The theme of my writing this week is about conflict resolution and the lifelong skills involved in resolving conflict effectively. These are skills that children need to be taught explicitly however are also learned through modelling from important people in their lives. We encourage students to resolve problems without resorting to negative verbal or physical reactions and use clear behaviour expectations as well as connected consequences.

Conflict in play and day-to-day activities can be very commonplace with children. A lot of the time conflict is over sharing or the perceptions of fairness, although it may feel natural to remove a child from a conflict situation, and sometimes this is appropriate. Sometimes it may be more appropriate for the child to learn how to negotiate resolution for themselves.

As ironic as it sounds, it can be desirable - some arguing and conflict in childhood can lead to positive ways of resolving disagreements. Well learned conflict resolution skills will help at home and in the workplace throughout life. It is a lot easier to learn effective and respectful conflict resolution skills as a child than it is as an adult.

Fundamental to teaching children to handle conflict is helping them to identify and control their emotions. Children need to learn that they have choices and therefore decision-making powers over their behaviour. Furthermore children need to learn how to interpret the emotions of others – this is recognising that others have emotions and feelings, sometimes a challenging concept for younger children.

- Encourage children to empathise watching and translating the body language of others: “George is upset; he is crying because Natalie snatched his toy and he wants it back.”
- Set standards and enforce limits, share your beliefs and goals and identify behaviours that are acceptable and those that are unacceptable. “It is unacceptable hit your brother. Tell me what’s wrong.”

- Explain to children they can feel any way they wish, but they must control what they do. Help them to cope with feelings and emotions constructively. Illustrate the behaviour you expect. Encourage your child to talk about strong emotions and how they feel.

- Encourage and demonstrate the power of language as a problem solving tool. Ask children to tell you what they want or need. “Tell me if you want to go to the park.” Show children how to address problems without aggression.

- Do not stand for physical or verbal aggression, try to stop it immediately.

- Resist solving problems for older children; instead guide with questions that encourage them to analyse the situation and available options. After exploring possible solutions examine the advantages and disadvantages of each possible solution together. Remind children that they have choices.

- Explore different ways to make amends after conflict. Sometimes a simple “sorry” may be all that is required.

Talk to your child about some of the things you may have noticed when they are arrive at a conflict and encourage them to resolve it effectively.

Canberra Camp is upon us and I for one am looking forward to it immensely. The students and staff can’t wait to get down there and if the itinerary is anything to go by, I am sure we will be kept very occupied!

Cliff Powys
Principal
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

**Week Ending 31/7/15**
- Prep: Ruby and Connor
- Prep/1: Taylor and Lachlan
- Year 2: Emmett and Chloe
- Year 3: Rylan and Charlie
- Year 3/4: Kala and Kaden
- Year 4/5: Connor and Kahlia
- Year 5/6: Jack and Jade

**Week Ending 7/8/15**
- Prep: Isaac and Mason
- Prep/1: Harry and Hannah
- Year 2: Lucy and Nicholas
- Year 3: Kyron and Ebony
- Year 3/4: Cody and Max
- Year 4/5: Connor and Caleb
- Year 5/6: Baylin and Page

*Keep up the good work!*

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**FATHERS DAY STALL**

This year the P&C will be running a Father’s Day Stall in the hall on Friday 4th September.

We are asking for donations of small gifts that will be for sale at our stall for $1, $2 and $5. Some examples are: fishing lures, tackle, stubby coolers, travel mugs, golf balls or tees, key rings or cologne etc. (no sharps or aerosols please).

Please encourage your child to bring along a few dollars on Friday 5th September to buy their deserved Dad a special gift to say thank you.

Please send all gift donations to the school office by Wednesday 2nd September 2015. Thank you for your support.
MONEY COLLECTION

- **SWIMMING**
  Students in Prep to Yr7 will commence swimming in Term 4 from **THURSDAY 8th October**. We will swim once per week (Thursdays) over an eight week period. Our swimming carnival will then be held on Monday 7th December (last week of term).

  Lessons will be given by qualified instructors at Pat Wright’s Swim School. Cost is $75.00 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 will be sent home shortly. Preferred payment is by Direct Deposit. School details are as follows:
  
  **Glenella State School**
  BSB: 064-707
  A/C: 00090677
  Ref: “Surname” Swim
  Use your Surname & “Life” as ref.

- **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.
**SPOOKY DISCO**

Come along dressed in your **SPOOKIEST COSTUME** to our school disco to be held in the hall on **Friday 11th September** from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. There will be games, best spooky costume prizes, lucky door prizes, disco lights and loads of music.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Lots of fantastic Glowstix products will also be on sale, priced from $1 - $5.

Entry fee is $2

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**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

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**HOY ROSTER**

20/8/15    Jenny O’Loughlin  
Barb Geldard

Shoppers    Natalie Schmidt  
Tracey Gray

M/Tea       Tracey Gray  
Jenny O’Loughlin

27/8/15    Jenny O’Loughlin  
Tracey Gray

Shoppers    Annalees Jackson  
Jenny O’Loughlin

M/Tea       Annalees Jackson  
Melissa Harris
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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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
August:
14  Bookweek Parade 9am
16  Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
21  Camp students return
24  P & C Meeting
27  Last After School Rugby
28  S/Council Sausage Sizzle
31  Last After School Softball
31  Life Ed

September:
01  Life Ed
02  Life Ed
11  Spooky Disco
18  S/Council Sausage Sizzle
18  Last Day Term

October:
05  Labor Day Holiday
06  First Day Term 4
08  Swimming Commences
19  Student Free Day
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAYS
Our Student Council will be holding a number of sausage sizzle days over the coming months (generally the last Friday of the month). Orders for the 28th August sausage sizzle are due now. Order forms are available from the office.

WANTED
The Student Council is seeking donations of the following items: Spooky decorations for our disco, 2 litre milk containers, 2 litre and 5 litre cordial containers, calico, mosquito netting, stockings, paper towel tubs and tea lights.

FUNDRAISER
Woolworths Earn and Learn.
Collect stickers everytime 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
This fundraiser closes on 8th September so get those sticker charts in!!

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.

GET STARTED VOUCHERS
Get Started Vouchers assist children and families who can least afford joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children are provided with a voucher (up to $150) which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for the Get Started Vouchers program. The funding is distributed twice a year. Certain criteria apply. For more information please call 137468, email getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame