PRINCIPALS CORNER

With only a few days left of school it would be easy to think that there isn’t much going on, however, this time of the year brings us Christmas concerts, graduation ceremonies and plenty of opportunities to look back fondly on a great 2015.

Here are just a few quick reminders and notices. Report cards will be going home with students on Thursday. This would normally happen on Wednesday of the last week, but as this will be our Rewards Day and no doubt, there will be wet towels and togs in bags going home, the report cards will be safer given out on Thursday. Our assembly for class awards will be held on Tuesday 8th of December, as we have our Swimming Carnival on Monday 7th December. The last day of school will be a free dress day.

Our staff have worked tirelessly trying to make 2015 the best year at Glenella State School. They have spent so much of their time organising, facilitating and leading opportunities for our students this year and I thank them for all of their hard work and positivity this year. This brings me to this week’s topic and one that is quite apt considering this time of year - the ability to say thank you appropriately. Here are some simple tips to encourage your child to say thank you in a meaningful way.

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Turn thank you into artwork

If your little one enjoys art and craft, then help him/her say thank you through artwork. Any kind of craft will do, and you can jot a little note to include with it to explain what the intent is (if it’s not readily apparent).

Say it in a different language

Make saying thank you educational and fun by teaching your little one how to say thank you in different languages.

Replace “good job” with “thank you”

Instead of saying “good job” when your little one does something helpful, try “Thank you for _____, it helps me _____.” Saying thank you regularly to your child is one of the best ways to teach him/her how to thank others – be a role model!

Hugs and high fives

I don’t know about you, but a child’s genuine excitement when they open a gift, plus that impulsive hug (or high five), is enough thank you for me. I don’t need the ritual of a thank you card to reinforce for me that the child enjoyed the gift.

Share the fun

If your little one is happy sharing toys and time with others, why not set up a play date with the thank-ee? Playing with a gift with the gift giver might be more appreciated than any thank you note.

Make something to say thank you

Some little ones love to create – whether it is painting a picture, baking biscuits, or putting a collage together, a gift from your child’s heart is an incredible token of thanks.
Do something nice

If your child’s love language is service, find ways that they can lend a hand to someone who has done something nice: decorating for an occasion, weeding the garden, odd (and easy) chores; there are many ways a child can be helpful, and it can turn into a learning experience too!

Say it yourself

Really, when adults ask children to say “please” or “thank you,” all we’re doing is proving to the other person that we have manners. If you’re that concerned about making a good impression, say thank you yourself: kindly, genuinely, without the tone that you wish your child had done it instead (because all that will do is shame your child, which will not motivate them to say thank you – from their heart – in the future). Your gracious modelling will make a big impression.

Don’t force the issue

Finally, relax. Don’t force thank you’s, they’ll come in time. Shaming or forcing a child into saying a grudging thank you may make you feel better in front of others, but it can backfire by making your child feel resentful. Make saying “thank you” a fun learning experience, not an unpleasant task that must be complied with reluctantly.

So in saying that, THANK YOU for a great year at Glenella, it has flown past but I have enjoyed every day.

I hope all of our families at Glenella State School have a safe and Merry Christmas, enjoy your holiday time and come back refreshed and eager for another great year at school.

Regards

Cliff Powys

Principal
Students of the Week

Week Ending 20/11/15
Prep: Peggy & Harrison
Prep/Yr 1: Lachlan & Clea
Year 2: Lily & Cameron
Year 3: Calan & Connor
Year 3/4: Kirra & Cooper
Year 4/5: Cameron & Nathan
Year 5/6: Ella & Paris

Week Ending 27/11/15
Prep: Rishab & Connor
Prep/Yr 1: Samantha & Tristen
Year 2: Abby & Emmett
Year 3: Mia & Rylan
Year 3/4: Ella & Jewel
Year 4/5: Kahlia & Connor
Year 5/6: The Whole Class!

