It’s the last week of school! The last 10 weeks have flown past as we pack so much into every term. Next term doesn’t disappoint as we have swimming, our swimming carnival, Christmas Concert as well as preparation for term 1 2017. Just remember, the first day back next term is actually TUESDAY 4th of October. We also have a pupil free day in week 3, Monday 17th of October.

This week’s newsletter item is about cyber safety and the importance of being well informed about the pictures/videos we share online. Recently in the media we have seen many stories of pictures and videos being shared or ‘trolled’ for online and used to commit acts of fraud or used to gain information about a person’s whereabouts etc. With the multitude of platforms available to us now for sharing and connecting with loved ones and friends, the opportunities for your information and personal images to be used inappropriately are far greater and can come with a lot less notice. Below are 10 things to remember when you are about to post a photo of your child online.

1. **Your metadata and copyright are not protected!**
   Data recorded by smartphones, cameras and other devices, such as the location, date, time, and the type of device used, are not automatically deleted upon upload to Facebook and Twitter. Facebook also asks to tag the location and enter a description of the photograph.

   This is a tactic for social media sites to encourage people to use them as their preferred way of storing photographs, through creating new metadata specific to the website.
It also whittles down your copyright claim on the content, which makes it easier for social media sites to use your photographs for other (revenue generating), purposes such as sponsored stories. How many times have you seen ‘transformation journey’ stories in your feed, before and after shots if you use some new supplement or ‘my partner doesn’t think I am beautiful and won’t get 1000 likes or shares’. These are all designed to gather information about people and accounts who are susceptible to pity stories or vulnerable to feeling sorry for people. Unfortunately for us, it’s a case of our moral fibre being tested if we choose to ignore those posts, and guess what - the ‘trolls’ know it. Facebook and Twitter, according to the legal jargon in the terms and conditions, basically retain the right to use your content and photos for any purpose they deem necessary - so you need to be very wary of your rights.

2. The ‘Save As’ and screenshot options on every computer are very dangerous tools. In 2012 it was reported in the American media that pictures of a number of local teenage girls, originally from their personal Facebook accounts, were re-posted on dangerous and inappropriate websites.

Unfortunately this is more common than we think. The ability to save and screenshot pictures is a simple tool available to all who have access to your account, meaning they can copy and store your family photographs if they so wish.

3. You can unwittingly identify your children
Your children can be exposed to people you don't want to associate with - such as estranged family members, dangerous individuals/groups or those you may have conflicts with. There are numerous pathways into your social media feeds open to individuals who want to snoop or garner information on you (usually via shares or likes by your friends).

Consider, carefully, who will be seeing the post before posting details about your children's whereabouts, movements or identifying features.

4. Young children cannot decide for themselves
You do have to make some decisions for your children but their privacy is not something you should treat lightly.
Your kids may come to resent you in later life for posting intimate family moments. Once you post something on Facebook it remains there forever, even if you delete your account.

The only way for it to disappear is if everyone who has interacted with the post also deletes their account. This is assuming it has not been saved as a file or screenshot by someone else and shared elsewhere.

You must consider that your child may want to start off their own social media journey when they get older and the trail of information you have left behind may not be appreciated by them.

5. Social media sites can be hacked
Facebook, Twitter and all social media sites are just as vulnerable to hacking as other websites.

You should regularly check who has accessed your account by checking your privacy settings and log-in details. Most websites will tell you when and where your account has been accessed from. Make sure you use unique and hack-safe passwords to make your log-in as safe as possible.

6. Algorithms are more far-reaching than you think
You must be aware of websites’ ability to collate information and determine user circles on social media - Facebook in particular is extremely good at this. What you may think is private or shared between a few friends may be circulating in much wider patterns than you believe.

Pictures of your children can be exposed to outsiders by the likes and shares of your well-intended friends, leaving you in little control of where they end up.

7. You may be helping predators collect inappropriate images
Posting pictures of your children in the bathtub might seem funny or cute to you, however there are predators out there, online, looking for exactly that.

8. You may expose your child to cyberbullying
Children and teenagers are becoming more and more internet savvy and most are more up-to-speed on the newest social media platforms than their adult counterparts.
Posting what you might think is a cute, funny or happy image of your child, may leave them exposed to cyberbullying by their peers or even people from further afield that they have never even met.

9. Your personal information is vulnerable
Pictures of your house, the car you drive and personal information in your bio are particularly vulnerable to outside users who are fishing for information about your private life and movements.

You should avoid posting details of your address or whereabouts on Facebook.

10. Check your privacy settings regularly
If you still feel the need to post pictures of your children online to share with distant family members or friends, then you should be aware of your privacy settings and who can access the photos.

Read the terms and conditions of your social media accounts at regular intervals, they change often, and check how your profile appears to different users (this is an option setting on Facebook and can also be accessed on most social media sites).

The main message to all, is once it is out there, it’s out there for a very long time. So just take a second before you post something that you may regret later. I am not advocating to stop connecting with friends and family who you may not see all the time but perhaps if you want to share a photo or a special moment, catch up for a coffee or drop by in person and simply ‘share’ the old fashioned way, you may leave feeling better for it as well.

