FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Every Day Counts – Thank you for ensuring your children attend school regularly and are punctual and well-presented and prepared for school each day. The Average Attendance at Glenella SS in Semester 1 was 95%. So far this Semester our Average Attendance is 95.2%. We would like our Average Attendance to be at least 95% but as close to 100% as possible. Every increase above 95% does add up to improving learning for students. Education Queensland research has established there is a link between the high level of attendance at Prep and the Yr 3, Yr 5 & Yr 7 NAPLAN results. Moreover, there is a link between good NAPLAN results and good OP results in Yr 12. A good OP result is a reliable predictor for success with a good job generating a good wage or salary. High levels of literacy and numeracy will allow young people to move into new industries more easily, helping address unemployment and encourage development of new industries. So as you can clearly see ‘every day at Glenella SS does count’ not only during student’s years of schooling but long after.

Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a state school or a non-state school, on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.
A child should be enrolled in and attend school in the year that they turn compulsory school age (six years and six months). Each parent of a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure that the young person is participating full-time in an eligible option, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Prosecution of one or both parents may occur if the parent(s) do not fulfill their legal obligation in regard to enrolment and attendance of their child at school. An authorised officer from either the school or region can seek consent from the Director-General to prosecute for failure to enrol or attend. From time to time a student may be absent from their educational program. Parents comply with their compulsory schooling or compulsory participation obligation by providing a satisfactory reason for these absences. Parents should provide a reason for a child’s absence as soon as possible after the absence. When a student is absent, or plans to be absent, for more than 10 consecutive school days for any reason, the parent must comply with their obligations in respect to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation by either — seeking an exemption from their obligation, or by negotiating with the principal to make an alteration to a student’s educational program; or by seeking to arrange a flexible arrangement for the student. Similarly students who arrive from 9am onwards or who depart before 3pm must be signed ‘in’ or ‘out’ by the parent at the Office. Parents must provide a reasonable excuse for this late arrival and this will be noted and a Late Arrival Slip will be provided to the student to then pass on to their class teacher. Anticipating your on-going cooperation with these very important matters.

New QSchools Mobile Phone App
— You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and
available from the iTunes store and Google Play. The app will link you to information directly from our website and so you will be able to access the school newsletters and note calendar events and if necessary receive emergency announcements and information. Access to this service will be able to replace the need for Newsletters to be emailed and/or printed and therefore will also help to streamline administration procedures. **If you still require your Newsletter by email or printed please advise the school as from Term 4 this service will only be available to those who have requested it.**

**Sport** – Congratulations to Julie Craig who has been selected in the Capricornia Athletics Team to participate in the State Championships on Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October in Brisbane. Julie will be representing in 100m, relay & 200m running events.

**Wakakirri** – Congratulations to everyone involved in this wonderful event. On the night our school performance called Tribal Idol was recognised for its efforts with Costumes, Sustainable Practices and Makeup Design & Creation. In addition to this our school was awarded the Most Sustainable Production award. Enormous thanks must go to a number of people including – the parents for their wonderful support and assistance, all staff who assisted but especially to Katie Paap and Leonie Wilcox and also to our students for their excellent participation and the positive way they represented our school. At time of printing this Newsletter, feedback from Wakakirri was not yet available about final placings. We will post this information on our school website as soon as it becomes available.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
FATHERS’ DAY
We hope that all Dads, Grandfathers and even Great Grandfathers have a wonderful Father’s Day next Sunday 1st September.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 16/8/13:
Cassie Treloar, Kaitlin Naylor, Coby Cabassi, Jewel Mudge, Jorji Upton, Kate Gibbons, Kahlia Munster, Kieran Lawn, Kiera Duck, Amber Schmidt, Courtenay Bennett, Tyler Clarke Dylan Phelan and Noah Brownsey.

Week Ending 23/08/13:

PARENT DIRECT/CHALK FUNDRAISER
Students from lower primary will have these catalogues delivered with their newsletter. Please note the school’s distribution of these booklets does not constitute an endorsement of the supplier by Education Qld or Glenella School. 20% of all sale proceeds come to our school.
Order forms and monies are to be returned to the office by Monday 16th September. Please also note that ONLY DELIVERY OPTION B is available.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large amount of lost property at the moment, including many jumpers/jackets. Parents, please take the time to come up and check if anything belongs to your children. Any items left at the end of term will be washed and put into second hand uniform stores. Please remember to name all items that come to school to ensure that they do not end up in our lost property box.
**PREP 2014**

Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2014? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2008 and 30th June 2009.

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.

Prep Count 2014 – 19

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**TEACHER AIDES DAY**

Please note Thursday 5th September is WORLD TEACHER AIDES DAY which celebrates the work of Teacher Aides in Queensland schools. Please remember to say a big thank you to Mrs Kemp, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Dunk, Mrs Brotherton, Mrs Garton and Mrs Mayes and let them know you appreciate the job they do!

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**HOY**

We would be appreciative of any offers of help. If you could possibly spare a couple of hours once a month, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to come along one Thursday for a look to see how the morning runs. We have a great bunch of ladies willing to show you the ropes. Please contact Jenny O’Loughlin on Ph: 0429418517 for more information.

