PRINCIPALS CORNER

Over the last 2 weeks we have had many students competing at Athletics carnivals. We have had the Northern Suburbs and Mackay and Districts competitions within the space of a week. Our students performed very well, and took home 2nd place overall at the Northern Suburbs event. From this competition we had 4 students move on to the Mackay and District Carnival on Tuesday 29th of July. They were Tate, Ella, Josh and Dakota. All of our students put in a sterling effort. They have made their community and school very proud. All the best to Tate and Josh who have been selected to go through to the next level.

Our Active After-school Care program is progressing very well. We have enjoyed high participation and good behaviour in the last 3 sessions. Remember all are welcome, please let the office know if you would like your child(ren) to attend. There is no cost and we provide an afternoon tea. This term we have Cricket on a Monday and Rugby League on a Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

Parent-Teacher interviews are currently being conducted. Please contact the school if you would like an interview, to book a time.

Our No Hat No Play rule is still being enforced and seems to be doing the trick, as we have had many students in the playground enjoying their play time. Please ensure you child has their hat and encourage them to look after it.

Preliminary NAPLAN results have been released and our results are positive. We have seen an increase in our students achieving in the Upper 2 bands across ALL grades (3,5 and 7) in ALL Strands (Numeracy, Grammar, Spelling,
Reading and Writing). We have also seen an improvement in students achieving the National Minimum Standards. This is strong move in the right direction. Our teachers have put in a massive effort in ensuring our students are prepared for the rigours of the NAPLAN testing and it is evident in our solid results this year. Well done to all teaching staff. A special thanks to Mrs Dal’bo who has been working with groups of students to help them with their problem solving and reading comprehension as part of our Great Results Guarantee.

Our camp at Fairbairn dam will soon be upon us. Please look out for our suggested list of items to pack. I look forward to accompanying students on this camp and its schedule includes so many great opportunities for students to have fun and try activities that they would not normally get a chance to do.

Our CUA - Vote for a Community Project is underway and you will see some more information in our Newsletter. Basically, we NEED YOUR VOTE. You can vote in support of our proposal, which is a new multi-purpose area for students to play and for us to host sporting teams. Vote ONLINE or in any Mackay CUA branch. All you need is your email to vote online. Please follow the link on our school website or on the poster. Remember, you can vote once (per email address) online and once at a branch.

Amart Allsports has agreed to donate 5% of every sale to our school if the shoppers nominate Glenella State School when making their purchase. This great opportunity is via the Student Council and Ms Boal. Thanks again to the Student Council and Ms Boal for helping the school and being proactive in your approach to improving the school.

Regards

Cliff Powys
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST AT 7.00PM
Come along and take part in discussions regarding the future direction of our school. We would love to see as many new faces as possible.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:
Week Ending 18/7/14:

Week Ending 25/7/14:
Harry Jones, Hannah Burrows, Jake Toonen, Aimee Huddleston, Ella Chappell, Callan Bowman, Thomas Bendeich, Florence Walsh, Caleb Harvey, Kirra Tower, Page Brodel, Kamya Darmanin, Cory Shackleton and Chase Tee.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of August: Luca Borg, Chloe Branscombe, Aimee Huddleston, Abby O’Loughlin, Brianna Holmes, Elijah Lally, Kyron Ollington, Ella Riggs, Jessica Harris, Jewel Mudge, Seb Cali, Jack Ogilvie, Chloe Osborne, Tiffany Osborne and Bethany Rogers.

WORKING BEE
We would love to see as many parents as possible attend our school Working Bee to be held on Sunday 10th August from 9am. Many hands make light work!
Come along and get involved.
Let’s make our school beautiful.
VOTE FOR GLENELLA SS

Voting for CUA Community Care is now open and Glenella State School is keen to get as many votes as we can!

We have entered this community-focused initiative run by CUA to be in the running to win $5,000 for a school project of our nomination – Multi Purpose Sporting area.

We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner is determined by community voting, we need your votes!