Regards
Cliff Powys
PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

MONDAY 3\textsuperscript{RD} OCTOBER IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MONDAY 17\textsuperscript{TH} OCTOBER IS A PUPIL FREE DAY

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**Congratulations to our Students of the Week.**

\textbf{Week Ending 2/9/16}
- Prep: Elise & Zachery
- Year 1: Charlo & Shania
- Year 2: Lily & Jacques
- Year 3: Matthew & Luca
- Year 4: Holly & Charlie
- Year 4/5: Kaden & Jay
- Year 5/6: Tyler & Connor

\textbf{Week Ending 9/9/16}
- Prep: Oliver & Ryan
- Year 1: Mason & Molly
- Year 2: Hannah & Jacques
- Year 3: Kaitlin & Lily
- Year 4: Charlie & Ella
- Year 4/5: Seb & Amelia
- Year 5/6: Ella & Olivia

Keep up the good work!

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**SWIMMING**

Students in Prep to Yr 6 will commence swimming from **Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} October (FIRST WEEK BACK).** We will swim once per week (Thursdays) over an eight week period. Swimming lessons will be given by qualified instructors at Pat Wright’s Swim School.

As this is an indoor facility, students are not required to wear a rash shirt during lessons but **MUST** have an appropriate shirt for the bus travel to and from the centre.

Our swimming carnival will be held at the Memorial Pool on Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November 2016. As this facility is outdoors, all students competing in the carnival are required to wear a **rash shirt/t-shirt.**

**NO SHIRT – NO SWIM!**

PLEASE NOTE THAT TUCKSHOP WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAYS FOR THE DURATION OF OUR SWIMMING PROGRAM.
Come along dressed in your Aussie bush gear to our school Bush Dance to be held in the hall on Friday 14th October from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. There will be games, best outfit prizes, lucky door prizes, party lights and loads of music.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Icy poles (50c), chips (50c) and Glowstix products ($2) will also be on sale.

More information will be in the next newsletter.

PREP 2017
Do you have a child who will be eligible for Prep in 2017? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2011 and 30th June 2012.

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.

HOY ROSTER

22/9/16  Jenny O’Loughlin
  Liddell Baker
  Shoppers  Celise Bahr
            Tracey Gray
  M/Tea  Jenny O’Loughlin Sav
         Liddell Baker Sw
29/9/16  Jenny O’Loughlin
  Jackie Barnard
  Shoppers  Annalees Jackson
            Paula Mudge
  M/Tea  Tracey Gray Sav
         Jenny O’Loughlin Sw
06/10/16  Linley Maddy
  Liddell Baker
  Shoppers  Jane Jones
            Kylie Garton
  M/Tea  Kellie Goodson Sav
         Kelly Chappell Sw
13/10/16  Jenny O’Loughlin
  Sheryl Miles
  Shoppers  Jackie Barnard
            Tracey Gray
  M/Tea  Jacqui Upton Sav
         Liddell Baker Sw
MONEY COLLECTION

• SWIMMING
The cost of our swimming program is $75.00 per child. We offer you the option of payment in instalments. Invoices have been issued. 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 at 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 2016. 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.

SPORTS SHIRTS
Glenella State School P&C are asking parents to show an expression of interest regarding the sale of collared polo shirts in sports team colours (Ash, Pine, Cedar, Oak). These shirts would be available for purchase by placing one bulk order at the beginning of the school year. Please complete the return below. The cost of each shirt would be approximately $15.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
SPORTS DAY SHIRT ORDER

YES, we the ____________________________
family would be interested in buying a coloured sports shirt for my child/ren

NO, we the ____________________________
family would not be interested in purchasing a coloured shirt.

SCHOOL WATCH:
We would ask that you keep your eyes and ears open. If you see or hear anything unusual in our school grounds over the holidays, please contact the SCHOOL WATCH number, which is 131788. Anything that you can do in this regard would be greatly appreciated!!!
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.

BreastScreen Queensland
Digital Mobile Unit
Will be located at
SPOTLIGHT
Greenfields, Mt Pleasant
21 - 24 September 2016
Women 40 years and over are eligible to join the BreastScreen Queensland Program
No Doctor’s Referral Needed
Phone 13 20 50 for your FREE BreastScreen appointment

Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club
Come'n'Try Sign On Day
Sunday 2nd October
9am – 11am
Eimeo Beach. Sausage sizzle
Nippers Season kicks off Sunday
9th October 8.45am-11.00am
Phone 49696680 for more info.

Netball Clinic
Ages 5-12 years
Beginners to Advanced
Fully supervised
Qualified coaches
Lunch provided each day
Canteen also available
Mackay Indoor Sports Arena
Harbour Road Mackay
19th, 20th & 21st September
9am-3pm
Cost $190 for 3 days or $65 per day
Bookings essential
Call Hanna on 0428722663

Softball Batter Up
A fun game based development program
Wednesday afternoons 4pm-5.30pm starting 12th October for 4 weeks
Mackay Softball Grounds – Theo Hansen Park Beaconsfield
$65 inclusive of all Softball activities and a pack containing a ball and Softball glove
For years 4-7
Call Cheryl on 0428182248
How many photos...

On average, **195 photos** are shared by parents of under fives every year.

The figure rises to **206 images** shared on average by parents of Kids under 16.

Today's children will feature in almost **1,000 photos** before they turn five.

Where are these photos?

Popular applications used for uploading/sharing images:

- **Facebook**: 53%
- **Instagram**: 14%
- **Twitter**: 12%

70% of parents use a smartphone as their main gadget for photos.

Parents in the dark...

about who owns the rights to images online:

- **Facebook**: 39% believe they own the sole rights to images on Facebook.
- **Instagram**: 17% believe they own the sole rights to images on Instagram.

Only **49%** of parents are aware that location data showing where photos were taken can be stored within an image.