PRINCIPALS CORNER

Only a month until Christmas and the school is getting into the holiday spirit! Our Christmas Concert is coming together and the students are busy practising for their performances. A BBQ dinner will be available (for purchase) from 5.30pm and we anticipate the concert will commence close to 6.30pm.

Last week I was very grateful and humbled by the help I received in dismantling the old playground underneath the Rain tree. We had Peter Gibbons, Shane Cairns, Ben Frost and Peter Mudge here on site with tools and manpower. We really couldn’t have done all of that without you gentlemen, thank you very much!

Report Cards are busily being prepared and finalised. If you are unable to receive your child’s report card in the final week, please let the office know and we will arrange for it to be posted out to you.

Before, after and vacation school care will begin in 2017 at Glenella State School. This will be a great service offered to our school community which means that many of our working parents have an option for care for their kids. Come along to a parent information session on the 29th of November at 6pm in our Library. Camp Australia will be hosting this service for us and would really like to see a large attendance to encourage the service to grow.

As this will be the last Newsletter for 2016, I wish all of our families and community members a happy and safe holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Regards
Cliff Powys
Students of the Week

Week Ending 11/11/16
Prep: Hudson & Julian
Year 1: Emily & Darcy
Year 2: Kaleb & Annabell
Year 3: James & Abby
Year 4: Ella & Holly
Year 4/5: Matt & Amelia
Year 5/6: Kala & Olivia

Week Ending 18/11/16
Prep: Savannah & Charlotte
Year 1: Tia & Eliegh
Year 2: Reece & Nakisha
Year 3: Sakima & Jemma
Year 4: Noah & Kyron
Year 4/5: Cooper & Casey
Year 5/6: Kahlia & Hayley

END OF YEAR AWARDS ASSEMBLY
We will be holding our special End of Year Awards Assembly on Monday 5th December at 9am. This assembly will also include the cutting of the Year 6 Graduation cake. We would love to see as many parents as possible attend.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAYS
Mackay North SHS  Tues 29/11
Pioneer SHS  Tues 29/11
Mackay Nthrn Beaches SHS  Tues 29/11
Mackay SHS  Mon 5/12
Holy Spirit College  Mon 28/11

REWARDS DAY
Rewards Day this term will be held in conjunction with our Swimming Carnival on Monday 28th November. Students will enjoy playing on a number of water slides and jumping castles that will be set up at the Memorial pool.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Good luck to all of our graduating Year 6 students. We certainly will miss you all next year. Enjoy your graduation night and best of luck for your years ahead in high school.
2017 BOOKLISTS AND STUDENT PACKS

Our school has negotiated with Kookaburra Educational Resources to supply our Student Packs for 2017. This allows us to take advantage of very competitive pricing. Ordering is as easy as logging onto www.kookaburra.com.au/studentpacks

Username: GLENE004
Login: studentpack.

We have attached some simple instructions to this newsletter. If you do not have access to the internet, hard copies of booklists are available from the office.

Please note the following items are to be purchased from the school office
- Kangaroo Activity Books at a cost of $2.50 each
- Library/homework bags - $8.00 each
- Chair bags are available in two styles at a cost of $10 and $20 each.
- Please note that every child will be invoiced for a Spelling Mastery Workbook at the beginning of 2017.

P&C HIGHLIGHTS

July-November 2016

- Organised Art Show food
- Purchased industrial fridge for hall kitchen
- Organised Fathers Day stall
- Introduced sports uniform option
- Provided food for Bush Dance
- Purchased new uniform stock
- Christmas Concert food
- Supports Crafty Club

TREE REMOVAL

Unfortunately due to safety concerns we have been advised that the large Rain tree in our school grounds needs to be removed. This removal will take place during the upcoming school holidays so the area will be cleared and ready for students to play in the new year.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

As you are aware our annual swimming carnival is Monday 28th November. Junior Carnival will run from 9:15am to 11am (5-8 years) and seniors will begin at 11:15am and run to 2pm (9-12 years). All student/s will be at the pool all day as we are holding rewards day in conjunction with the carnival. Parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend.

Please read the following notes as they are very important:

- All students are to wear swimwear underneath their clothes (house colours) to school. Don’t forget your school hat! Students are permitted to wear thongs on the day. Please ensure your child/ren have a towel, change of clothes (including underwear) and shoes and socks in their bag.
- Due to sun safety regulations students MUST wear a swim shirt (rashy) or a fitting t-shirt (not baggy please). NO student will be allowed to swim without the appropriate shirt. Please apply sunscreen before leaving home.
- Ensure your children have a large water bottle and extra food in their lunch box as they tend to get extra hungry during sports days.
- Student/s must be at school by 8:30am as the bus will be leaving school grounds promptly at 8:45am.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are pleased to announce that our submission for before and after school care has been successful. Camp Australia will be providing the service to our school.

We are hoping to commence this program during Term 1 2017 and invite you to an information session to be held in our school library next Tuesday 29th November at 6pm.

Representatives from Camp Australia will be available to answer any questions you may have.
## XMAS HOY ROSTER

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## HOY XMAS DONATIONS

Our last Hoy for 2015 will be held on Thursday, 3rd 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, bonbons, biscuits, wine etc. Please start sending up those Christmas goodies as soon as possible. Thank you.

## XMAS HOY BAKING

On the last day of Hoy we give our supporters a free morning tea. It’s our way of thanking them for injecting much needed money into the school. We are looking for people willing to bake or make sandwiches or other goodies for the morning. 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.

**PLEASE HELP!**

Would you be interested in helping out at HOY, our school’s biggest fundraiser? If you could spare one morning (9am-11.30am) per month **or even just half an hour once a month to buy raffle prizes**, please complete the return at the end of this newsletter. Many hands make light work!!!
HOY HELPER 2017

I, .............................................

will be available to help out with Hoy in 2017. Please call me on .............................................

I can help out as follows:

Volunteer ☐
Raffle Shopper ☐
Grocery Shopper ☐
Morning Tea ☐

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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PREP 2017

Do you have a child who will be eligible for Prep in 2017?
To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2011 and 30th June 2012.
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.

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.

Funkey Beat will be holding a vacation program with emphasis on visual arts (drawing and painting) and music (performance, improvisation, rhythm, composing and theory) over the Christmas holidays. The program will run over a two week period from 9th – 20th January from 9am-2.30pm (lunch provided). The course will finish with a performance and art exhibition. No previous experience is necessary. Course is open to students from years 4-8. Please call 0498 742 268 for more information or email admin@funkeybeat.com

Funkey Beat offers an instrumental music program (guitar, ukulele & keyboard) for students of all ages. Music helps in the development of pathways in the brain, allowing children to become creative thinkers as well as