PRINCIPALS CORNER

Last week I had the absolute privilege of taking 34 students and potential leaders in our community on a camp to our national capital. It was an amazing experience. Every student participated and benefited from the learning opportunities provided. Our staff thoroughly enjoyed sitting down and talking to the students and listening to their stories as they related new experiences to situations in their lives.

I spoke briefly on assembly about our vision or message to the community, ‘Small School – Big Family’ and the idea that we as educators don’t see what we do as a ‘job’ but rather a fulfilment of a personal choice to work with and improve student outcomes. ‘It takes a community to educate a child. In a world where we value achievement at the cost of morality, sometimes, the lessons we learnt growing up are often left behind.’

Last week I was invited to participate in a High Performance group of Principals assembled by the Director General to generate improvements in our education system and schools. It was an intense couple of days however, one thing resonated with me more than anything and it was a question posed by one of the facilitators – ‘Where are you from?’ It was meant to elicit a reaction that would provide information about your ‘Moral Purpose’. My sense of who I am and why I do what I do comes from my family and the knowledge of what they had to do to ensure I would be successful in life. This realisation invigorated me and galvanised my ideas and my ideals. Finding your moral purpose starts with knowing what your morals are. Educating students on the virtues of morals is vital in ensuring their success in society. Doors of opportunity will open if they have solid morals.

Here are 4 easy steps that you can follow to ensure that morals are instilled in your child/ren. These steps will require reminding and explicit teaching throughout their lives. This is one of the most important reasons why I believe, it takes a community to educate a child.

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Step 1

Define the morals that you feel are most important. While every parent wants their child to be honest, compassionate, kind, respectful, responsible and generous, it may be too confusing for your children to understand the importance of all values. Rank morals and teach them one at a time so your children aren't overwhelmed and have a proper chance to learn the importance of each facet of morality.

Step 2

Encourage self-direction by explaining how to understand feelings. Self-direction entails teaching your children to use their own feelings and sense of responsibility to decide whether something is right or wrong, and to decide the course of action. Self-direction takes the place of teaching many morals individually. Talk to your children and create several hypothetical instances where they would need to assess their feelings to make a choice, like a friend being bullied or accidentally taking a toy that doesn't belong to them.

Step 3

Explain natural consequences of bad or improper choices. This teaches your children to look past the moment to see what their actions will reap. For instance, if your children continually fight with friends, note that one day their friends may not want to play with them. If your children are caught lying, explain that it can make people doubt their stories. Also teach that good morals also have good consequences. Always being responsible means that someone may ask for their help, and always being kind could net them more friends to play with.

Step 4

Offer a good example for your children to follow when it comes to morality. If you try to teach your children good morals while exhibiting less-than-exemplary morals yourself, you send a mixed and confusing message to your children. It is especially important to show morality in your dealings with your children, even more so than with other people. If you make a promise, follow through. Show compassion by taking time to listen. Break up fights in a fair and even manner and check your temper. Your children will soon learn through your example that not only is morality important, but a desirable way to deal with others.

Cliff Powys
Principal
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Week Ending 14/8/15
Prep: Peggy and Sophie
Prep/1: Charlie and Samantha
Year 2: Cassandra and Julian
Year 3: Gabrielle and Matika
Year 4/5: Nathan and Kate

Week Ending 21/8/15
Prep: Tutitana and Dominic
Prep/1: Nate and Aneshia
Year 2: Ashwath and Abby
Year 3: Declan and Connor
Year 3/4: Claire and Kaden

Keep up the good work!

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 $3 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
As the term draws to a close we remind all parents to check your child/ren’s school supplies: exercise books, pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rubbers, colours, glue etc. which may need replacing for the new term.
HEAD LICE
Head lice seem to be an ongoing problem in the school at the moment. We are asking that all parents check their child’s hair REGULARLY.

Parents will be phoned if a student is found to have head lice at school. It is important that you treat this condition immediately. On completion of treatment students will be welcome to return to school.

Some facts about head lice:
- Head lice are tiny insects. They cannot fly or jump.
- They can only survive on human heads. They live on the hair and suck blood from the scalp. Head lice must feed every six hours or they will die.
- Head lice can only be spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact.
- The female lays 5-12 eggs per day. Eggs remain strongly glued to the hair. Eggs are sometimes called nits.
- The eggs need warmth and moisture of the scalp to hatch and will be found up to 1.5cm from the scalp.
- At any one time, it is possible to have adult head lice, young lice and eggs.
- ANYONE can get head lice – they have NO preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

PARENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR FELLOW PARENTS AS THIS PROBLEM WILL NOT GO AWAY UNLESS TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

P&C Highlights
May-July 2015
- P&C provided funding which halved Whitsunday Voices tickets.
- P&C have organised EFTPOS facilities for use with school events and uniform transactions.
- P&C to provide funding for transportation to swimming.
- P&C provided emergency funds for Canberra Camp.
- P&C have provided funds for more PM reading books.
- Funding provided for Wakakiri Bus.
- Organised successful trivia night.
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 have been sent home. Preferred payment is by Direct Deposit.
  School details are as follows:
  Glenella State School
  BSB: 064-707
  A/C: 00090677
  Ref: “Surname” Swim
  Payment can also be made by EFTPOS in the school office.
  Parents please note there will be NO REFUNDS for non-attendance of any student for the duration of the swimming program for 2015. Our school is required to pay upfront for this program and as such we would appreciate full payment by all students by the end of Term 3.

• 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.

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 and stockings.
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

EFTPOS

Please be advised that EFTPOS facilities are now available in the office for both school based activities and the purchase of school uniforms.

Commonwealth Bank

School Banking Update

Concerns have been raised regarding the Cosmic Light Beam Torch reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any Cosmic Light Beam Torches their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a Cosmic Light Beam Torch are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
ADIDAS FUN RUN
We will be holding an Adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on 16th October, within the school grounds.

The Adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form before the end of term to help collect sponsorship. The funds raised will be used to purchase resources for our school.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort.

If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day, please contact Ms Boal from the 3/4 classroom.

HOY ROSTER
03/9/15 Linley Maddy
Sheryl Miles
Shoppers Jane Jones
Kylie Garton
M/Tea Jane Manicaro
Mandy Treloar

10/9/15 Linley Maddy
Jodie Lindsay
Shoppers Nat Schmidt
Tracey Gray
M/Tea Michelle Burgess
Liddell Baker

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF DAY
Please note that on Friday 4th September we will be celebrating SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF DAY which celebrates the work of Teacher Aides and School Administrators in Queensland schools. Please remember to say a big thank you to Mrs Vella, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Dunk, Mrs Brotherton, Miss Penny and Mrs Garton to let them know you appreciate the job they do!
Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of $120.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Woolworths Earn and Learn.
This fundraiser is finishing soon! Remember to send in your earn and learn stickers as soon as possible. Spare sticker charts are available from Woolworths, the school office or by visiting www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
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 are 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 49518673.

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.

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.
WAKAKIRRI

Congratulations to our Wakakirri team who won the Public Speaking Award at the recent performance at the MECC. It was wonderful to so many talented students up on stage performing. Thank you to all who were involved behind the scenes. A special thank you to Miss Katie and Miss Niki.