FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to another instalment of our Newsletter. We are almost at a close for this year, I can’t believe how quickly this year has passed. We have been steadily preparing for the end of year concert and graduation events as well as finalising assessments and report cards. Some important key dates for these and other events will be communicated to you via our website and through communication home.

Our Year 4/5 teacher, Ms Boal will be on Long Service Leave in the last two weeks of the year. She will be replaced by Mrs Healy. She comes to Glenella with a wealth of experience behind her. We look forward to working with her here.

As we roll into the end of year I have had some time to reflect on key issues within the school. Attendance has been steadily high in our school (we have achieved our benchmark of 93% attendance) however it can always be improved. There are 2 cohorts which have slipped below 89%. I just thought I would share some important information. 1 or 2 days doesn’t seem much but.....
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The above table certainly puts things into perspective! Remember, Every Day Counts!

Booklist are out and are available on our website and have been sent home. As I have said before, Cross Printery can organise your booklist for you, however it completely voluntary.

Classes for next year are being formed and we are getting organised for 2015. Our Pre-prep days and nights with parents have been a success with great feedback around some hints and tips for reading and numeracy. Just a reminder, if you have a special request regarding your child’s class or their peers, please place this in writing in a 1 page (no more) justification for your request. We will endeavour to accommodate these as best we can however make no guarantees. We are a small school with generally 1 class per cohort. Please address your letter to myself.

Regards

Cliff Powys
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week Ending 7/11/14:**
Samantha Rogers, Caitlin Adlington, Aimee Huddleston, Jemma Lawn, Kyron Ollington, Ella Chappell, Charlie Baker, Azyia Thompson, Madison Masters, Max Maddy, Jade Branscombe, Brooke Naylor, Brenden Morgan and David Shaw.

**Week Ending 14/11/14:**

**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.

**CANBERRA CAMP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**
1st Prize – Christmas Hamper
2nd Prize - $100 Coles Voucher
3rd Prize - $50 Fuel Voucher
Tickets are $1 each and are available from the school office.

**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 ASAP 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.
TAEKWONDO
DATE CHANGE
Please take note if your child takes part in our Active After School Sports Program. The Taekwondo lesson for Monday 1st December has been cancelled. The final lesson will now be held on Monday 8th December.

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.

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 the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL
NEWS
Day for Daniel
Thank you to all students who participated in our Day for Daniel fundraiser. $165 was raised for the Morcombe Foundation.

CUA Prize
Local member Jason Costigan and Thea Olzard from Credit Union Australia attended parade on Monday morning to present a $1,000 prize cheque to our school. Thank you to all who voted for Glenella State School in the recent Community Care Program. We were the only school in the local area to receive a prize. Well done!

HONEY:
Our famous Hill Honey is now available! Cost is $3.50 per jar. Please see the office for your supplies.
**HOY**
Can you help out with Hoy in 2015??
Please contact Jenny O’Loughlin on Ph: 0429418517 for more info.

**Roster**

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**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.

**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, 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.
Rewards Day this term will be held on Wednesday 10th December.
Eligible students from Prep-Yr 7 will be travelling to Mount Pleasant Cinema.
Prep – Yr 2 will watch “Paddington” (rated G) and Yr3-7 will watch “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” (This movie is rated PG. If you have concerns about your child viewing this movie, please contact the office)
Cost is $10.00 per child. Please send payment in a clearly named envelope to the office by Friday 5th December.
Direct Deposit in school bank account is also available.
BSB: 064 707
A/C: 00090677
Please use your Surname & “Movie” as reference.
Bus costs are being met by the P&C

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

Dates to Remember:
November:
27      Swimming Carnival
28      S/Council Sausage Sizzle

December:
4       Christmas Concert
4       Christmas Hoy 9am
8       Awards Assembly
8       Last Taekwondo Lesson
9       Year 6/7 Graduation
10      Movie Rewards Day
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.

P&C HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER MEETING
P&C have allocated funds for:
- Year 6/7 Graduation
- Xmas Carols expenses
- Term 1 After School Sports
- Recognition plaque for donators of tiles for mosaic.
P&C are also looking at ways to increase Hoy profits.

HOY HELPER 2015
I,

Will be available to help out with Hoy in 2015. Please call me on

XMAS HOY BAKING RETURN
I

am able to bake for the Christmas Hoy morning. I will provide the following baked goods:

www.glenellass.eq.edu.au
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