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

Well believe it or not we are nearly half way through our busy Term 4 and we thank the school community for their on-going assistance with all things to do with school. The next month will be increasingly busy and your continued co-operation will be appreciated as we move in on our last day of the year, December 13th!

Administration of Medication at School – We would again like to remind parents of EQ policy and procedure around the administration of medication to students at school. All medication, including over-the-counter medication such as paracetamol and alternative medicines, treatments or supplements, must be authorised by a medical practitioner before it can be administered to students. The ‘Request to Administer Medication at School’ Form continues to be available from the school Office for parents to have completed and signed by the authorising medical practitioner to allow staff to administer any medications during the school day. These medications are to be delivered to the school Office, preferably by parents, along with the ‘Request to Administer Medication at School’.

Students Arriving at School after 8:45am – We would also again like to remind parents of the need to personally deliver their children to the Office if they arrive at school late to explain the students Late Arrival. Parents are responsible for filling in the Late Arrival book, located in the Office, and students will receive a Late Arrival Slip that they are to take to their
classroom teacher. If a child arrives at school late they will not be able to enter classrooms until the above procedures have been followed. If this requires Office staff to ring parents to explain Late Arrivals then this will be done.

**Students Departing through the School Day** – We would also like to remind families that students who need to depart school for any reason during the school day, must be picked up and signed out from the school Office. Parents are responsible for filling in the Early Departure book as part of this process. Parents are able to phone ahead or provide a note requesting permission from the Principal to collect their child during the day to help with this protocol.

**Planning for 2014 (Update)** – Using current predicted enrolments, our school will be running the following Class model and teacher allocations for next year:

- Prep – Alicia Wardrop (3 days/week) & Joanne Brown (2 days/week).
- Yr 1 – Davina Nelson.
- Yr 2 – Robyn Anderson.
- Yr 2/3 – Tracy Riggs (4 days/week) & Erin Myall (1 day/week)
- Yr 3/4 – Fiona Trenaman.
- Yr 4/5 – Cathy Boal.
- Yr 6/7 – Katie Paap.

We will advise the school community of student allocations to classes and booklist requirements in the near future. If for any reason parents wish to discuss the above please arrange to contact me as soon as possible.

**Staff Retirement** – We wish to advise the school community that our wonderful cleaner Jenny McIntyre will be retiring at the end of the year.
Jenny has done a wonderful job as school cleaner for many years now and we were even lucky enough to bring her out of an earlier retirement a few years ago to continue her great service at our school. Jenny will be missed and we wish her all the best as she enjoys her grandchildren and the other joys of finally putting the mop away at the end of the year!

**Staff Groundsperson Vacancy** – We would like to advise the school community that our current casual Grounds staff (Cory & Mitchell) are also finishing up. Given this we require the services of a casual Groundsperson to begin as soon as possible. Interested applicants are asked to contact the school as soon as possible and speak with myself. We hope to have this position filled before the end of the school year to ensure our grounds are appropriately maintained over the Christmas school holidays.

**Student Congratulations** – A big congratulations to our students who recently participated in the Mackay Schools LOTE (Japanese) Speaking Competition. We were very proud of our four participants Shaye Hubner, Taylah Rouse, Carley Mercer and Maddison Rogers, and would like to especially congratulate Shaye – 1st Place, and Taylah – 2nd Place. Well done girls!

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Week Ending 18/10/13:
Lucy Munster, Julian Vance, Lachlan Jones, Holly Williams, Angel Chetcuti, Maliki Rudolph, Lily Cross, Ella Toonen, Jackson Harris, Amber Schmidt, Kalyen Devecchi, Bethany Rogers, Brodie Purdy and Taylah Rouse.

Week Ending 25/10/13:
Cameron Schmidt, Ciarna Jensen, Savannah Ivey, Matika Perkins, Matt Goodson, Kirra Tower, Kala Jackson, Claire O’Loughlin, Nyah McNamara, Amil Biju, Tayla De Wet, Brenden Morgan, Skye Cairns, Maddison Rogers and Tate Brodel.

**BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD**

Winners
T4 Week 2 – Kala Jackson
T4 Week 3 – Ella Plattfuss

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**
Nicholas Hetherington, Jemma Lawn, Thomas Bendeich, Jemmi Miles, Jaida Johnson, Ayshia Rouse, Seb Stehbens, Lily Cross, Keiran Lawn, Max Maddy, Conner McCullagh, Stephanie Ivey, Courtenay Bennett, Brenden Morgan, Hannah Ryan, Skye Cairns, Teagan Hansen, Jake Masters, Dylan Phelan and Brodie Purdy.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**
Calan Bowman, Kate Gibbons, Tyler Shackleton, Georgia Hansen, Chloe Vella, Noah Brownsey, Shaye Hubner and Taylah Rouse.