To learn more about the program and our project proposal, please visit www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and select our school from the drop-down menu.

Voting is simple. You can place your vote via this website or go to the local CUA Mackay branch located at Shop 16, Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre, Phillip St, in Mackay. Don’t forget, every person can vote once online AND once in the branch.

Also, please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting. So, place your votes and help us be in with a good chance of winning $5,000 to improve our school!

Thank you for your support.

MONEY COLLECTION

• SWIMMING

Students in Prep to Yr7 will commence swimming in Term 4 from Wednesday 8th October. We will swim once per week (Wednesdays) over an eight week period. Our swimming carnival will then be held in the 2nd last week of term. Lessons will be given by qualified instructors at Pat Wright’s Swim School. Cost is $70.00 per child. P&C have kindly agreed to pay for bus costs. To make it easier, we would like to offer you the option of payment in instalments. Invoices have been sent home and preferable payment is by Direct Deposit. School details are as follows:

Glenella State School
BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00090677
Ref: “Surname” Swim

Unfortunately we are unable to offer credit card payments.

Parents please note there will be NO REFUNDS for non-attendance of any student for the duration of the swimming program for 2014. Our school is required to pay upfront for this program and as such would appreciate full payment by all students by the end of Term 3.
ILLNESSES
Many students have been affected by various illnesses in recent weeks. We would encourage parents to keep ill children at home until fully recovered if at all possible. This hopefully will reduce sickness rates affecting both students and staff. We appreciate your understanding in this regard.

CONTACT DETAILS
If at any time you change your contact details, please inform the school office. Each student has been given a Student Emergency Contacts Update form. Please complete this form and return it to the office as soon as possible. It can be very distressing for students who are ill when we are unable to contact parents and loved ones.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 10th September. Photos start at 8.45am. Please ensure your child/ren are at school ON TIME in a clean school uniform (blue polo-shirt) and correct footwear. Order packs have been sent out and need to be completed and returned with payment to the office BEFORE photo day. Every student must have their own sealed envelope. If paying in another family member’s envelope, please record the name and the class of the paying student. Order forms for sibling photos are available from the office.
Payment is to be made by Cash or Cheque payable to Advanced Life. A Credit Card facility is available on-line www.advancedlife.com.au
You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided.
This is a prepay photo system.
ALL LATE ORDERS WILL ATTRACT A FEE AND MUST BE POSTED DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER – NOT TO THE SCHOOL.
**HOY**
Unfortunately we are about to lose some of our wonderful volunteers and we are **IN NEED** of new Hoy helpers. If you could possibly spare a couple of hours once a month we would love to hear from you. Please call Jenny O’Loughlin on 0429 418517

**HOY ROSTER**

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| 14/08 | Linley Maddy  
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      | Annalees Jackson  
      | Kylie Garton  
      | Annalees Jackson  
      | Jenny O’Loughlin |

The SEAT (Spinal Education Awareness Team) will be attending our school on Friday 29th August to speak to students about staying safe and how to avoid a spinal cord injury. SEAT volunteers all have a spinal cord injury and use a wheelchair. These powerful messages are given to all students free of charge and are tailored to suit children of all ages.

**CRAFTY CLUB**
Our Crafty Club is held every Friday from 1.15pm-1.40pm in the school hall. 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

**PREP 2015**
Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2015? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2009 and 30th June 2010. **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.**
DATES TO REMEMBER

August:
06  Bookweek Parade
10  P&C Working Bee 9am
11  P&C Meeting 7pm
14  GSS Art Spectacular
19-22 Camp Fairbairn Yrs 4-7
29  Spinal Awareness Presentation
29  Student Council Sausage Sizz

September:
10  School Photos

October:
08  Swimming Commences

COMMUNITY KICKBACKS
Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You will receive access to great member prices and other initiatives.

Thanks for your support.

QKFS PLUS KINDY SUPPORT
Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost? QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families. QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:
• Hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, OR
• Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does) OR
• Have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families.

Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.
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