END OF YEAR
AWARDS ASSEMBLY
We will be holding our special End of Year Awards Assembly on Tuesday 9th 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.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 7th December at Pioneer Pool, North Mackay.
Junior students are to arrive at school at 8.30am dressed for the pool in swimmers, sports colours & thongs with towel, goggles, uniform, underwear, socks and shoes in a plastic bag inside their school bag. Older students are to wear sports colours to school with swimming gear in a plastic or swimming bag inside their school bag. As this is a school sporting event all students, boys and girls, must wear a sun safe rash vest/shirt whilst participating in the pool.
Hats are to be worn throughout the day. All students must bring their lunch and water bottle as canteen facilities will not be available.
Juniors (born 2007-2010) will depart school at 8.45am sharp and return around 11.30am. Seniors (born 2003-2006) will depart school at 10.45am and return around 2.15pm.
Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend to cheer on our swimmers!
HOY THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the families who have donated items for the Christmas Cent Sale and mums who volunteered to bake for our last Hoy of the year. Your generosity really makes the morning a great success.

I would also like to thank all the people who have helped with shopping and volunteering their time each Thursday morning throughout the year. Hoy would not be the success it is without all of our helpers. It really puts into perspective the value of Hoy when you think over the last 23 years Hoy has contributed close to $100,000 to the school, which is a massive effort.

If you think you might be interested in helping with Hoy in 2016, please contact myself or see the office staff.

Jenny O’Loughlin

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.

REWARDS DAY

Rewards Day this term will be held on Wednesday 9th December. Students will enjoy a fun “Wet Day”. A number of water slides and jumping castles have been organized.

Please send students to school with “Sun Safe” swimmers, towel, thongs and hat in a clearly named plastic shopping bag. Please apply sunscreen liberally before school.

Cost is $5.00 per child.

Please send payment in a clearly named envelope to the office by Friday 4th December.

Direct Deposit in school bank account is also available.
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THANK YOU!
We would like to thank our P&C executive for their contributions during 2015. To Stuart Naylor, Jenny O’Loughlin, Duncan Treloar, Annalees Jackson, Jane Jones and Taryn Cabassi, your efforts during 2015 have been greatly appreciated. Thank you to Kellie Chappell for running our Crafty Club every Friday. The students really have enjoyed themselves this year. Thank you also to Casey Stehbens for co-ordinating our School Banking program.

To departing families, whether you are Year 6 parents or parents of other students within the school, we wish you all the best. We thank you for your contribution to our school during your time with us.

We would publicly like to thank all of the staff at Glenella School for their efforts during 2015. All staff members, including Teachers, Aides, Cleaners, Administration and Ground Staff contribute to the smooth running of the school. Without all of their efforts this school would be a very different place.
Thanks also go to our fantastic band of helpers such as our Religious Education teachers and Library volunteers who give their time freely.

Finally, thanks to all the mums and dads who help out in the classroom with reading, activities, gardening and much more. Our school is a better place because of you!

THANK YOU MAGPIES
Magpies have supported the school through Hoy, donations, use of playing fields, guidance from their staff and assistance with co-ordinating functions. Thank you to all at Magpies and we look forward to your continued support in 2016.

GLENELLA CASH STORE
We would like to thank Glenella Cash Store for your ongoing support of our tuckshop program in 2015. These wonderful ladies now deliver our tuckshop to the school gates to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you.

SCHOOL WATCH: We ask that over the holidays you keep your eyes and ears open. If you see or hear anything unusual around our school, please contact the SCHOOL WATCH number 131788. Thank you.
**BIRTHDAYS:**
Happy birthday to the following students for the months of December and January:

**December:**
Lochlan, Eliegh, Charlie, Kaitlyn, Matt, Claire, Alemphia, Talia, Reese and Ashlee.

**January:**
Maddison, Tristen, Jacques, Samantha, Lily, Ashwath, Jake, Matika, Savannah, Kaden, Noah, Jackson and Ella.

**PLEASE HELP!**
Do you have a couple of hours spare per month? Would you be interested in helping out at HOY in 2016? Hoy is our school’s biggest fundraiser. If you could spare one morning (9am-11.30am) per month please contact the school office. All offers of help are greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!!!
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