FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Term 4 is well and truly underway and it is important that we all keep focussed on the many tasks that lay ahead before our end of year holiday break. For our students this includes attendance at school on every day this Term as we know attendance is directly related to achievement at school. Please keep in mind that Monday 21st October is a Student Free Day for all state schools and whilst students will not be in attendance, staff will be participating in a variety of Professional Development activities throughout the day.

On the last day of Term 3 a group of our boys participated in the Steve Jackson Rugby League Carnival under the guidance of our PE teacher Toni Balchin. We would like to thank parents for their support during this day by organising transport for our students. Feedback from the carnival was positive and we would like to acknowledge Jonte Upton – ‘player of the day’ and Logan Purdy ‘best and fairest’ along with all members of the team for their input throughout the day.

As we are aware NAPLAN is one of the key measures of a school’s literacy and numeracy performance, i.e. one piece of the puzzle when looking at school and individual student performance. Therefore literacy and numeracy remain everyone’s business, i.e. every teacher in every classroom and supported by every parent in every home. I would like to acknowledge the efforts by all staff members in regards to driving a strong improvement
agenda and having high expectations of each student at our school. Recently we sent home individual student NAPLAN reports and as a school we have been using this information as part of our school evidence-based decision making as we prepare for the 2014 school year. Across each NAPLAN Year level there are 5 strands – Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy that each student is measured in. So across Yr 3, Yr 5 & Yr 7 there is 15 strands or learning areas in total that are used to map performance. In 10 of the 15 strands Glenella SS is showing improvement greater than the improvement shown by the Nation – this should be acknowledged and celebrated by the school community, well done everyone!!

**Staffing Update** – We would like to thank Emily Andrews who will be working in the Yr 1/2 classroom on Fridays for the rest of the year for filling this unexpected vacancy. Leonie Keating has moved into a full-time role at TAFE and was unable to finish the school year as previously planned. Emily is well known to staff and students as she works with the Yr 1, Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 classes each Monday so this will ensure there is a smooth transition with this change.

As previously shared on a separate note home Teacher Transfers will see the following changes at Glenella SS for 2014:

- Leonie Wilcox – transferring out to Sunshine Beach SS.
- Josh Gurr – transferring out to Dysart SS.
- Tracy Riggs – increasing to 4 days/week at Glenella SS.
- Erin Myall – transferring in to Glenella SS, working 1 day/week with Tracy Riggs.
- Joanne Brown – transferring in to Glenella SS, working 2 days/week with Alicia Wardrop.
As a school community we have been privileged to have Leonie and Josh on staff over the last couple of years. Both staff members have shared their skills in a generous fashion and they have both been active members of the school community via their daily commitment to the students and through various extra-curricular activities. We wish both Josh and Leonie all the best as they each take the next exciting step in their teaching careers.

Further, as also previously advised, I have accepted a promotion to Blackwater SS as Principal for 2014. I want to sincerely thank each of you for the wonderful support and encouragement you have given me over the last few years whilst Principal at Glenella SS. Together we have achieved some wonderful things and this is because of the positive support you have given all of us at school. Glenella is a wonderful school, quite unique in what it offers and one of the great strengths of the school is the positive working relationship that exists between parents, students and staff. I have made some wonderful friends, enjoyed working with fantastic staff and seen our students positively progress over my time at the school. As soon as we are aware of the new Principal’s details I will share these with you.

Planning for 2014 – as you would be aware we are putting together plans for the new school year on a daily basis. In the next Newsletter we will be able share information regarding class groupings and teacher allocations for 2014. We thank parents for advising us of any students who will be moving at the end of the year and at present our enrolments will be slightly down on 2013. We will again run with seven classes in 2014 and we would ask you to continue to spread the good news about our school to assist us to increase our enrolments for next year.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 20/9/13:
Aimee Huddleston, Laura Munster, Rylan Frost, Charli Johnson, Noah Olsen, Nickolas McCullagh, Brooke Naylor and Jermaine Quakawoot.

