpers per day to help set up and work with students. If you could spare an hour on a Friday we would love to hear from you. Please leave your contact details at the office.
Glenella SS P&C

MONEY COLLECTION

• LIFE EDUCATION:
Life Education is a health promotion charity and the major non-government provider of drug and health education in Australian schools. The Life Education program is highly relevant to the needs of children as they make everyday choices that can impact their health and wellbeing. The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on 31st August, 1st and 2nd September. Each class will attend one session. Cost is $6 per student. Please send payment to the office in a clearly marked envelope as soon as possible. Payment can also be made into the school account as follows:
Glenella State School
BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00090677
Use your Surname & “Life” as ref.

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 Thursdays.

HOY ROSTER

23/7/15 Jenny O’Loughlin
Barb Geldard
Shoppers Jane Jones
Kylie Garton
M/Tea Tracey Gray
Jenny O’Loughlin

30/7/15 Jenny O’Loughlin
Tracey Gray
Shoppers Natalie Schmidt
Tracey Gray
M/Tea Annalees Jackson
Melissa Harris

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PREP 2016
Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2016? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2010 and 30th June 2011. We are currently taking enrolments and would love to hear from any new families that are interested. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

WAKAKIRRI
Reminder to those students involved that there will be practice this Sunday 19th July from 12pm-3pm in the school hall. Good luck to our participating students for your performance on Thursday 6th August.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER
We, the ____________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email. Our email address is below:
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(Please print clearly)

DATES TO REMEMBER
July:
17 Whitsunday Voices
19 Wakakirri Practice 12pm
20 NS Throws WAS
20 Softball Commences
20 P&C Meeting 7pm
21 NS Track Cathy Freeman O
23 Rugby League Commences

August:
06 Wakakirri Performance
14 Bookweek Parade 9am
16 Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
21 Camp students return
28 S/Council Sausage Sizzle
31 Life Ed

September:
01 Life Ed
02 Life Ed
11 Spooky Disco
18 S/Council Sausage Sizzle
The Glenella State School Student Council will be holding a number of Sausage Sizzle days over the coming months (generally the last Friday of each month).

For catering purposes, this will be a pre-order system and all orders and payments will need to be sent to the office 1 week prior to the sausage sizzle. Dates are listed below.

**Friday 28th August** - Orders in by Friday 21st August

**Friday 27th September** - Orders in by Friday 11th September

**Friday 29th October** - Orders in by Friday 23rd October

**Friday 26th November** - Orders in by Friday 20th November

An order form has been sent home with this newsletter. Complete order for each sausage sizzle and enclose with payment in a snap lock bag or envelope by the due date.

**Orders for all 4 Sausage Sizzles can be sent in together if that is an easier option.**

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**FUNDRAISER:**
Woolworths Earn and Learn. Collect stickers every time you shop at Woolworths, put them on a sticker chart and bring into the school office. We need as many completed charts as possible to enable us to receive resources for our school. Spare sticker charts are available from Woolworths, the school office or by visiting [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

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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.

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[Image of foster care poster]

Foster care is as different as the young lives they transform.

Contact us for a foster care information pack.

[Physical address and website]

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