**MAGPIES/PLOVERS**
Magpie season is here!
We already have birds nesting in the trees near the sports shed.
We also have families of plovers nesting on the netball court and sports oval. Please encourage your children to STAY AWAY from these birds for their own safety.
MONEY COLLECTION

• FITZGERALD SPECTACULAR
  On 14th November students from Prep-Year 7 will travel by bus to MECC to watch Fitzgerald SS perform their musical production “Ghost Camp”. This performance forms part of the Fitzgerald SS Spectacular. Cost is $5.00 per student. Please send payment to the school office by Monday 11th November in a clearly labeled envelope.

• 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 were sent home with the last newsletter. Orders and payments are to be received by Monday 4th November. Please make all cheques payable to Glenella State School.

EARLY NOTICE
HELPERS MORNING TEA
Each year the school has a morning tea to say thank you to all who have helped out in any way throughout the year. This might have been reading with children in the classroom, helping with art, maths activities or covering library books. We would love as many helpers as possible to attend so we can say thank you. Please fill out the return at the end of this newsletter if you will be attending on Wednesday 27th November.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large amount of lost property in the school office including many jumpers/jackets and water bottles. 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.
CONTACT DETAILS
If you have changed any of your contact details recently, could you please make sure that you let the office know as soon as possible. It can be very distressing for students who are ill when we are unable to contact parents and loved ones.

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

Roster

7/11  Keri McNamara  
       Annalees Jackson

Shoppers  Annalees Jackson
          Paula Mudge

M/Tea  Michelle Burgess  
       Tracey Purdy

14/11  Jenny O’Loughlin  
       Michelle Burgess

Shoppers  Lisa Matthews
          Kylie Garton

M/Tea  Maryanne Funston  
       Belinda Bendeich

HOY XMAS DONATIONS
Our last Hoy for 2013 will be held on Thursday, 5th 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.

XMAS HOY BAKING
On that last day of Hoy we also give our supporters free morning tea. It's our way of thanking them for injecting much needed money into the school. A form is attached for those people who are willing to bake or make sandwiches or other goodies, other suggestions are listed below. Please note all workers are welcome to join us on
that last day, either to work or play for the morning. All Hoy helpers will stay and have lunch afterwards, so come along and join us.

Some suggestions include:

**Baking** :- Cakes, tarts, quiche, savouries, dips, slices, scones, pikelets.

**Sandwiches**:- We need a total of 3 Cafe loaves of sandwiches made up.

Please return the completed form to the office as soon as possible.

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**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 – 24

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**XMAS HOY BAKING RETURN**

I …………………………….

am able to bake for the Christmas Hoy morning. I will provide the following baked goods:

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**November:**
04 Bookclub $ due
11 $ Due for Fitz Show
14 Fitzgerald Spectacular
25 Last P&C for 2013
27 Helpers Morning Tea

**December:**
5 Xmas Hoy 9am
6 Swimming Carnival
11 Year 7 Graduation
12 T4 Rewards Day
12 Xmas Concert
13 Last day term 4

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www.glenellass.eq.edu.au
Measles Health Alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.


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EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Please consider having your newsletter emailed directly to you. It will arrive promptly in your inbox fortnightly on the Friday morning. By emailing our newsletter, we can save considerably on printing and paper costs and it is also friendlier to the environment. Please complete the return below and send in to the office.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE

We, the ____________________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email.
Our email address is below:

________________________________________________________________________

(Please print clearly)
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.

THE SALVATION ARMY
With Christmas fast approaching the Mackay Salvation Army has begun collecting food and gifts for people in need. We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items. All donations can be dropped off at 48 Gregory St from 8am-3pm. The smallest donation can mean so much to someone who really needs it. Please ph: 49573576 for more information. Thank you for your generous support.

ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS
Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. It usually develops during early adolescence when growth is most rapid. The cause is unknown, but 80% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents particularly females. If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. If you would like more information please collect a brochure from the school office or alternatively go to www.scoliosis-australia.org.

eKindy
eKindy is a flexible ‘at home’ kindergarten program with online support from qualified teachers equivalent to a centre-based program. There are no fees for families who meet the eligibility criteria. Find out more by contacting the Brisbane School of Distance Education on 3727 2421 or visit the website eKindy page http://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php/ekindy

CYCLONE SATURDAY
Saturday 2nd November
9am – 3pm at Caneland Central.
Learn how to prepare yourself, your family and your property for natural disasters. Free advice, displays, Emergency kit information, win a 2KVA generator worth $1,200.
Visit: www.mackay.qld.gov.au/emergency

HELPERS MORNING TEA
I …………………………………
Will be attending the Helpers Morning Tea on Wednesday 27th November 2013.
The Day for Daniel was a wonderful success. It was great to see so many students and staff dressed in red to support this important cause.