FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to another instalment of our Newsletter. We have been very busy organising this fortnight. Our school is hosting many events and providing many opportunities for our students this term. Graduation, Life Education, Pre-Prep Orientation and Parent Information sessions as well as organisation for end of year concerts and award ceremonies have been on the agenda. It’s great to see so many staff and community showing initiative in either leading the organisation or helping. It is all appreciated, thank you very much!

Next week we will be hosting an Auditor from Brisbane. She will be assessing us against 8 Domains for the Teaching and Learning Audit and 5 Domains for the Behaviour Audit. We have been preparing as a staff for these for quite some time. They provide the school and the community with an idea of where the school is and where it is heading. This information is invaluable as we often do not see areas to improve unless they are explicitly shown to us. I look forward to the audits’ results and will pass on the findings to our school and wider community.

Our Pre-Prep day was such a huge success this year. We had approximately 30 families here, all eager to see other new members of our Glenella family as well as participating in some Prep activities. I had the pleasure of working with parents on skills to give their child a head start on prep. I look forward to working with all our new parents next year. A BIG thank you to Mrs Morrow, Mrs Brown and Mrs Dunk for their organisation of the day. It was the best one I have ever been to. Just a quick reminder about our Prep Parent Session next Wednesday at 5.30pm in the Library.
We have had to change our Swimming Carnival date to the 27th November as unfortunately the original date we had booked clashed with the Mackay North High Orientation day, which would mean many of our students would miss out. I apologise for this date change and still hope to see plenty of community and parent support at our swimming carnival. We hope to provide the right balance between participation and competition.

On assembly I stated that we were targeting students in ‘Out of Bounds’ areas. Please reiterate at home that students need to be in their own area where they can be supervised appropriately before, during and after school time. These include going straight to the library before school starts, playing in their designated areas during lunch times and going to the pickup zone straight away at home time. There should be no dawdling and certainly students should be visible at all times to ensure safety.

Booklists have been made and are available on our website. We have taken a lot of time and care in considering items for our booklist. Items which have been removed include reams of paper and laminating pouches. We have added a spelling text to our resource list for years 1-6. We are going to be testing students in 2015 and the results of this test will tell us what level text needs to be purchased. You will notice that this will be invoiced to parents in 2015. We have also partnered up with Cross Printery for our Booklists. This is a completely optional service and parents are under no obligation to use Cross Printery. One of the benefits however is that they can deliver the order to your door (at no cost) and you have the option of employing Cross Printery to supply the whole booklist or part thereof. Families have the option to order online or alternatively place the order direct with Cross Printery.

Regards

Cliff Powys
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week Ending 24/10/14:**
Harry Jones, Annabell Stephens, Cameron Schmidt, Ciarna Jensen-McCarthy, Connor Chappell, Charli Johnson, Jessica Harris, Jewel Mudge, Maliki Rudolph, Jaida Johnson, Kiera Duck, Keiran Lawn, Cody Carroll and Lacey Harding.

**Week Ending 31/10/14:**
Nate Frost, Lachlan Barnard, Lily Cashman, Jake Toonen, Matika Perkins, Cameron Barnard, Kaitlyn Simonsen, Thomas Bendeich, Talia Miles, Lily Cross, Gabriel Vance, Ryan Ollington, Tiffany Osborne and Konnor Davis.

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**2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
The Education Queensland 2015 School Calendar is available online at [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au) Click on the link on the right hand side of the page.

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**GRADUATION DINNER YEAR 6 AND 7**
The Graduation Dinner will be held on Tuesday 9th December at 6:30pm at Magpies Sporting Complex.
Numbers and payment is required **BY 14th NOVEMBER PLEASE.**
(Please include your graduating student in your tally of number of children attending). Graduating Year 6 and 7 student’s meals will be paid for by the P&C. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Glenella P&C Association.
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.

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

Roster

13/11  Jenny O’Loughlin
        Sheryl Miles
Shoppers  Annalees Jackson
           Kylie Garton
M/Tea   Annalees Jackson
       Jenny O’Loughlin

20/11  Jenny O’Loughlin
        Linley Maddy
Shoppers  Nat Schmidt
           Paula Mudge
M/Tea   Jane Jones
       Belinda Bendeich

HOY XMAS DONATIONS
Our last Hoy for 2014 will be held on Thursday, 4th 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, softdrinks, small glass dishes, toiletries of any kind, tea towels, placemats, washers, Christmas mugs & glasses, decorative candles, bonbons, 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.
YEAR 7 AND 8 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS
High schools will be holding their orientation days in the coming months. Please note the dates.
Mercy College  Thurs 27/11
Holy Spirit College  Mon 1/12
North Mackay SHS  Tues 2/12
Pioneer SHS  Wed 3/12
Mackay SHS  Yr 7’s  Mon 8/12
             Yr 8’s  Tues 9/12

MONEY COLLECTION

• LIFE EDUCATION:
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. Feel free to come along to the parent information session on Wednesday 12th at 8.30am.

P&C PRATTLE
Our Next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 17th November at 7pm in the school library.
All welcome!

Japanese and Chinese Speech Contest 2014
Foreign languages are an enjoyable part of school as 100 of the best Japanese and Chinese speakers in our district proved on Thursday 23 October at the Mackay Regional Languages Speech Contest. The contest which was held at the Central Queensland University, had students from twenty four schools, demonstrate their excellent language skills. The students in grades six to nine had to pass the judges strict criteria for fluency, intonation, accuracy and presentation. Glenella State School fielded four contestants, all of whom admirably showcased their Japanese speaking talent. Our year six entrants were Konnor Davis and Shaye Rouse. Our year seven competitors were Carley Mercer and Taylah Rouse. Congratulations to all our students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school. A special congratulations to Shaye who advanced to the finals in the year six division and finished fourth overall. Congratulations also to Taylah who also advanced to the finals in the year seven division and placed second. Well done!
Hoy Sensei

HELPERS MORNING TEA
Each year the school has a special 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 and drop it into the office if you will be attending on Wednesday 19th November.

DONATIONS PLEASE
In December Ms Riggs and her children are travelling to Fiji. As the Fijian people are always so friendly to their visitors, Mrs Riggs would like to take a few items over for them. She is looking for donations of Happy Meal toys, small packets of coloured pencils/pens and small colouring-in books. Please drop your donations to the Year 2/3 classroom. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
November:
11 Life Education Van
12 Life Education Van
13 Life Education Van
19 Helpers Morning Tea
27 Swimming Carnival
28 S/Council Sausage Sizzle

December:
4 Christmas Concert
4 Christmas Hoy 9am
8 Awards Assembly
9 Year 6/7 Graduation
12 Last day Term 4

WANTED!
We are always in need of second hand uniforms in the office to cover little accidents that sometimes happen at school. We are in particular need of smaller sized boys shorts. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, we would be very appreciative.
CRAFTY CLUB
Students across all year levels continue to enjoy our Crafty Club held each Friday lunchtime in the Artroom. Thank you to our wonderful band of volunteers. We have included a few photos of some Halloween creations including witches, ghosts and pumpkin faces. If you have any usable crafty scraps laying around, donations would be greatly appreciated.
Kelly Chappell

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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HELPERS MORNING TEA
I ...........................................

Will be attending the Helpers Morning Tea on Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 9am.

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