**Roster**

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**WEBSITE**

Just a reminder that you can find a copy of this newsletter on our website [www.glenelllass.eq.edu.au](http://www.glenelllass.eq.edu.au).

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CUPCAKE DAY
On Monday 19th August the Student Council held a Cupcake Fundraiser for the RSPCA. This day was a wonderful success. Students and staff delighted in savouring the wide variety of cupcakes for sale. Thank you to all families who baked these wonderful treats. Cupcake containers that were delivered to school are now available for collection from the hall.

FUN RUN
On Thursday September 12 Glenella SS will be holding a Fun Run. All sponsorship forms and money need to be handed to your teacher by Monday 9th September.

Wear your weird and wacky clothing, but don’t forget you will be getting wet. Bring along a towel and plastic bag with your change of clothes (school uniform). Runners (preferably old) must be worn on the day.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 11th 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 pupil 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, Cheque or Money Order payable to Advancedlife. A Credit Card facility is available on-line at www.advancedlife.com.au

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.

P&C PRATTLLE
JULY P&C MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
- Total enrolments – 175
- Trivia night a major success raising over $2,000
- Hoy Profit year to date over $3,000
- Sports Day Sausage Sizzle profit $355
- Officeworks contribution from booklist sales $1,200
- School Crossing ladies have reported the crossing is used regularly, but speeding along Hill End Road is still high.

Highlights from August meeting will be published in the next newsletter.

NEXT MEETING
Our next meeting will be held next term on Monday 21st October at 7.00pm with parking available in the carpark. Please come along and be involved.
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.

Staffroom For Improvement 2013 has begun……. And we need your votes!!!!

Staff at Glenella would love a makeover of our outdated Staffroom. The school with the most votes wins a $20 000 makeover!!! Wow!!!

All you need to do is visit the website www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au, register as a participant and give your teachers your first apple. Be sure to visit the website each day, and watch your apple giving power increase! Let the apple giving begin.

The more votes we receive, the more chances we have of winning!!!! So please get voting!!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:
September:
05 Teacher Aides Day
07 Election Day
11 School Photos
12 Fun Run/Rewards Day
14-20 Canberra/Sydney Camp
16 Chalk/Parent Direct orders

October:
08 First Day Term 4
13 P&C Working Bee
21 P&C Meeting 7pm
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.

PIONEER SWIM CLUB
Sign on Days
10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 September at the Pioneer Swimming Pool 4pm-5.30pm
Website www.pioneerswimclub.com.au for contact Angela Harris at registrar@pioneerswimclub.com.au for more information.

Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club
Get a group of your friends together or join by yourself!
1st Sign On Day @ Memorial Pool, Sunday 15 September, 9am-12noon.
2nd Sign On Day, Sunday 29 September, 9am-12noon @ Eimeo SLSC. Please bring a parent along!
If you can’t attend on either day but would still like to join, please ring the club on 49696680.

Mackay Gymnastics
School holiday fun for primary school aged children at Mackay Gymnastics: Wednesday 25th September & 2nd October, 2013 at Swayne St, North Mackay 9.30 – 11 a.m. Cost only $15 per child. A great way to get children active and out of the house. Numbers are limited so please book. Contact Mackay Gymnastics 49 53 1425 or email admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

OZTAG
Any Glenella SS students who are interested in playing Oztag are invited to call Kylie Muscat on 0412082629 for more information. Please note whilst we are NOT forming Glenella SS teams, students registering through Kylie may be placed into teams with fellow school mates. Alternatively students are able to contact Melissa from Oztag direct on 0419 177 654. Games will be played on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm-6pm. Cost is $80 per student.
MAGPIES CRICKET CLUB
Milo In2cricket – 5 to 8 year olds
7 week program at Magpies Sporting Complex
Starting: Monday 16th September
4.15pm to 5.15pm
Register online at:
mccm.qld.cricket.com.au
Or at first session.
U10 Cricket – 8 or 9 year olds
Commencing Friday 11th October, 6pm.
Visit Club website to register.
mccm.qld.cricket.com.au
Magpies Contact details:
Email:
magpiescricket@clubs.qldcricket.com.au

TOWNSVILLE HOLIDAY SCIENCE EVENTS
AT CSIRO EDUCATION
30/9 NXT Robotics
1/10 Crystal Creations
04/10 Grossology
We now take bookings online – Click on the Book Now icons next to each event above or go to our website below and download our Events PDF.

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Shop 15 Macalister St
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Complete Beauty & Technispa
Call Bec Roe on 49530022
www.mackayinfinitebeauty.com.au
CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN WAKAKIRRI 2013.
YOU GAVE AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MISS KATIE AND MRS WILCOX FOR CO-ORDINATING,
COREOGRAPHING, DESIGNING PROPS, MAKING UNIFORMS, APPLYING
MAKEUP AND VOLUNTEERING THE MANY HOURS REQUIRED TO HELP
MAKE OUR ENTRY THE HUGE SUCCESS IT WAS.