Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

As we move into the last half of the Term can I remind parents of the importance of having their children at school every day through to the end of the year. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, attendance directly impacts on student learning, every lesson missed needs to be caught up. Unless students have a genuine reason not to be at school, e.g. medical appointments, illness etc then please ensure that they are at school by 8:45am every day.

Classrooms are busy with lots of assessment at present as teachers compile each student’s individual progress over Semester 2 for our end of year Report Cards. Report Cards will go home in the first week of December along with Individual Student Target feedback (if it has not already been communicated with families). Parents and students will again be invited to meet with class teachers at the end of Term to discuss the Targets and Report Card for each student.

We continue to make preparations for 2014 and will soon release Class lists and Booklists for 2014. It is vitally important that families have contacted the school to advise if their children will not be attending Glenella SS in 2014 as our staffing, teacher aide allocations, admin hours etc are all determined by enrolments. Planning for 2014 is a big job and unless we have accurate enrolment information this job becomes more difficult. Whilst we look forward to growing our enrolments in 2014 please ensure
we are aware if your children will not be attending next year by advising the Office by Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November at the latest.

Next week I will travel out to Blackwater to meet my new school community in preparation for my move in 2014. I will be out of the school from Tuesday to Friday. During this time Leonie Wilcox will be Acting Principal.

We are awaiting information on the appointment of the new Glenella Principal, which should take place by the end of this Term. Hopefully we will be able to organise a visit from our new Principal before the year finishes. As soon as I am able to update the school community with more information I will do so.

\textbf{Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} November} will be our last P&C Meeting for the year. We look forward to having a good attendance this month as we discuss the end of year activities that will be taking place at the school. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the 2013 Executive for the wonderful working relationship they have had with the school and the enormous financial and human support they have put into the school community generally. Whilst we value all families in our school community, we especially appreciate the extra time that is given by parents in a variety of ways such as through the P&C.

On Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} December will run our \textbf{2013 Swimming Carnival} from 9am to 12noon at Pioneer Pool. We are currently organising events and planning for this event. If parents are willing to assist on this day please advise the Office as soon as possible.

\textbf{End of Year Awards & Concert} – this year both these important events on our school calendar will take place on the same night. On Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} December we will come together as a school community in the Hall for our Awards which will acknowledge Academic Effort, Citizenship and All-
Rounder Awards. From Prep to Yr 3 these awards will be presented to each class and from Yr 4 to Yr 7 they will be presented to each Year level – Yr 7 will also be acknowledged at their Graduation evening on Wednesday 11th December. P&C will cater for dinner on Thursday evening and will soon be sending out information in regards to this. To complete the night our end of year Concert with performances from each class will take place. We encourage all families to attend this very important evening on our school calendar – additional details re the evening will come out in the near future.

Staff Groundsperson Vacancy – we would like to advise the school community that our current casual Grounds staff (Cory & Mitchell) are 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.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 1/11/13:

Week Ending 8/11/13:

BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD
Winners
T4 Week 4 – Charli Johnson
T4 Week 5 – Luca Borg

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.

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAYS
North High – Tues 3rd Dec
Pioneer High – Wed 4th Dec
Mercy College – Thurs 28th Nov
Holy Spirit – Mon 2nd Dec
Mackay High – Mon 9th Dec

Please contact the relevant school for more information.

2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR
The Education Queensland 2014 School Calendar is available by going to the following website
www.education.qld.gov.au
HOY
We would be appreciative of any offers of help for 2014. Please contact Jenny O’Loughlin on Ph: 0429418517 for more information.

Roster

21/11  Kathy Owen
       Keri McNamara
Shoppers  Paula Mudge
       Kym Mitchell
M/Tea    Jenny O’Loughlin
       Kym Mitchell

28/11  Jenny O’Loughlin
       Michelle Burgess
Shoppers  Maryanne Funston
       Jordana Darmanin
M/Tea    Natalie Schmidt
       Mandy Treloar

05/12  Kathy Owen
       Michelle Burgess
       Jenny O’Loughlin
Shoppers  Annalees Jackson
       Paula Mudge
M/Tea    Michelle Burgess
       Tracey Purdy

HONEY:
Our famous Hill Honey is now available! Cost is $3.50 per jar. Please see the office for your supplies.

P & C PRATTLE

OUR LAST MEETING FOR THE YEAR WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER
FROM 7.00PM

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
YEAR 7
GRADUATION DINNER
The Year 7 Graduation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 11th December commencing at 6:30pm at Magpies Sporting Complex. Numbers are required BY 22nd NOVEMBER PLEASE.
Dress code for the night will be smart casual. Please have boys dressed in long pants and collared dress shirts. Girls, please dress in sensible attire with no skimpy or revealing clothing.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large amount of lost property in the school office. Parents, please take the time to come up and check if anything belongs to your children. Any uncollected items will be donated to charity at the end of term.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
November:
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

HELPERS MORNING TEA
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Will be attending the Helpers Morning Tea on Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 9am.
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.

NEW TO MACKAY??
The Welcome to Mackay Bus tour will depart from the Old Town Hall on Sydney St on Saturday 23rd Nov at 10.30am. This 2 ½ tour has limited seats and is free! Please call 49577757 for more information.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE IN MACKAY
Surf Life Saving Queensland is offering a limited number of positions free of charge in a Lifeguard training course held over 5 days during the end of year school holidays: 2nd-6th December 2013. To be eligible you must be:

- 17 years of age or older
- Able to swim 400m in less than 8 minutes
- Interested in working as a casual Lifeguard with SLSQ

This course covers the following awards: Bronze Medallion, Cert II in Public Safety, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, and Applied First Aid.

For more information or to apply contact: hridland@lifesaving.com.au or (07) 49535116