Week Ending 11/10/13:

BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD

Winners
T3 Week 8 – Jermaine Quakawoot
T3 Week 9 - Cody Carroll
T3 Week 10 – Gabriel Vance
T4 Week 1 – Maria Biju

PLEASE NOTE:
MONDAY 21st OCTOBER IS A PUPIL FREE DAY.

MAGPIES:
Magpie season is here!
We already have birds nesting in the trees near the sports shed. The Department of Environment advises some steps to ensure our safety:
1. Avoid the attacking birds and their territory.
2. Students to wear a wide brimmed hat and if possible wrap around sunglasses. Umbrellas may also be used.
3. Suggestions for bike riders are to place flag on bike and get off bike until out of the bird’s territory.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Each term 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.
During the last week of term 3 the Year 6/7 classes enjoyed a trip to Canberra and Sydney. The places in Canberra visited included Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Questacon, The Australian Institute of Sport, Cockington Green, The War Memorial, National Museum, Telstra Tower and a cold day at the snow. In Sydney we visited the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, Circular Quay and enjoyed a noisy day at Taronga Zoo.

We also had to spend an unexpected extra night due to a cancelled plane and had an awesome night bowling and seeing Reece Mastin. It was an amazing trip.

The Australian Government helped this trip become possible by providing funding through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. This gave us the opportunity to learn more about our National Capital, Parliament and democracy.

We would also like to thank all the staff and parents who helped organize this memorable trip.

Lauren Owen and Zachary Meyer

MONEY COLLECTION

- **P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:** Please consider helping the school financially by supporting the levy system. Rates are:- 1 child $15 per term - 2 or more children $20 per term.

- **BOOKCLUB:** Forms have been sent home today. Orders and payments are to be received by Monday 4th November. Please make all cheques payable to Glenella State School.

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. Please remember to name all items that come to school to ensure that they do not end up in our lost property box.
The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. The aim is to educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to “Recognise, React and Report” and to honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe. Students from Glenella SS are encouraged to wear something red on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to commemorate Day for Daniel. Leading up to the day students will watch a DVD and complete safety message activities. Please send along a gold coin donation.

**HOY**

We would be appreciative of any offers of help. Please contact Jenny O’Loughlin on Ph: 0429418517 for more information.

**Roster**

| 24/10 | Jenny O’Loughlin  
Keri McNamara  
Shoppers  
M/Tea | 31/10 | Kathy Owen  
Michelle Burgess  
Shoppers  
M/Tea |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|
|       | Paula Mudge  
Kym Mitchell | Nat Schmidt  
Mandy Treloar |                |                |

**HOY XMAS DONATIONS**

Our last Hoy for 2012 will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. We are asking all families to help make this day as successful and profitable as it has been in past years. **We need around 100 cent sale items as prizes. Christmas items (to the value of $2.00) or a monetary donation (in order to buy prizes) would be most appreciated.** Some suggestions include Christmas cards, wrapping paper, serviettes, decorations, chocolates, peanuts, lollies, softdrink, small glass dishes, toiletries of any kind, tea towels, placemats, washers, Christmas mugs & glasses, decorative candles, bon bons, biscuits, wine etc. Please start sending up those Christmas goodies as soon as possible. Thank you.
WORLD TEACHER’S DAY
Friday 25th October is World Teachers’ Day and a special day which will be celebrated by staff and children alike. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful teaching staff at this school. Please take the time to recognize the very important job our wonderful teachers do every day!

P&C PRATTLE
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY 28th OCTOBER AT 7.00PM IN THE LIBRARY
We would love to see some new faces at our P&C Meetings. Do you have some ideas that you think will benefit the school? Have you noticed areas around the school that need attention? This is a fantastic way to have your say and have some input into upcoming school activities and events. Free tea/coffee and supper is provided.
Make a difference to your child’s school!

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 – 21

DATES TO REMEMBER:
October:
21 Student Free Day
23 GSS Prep Orientation Day
25 Day for Daniel
25 World Teachers Day
28 P&C Meeting 7pm
31 GSS Prep Orientation Day

December:
6 Swimming Carnival
11 Year 7 Graduation
12 T4 Rewards Day
13 Last day term 4
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ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT GLENELLA SCHOOL OFFICE ON 49692333.