FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and relaxing school holidays. I honestly don’t know where the time has gone. It seems like only a few weeks ago I had arrived at Glenella. Term 4 promises to be a big final term. There are many opportunities coming up that will impact and benefit your child/ren. As the term progresses, please peruse the newsletter for key dates and be on the watch for notices that come home.

A new program starting up this term is Breakfast Top-up on a Tuesday morning. If your child needs a top-up on breakfast before they start, we will be offering cereal, toast and spreads and something to drink from 8am to 8.30am outside the hall. Our school chaplain, Chappy Cam will be assisting us in delivering this program. Students will be encouraged to eat outside and all are welcome.

As we prepare for next year, many high schools are organising for the inaugural inclusion of Year 7 into high school. This year as many of you know, we have a whole class of graduates! If you have not already, please put your name down at a high school or if you are not sure and require further information, please contact me at school and I am more than happy to discuss and answer any questions I can. Our transition planning is well under way, more notices on this will follow.

Preparations for our Biennial Canberra Camp for 2015 are already underway. I am hoping to have a meeting with parents of current Year 4 and 5’s (Year 5 and 6 in 2015) on Tuesday 21st October at 3pm to discuss next year’s plans. We will hold this meeting in the Library. Come along and receive information relating to cost, fundraising opportunities and the itinerary for our trip.

Regards

Cliff Powys

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 12/9/14:
Clea Bowman, Kaleb Gray, Nicholas Hetherington, Chloe Branscombe, Holly Williams, Jack Maddy, Matt Goodson, Claire O’Loughlin, Reese Naylor, Seth Delaney, Bianca Mercer, Damian Hudson, Josh Vorster and Cory Shackleton.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday to the following students for the month of October:
Lily Stanley, Jemma Lawn, Nicholas Hetherington, Thomas Bendeich, Jemmi Miles, Seb Stehbens, Lily Cross, Caleb Harvey, Jaida Johnson, Max Maddy, Ayshia Rouse, Stephanie Ivey, Keiran Lawn, Courtenay Bennett, Teagan Hansen and Brenden Morgan.

MAGPIES:
Magpie season is here!
We already have birds nesting in the trees near the boundary fence at the front of the school. 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.

PREP 2015
Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2015?
To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2009 and 30th June 2010.
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.
P&C Highlights
September 2014

• Hoy has raised $4,446 this year to date. Art Show made a profit of $983.30. Mother’s Day Stall raised $628. All successful events.

• P&C have approved funds to purchase outside chairs and tables.

• Year 6 and 7 graduation plans are underway.

Next P&C Meeting Monday 27th October at 7pm in the Library.

MONEY COLLECTION

• 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 heath and wellbeing.
The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on 11th, 12th and 13th November. Each class will attend one session. Cost is $6 per student. Permission forms have been sent home today. Feel free to come along to the parent information session on Wednesday 12th at 8.30am.

• BOOKCLUB:
Forms have been sent home today. Orders and payments are to be received by Monday 28th October. Please note we are no longer able to accept CASH payments. Payment can be made using the credit card option or alternatively payment can be made by EFTPOS in the school office.

CONTACT DETAILS
If you have changed any of your contact details recently, could you please make sure 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.
FREE DRESS FUN RUN

We will be holding the Adidas School Fun Run as a “Wet Relay” next Friday 17th October.

Students are welcome to wear free dress on the day.

Please ensure you bring along a spare set of wet clothes (boardshorts, rash vest etc) to wear during the run. Please also send along a towel in a plastic bag. Sunscreen will be provided.

All sponsorship forms and funds raised should be returned to school by Friday 10th October.

The class who raises the highest amount will be rewarded with pizza for lunch!

Any families who have a rectangle blowup pool that they would be willing to lend to us for the event, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Cathy Boal

HOY

Please contact Jenny O’Loughlin on Ph: 0429418517 for more info.

Roster

16/10   Jenny O’Loughlin
        Jane Manicaro

Shoppers   Jane Jones
        Tracey Gray

M/Tea      Annalees Jackson
        Jenny O’Loughlin

23/10   Jenny O’Loughlin
        Sheryl Miles

Shoppers   Annalees Jackson
        Kylie Garton

M/Tea      Jane Jones
        Belinda Bendeich

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This very successful program will be up and running again starting soon. This term we are offering Taekwondo on a Monday afternoon (starting 27/10/14) and Fitness Circuits/Mini Moves (kids boot camp) on Thursday afternoons (starting 23/10/14). The program runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm each day and afternoon tea is provided. There is no cost involved. Please contact the school office to register your interest.
SCHOOL BANKING
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is offered at our school. Application forms are available from the office. Our school banking day is Monday. Books are returned to students on Wednesdays. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

SCHOOL SPORT

Netball Gala Day
Ten of our mixed junior and senior girls joined forces to play against 40 other schools in Mackay District’s Inaugural Netball Gala Day held by Mackay & District Sport on Thursday 18th September. The girls had a great day with their skills improving with each match. They were great ambassadors for our school. The girls involved were: Brooke Naylor, Amber Schmidt, Chloe Osborne, Kiera Duck, Jade Branscombe, Dakota Cairns, Ella Jackson, Claire Oloughlin, Ella Jackson and Reese Naylor. Well done girls!

Steve Jackson U/11 Rugby League Gala Day
We had Jonte Upton, Jayden Tower and Jackson Harris join forces with Northview State School to attend this Gala day on Friday 19th September. A fantastic day was had by all.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October:
17 Fun Run
20 Pupil Free Day
21 Canberra Camp Meet 3pm
23 Eisteddfod Performance
27 P&C Meeting 7pm
28 3/4 & 4/5 Excursion
29 Prep/1 Transition
31 S/Council Sausage Sizzle

November:
11 Life Education Van
12 Life Education Van
13 Life Education Van
19 Helpers Morning Tea
27 S/Council Sausage Sizzle

December:
2 Swimming Carnival
4 Xmas Hoy 9am
9 Year 6/7 Graduation
12 Last day Term 4
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.

Mackay West Rotary Club
Annual Christmas Fair

Fri & Sat 24th & 25th October from 6pm.
Ham Wheel, Meat Tray Wheel, Cent Sale, Bottle Stall
Lucky Dip and lots more!
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**HOY XMAS DONATIONS**

Our last Hoy for 2014 will be held on Thursday, 4\(^{th}\) 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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**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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