PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

What an exciting fortnight we have had back at school. The students are in full swing and the teachers have taken full advantage of that. All programs are up and running and we look forward to seeing the great results of the students and teachers efforts soon. There are a few key messages I would like to put forward.

Firstly, the state government recently announced approximately $133 million in funding for schools to target student improvement in literacy and numeracy. Our share or portion of the money was $46,614. A sizeable sum by any means, I have included a blurb of the Great Results Guarantee in this week’s newsletter. We are currently putting together a proposal for our school which will aim at targeting that money to student’s improvement in literacy and numeracy. We will be using those funds allocated to develop a guarantee of results. If you would like further information on this, please do not hesitate to contact me or have a look at the link in the information contained in this week’s newsletter.

With so much happening, it’s easy to let a few things slip through to the keeper. Could we please be vigilant in ensuring that home reading and reading with your child is allocated some time after school. We all get really busy, especially when school goes back, but those 10 or 15 minutes reading with your child has so many long term benefits to their overall learning and eventually achievement. I have listened to quite a number of students read, and I am pleased with the quality and expression students read with here at Glenella State School.

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There are two car parks or drop off zones provided to parents for their use before and after school. Please be mindful of where you park, drop off your child and pick them up. The prep area car park is designated solely for prep parents to pick up and drop off their students. The staff car park is **not to be used for parent pick up or drop off.** In the interest of safety, please be mindful of where you are parking. Further to this, if there are any issues, please be mindful about your interactions with each other within the school grounds. Our students, as I am sure you know, are impressionable and very observant. If there are any issues which you would like to talk about in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cross Country season is upon us again. We will be starting school cross country training soon. We will notify parents and families with exact times. Students will be timed and we will be looking for improvements in their times as practice rolls on. This process is less about being the best but improving on your personal best. It encourages students to set a goal, achieve it and move on to something bigger or better. I look forward to seeing each student achieve their personal best.

Cliff Powys

Principal

**Great Results Guarantee**

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Over the last few weeks the Year 6 and 7 students have undertaken a school leadership application process. It was great to see so many enthusiastic candidates vying for positions. Well done and thank you to all those students who participated in the election process.

Congratulations to our newly elected 2014 school leaders:

School Captains:
• Taylah Rouse
• Lacey Harding

School Vice Captains:
• Luke Fagan
• Logan Purdy

House Captains:

Ash – Teagan Hansen
Carley Mercer

Cedar – Shaye Rouse
Kyle Hetherington

Oak – Tate Brodel
Josh Vorster

Pine – Julie Craig
Cody Carroll

All Captains will be publicly recognised and formally congratulated at a special assembly at 8.45am next Monday 17th February. Parents of captains are encouraged to attend. All welcome.

PARENT AFTERNOONS
We have a number of parent afternoons to be held over the coming weeks. We encourage as many parents as possible attend these informative sessions.

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BIRTHDAYS:
Happy birthday to the following students for the month of February:
Congratulations to our Students of the Week,
Week Ending 7/2/2014
Taylor Nimmo, Harry Jones, Luca Borg, Chloe Branscombe, Coby Cabassi, Angel Chetcuti, Nathan Burgess, Jewel Mudge, Larissa Frost and Kahlia Munster.
Keep up the good work!

BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD
Draw Winners
Week 2 – Madison Masters
Week 3 – Rylan Frost
Congratulations!

Glenella SS P&C have A4 plastic book covers in a variety of designs for sale in the office at $2 each. Come in and take a look.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
As from 1st January 2014 the Federal Government introduced the Child Dental Benefit Schedule. The Qld School Dental Service funding has now changed to accommodate this scheme. Each family from Glenella SS will receive a brochure explaining to parents what the changes involve and how this change affects them. If parents have any queries, please contact the School Dental Service at North Mackay School Clinic on Ph: 4951 4241.

PREP & YEAR 1 PHOTOS
A photographer from the Daily Mercury will visit our school on Monday 17th February to photograph our Prep and Year 1 Students. This photograph will be published in the Daily Mercury in a photographic feature in the coming weeks. Please ensure all students are wearing school uniform and appropriate footwear.

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

- **P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:** To support the progressiveness of our school, we need to maintain fundraising activities. A fundraising levy was introduced a number of years ago to ensure all other fundraising ventures will be kept to a minimum. We encourage all parents to support this levy. The rates of levies applicable to primary and/or prep students are as follows:-

  1 **child** only $15 per term or $60 per year

  2 or more **children** $20.00 per term or $80 per year

This levy can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office or by direct deposit to:

**Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account**

BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00900246

using your “surname” and “Levy” as the reference.

- **NEXUS ARTS**

  On Monday 17th March all students from Prep-Yr7 will be entertained by the performance “Our Story”. This is an amazing, hysterical romp through the history of Australia. Cost is $6 per student. Please send this to the school office in a clearly named/marked envelope by Wed 12th March.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is underway at our school. Application forms are available from the school office.

Our School Banking day is **MONDAY**. Please have your child hand their Passbook and deposit $ to their classroom teacher each Monday morning. Passbooks will be returned to students each Wednesday.

For every deposit a student makes, no matter how big or small, they will receive a Dollarmites token. These tokens can be exchanged for gifts of different values as a reward for saving.
**HOY NEWS**

Would there be some lovely Mums (or Dads) who would like to go onto a roster system to provide a plate of morning tea for our Hoy ladies. This would be on a monthly basis. Suggestions are scones, muffins, pikelets, slice etc. If you can help, please complete the return at the end of this newsletter and send to the school office. Any help in this regard would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Jenny O’Loughlin

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**WE NEED YOU AT OUR P&C MEETING**

Our first P&C meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 24th February at 7pm** in the school library.

We will be looking at what we would like to plan for 2014 - whether this is repairing, replacing, purchasing equipment or simply what social events we would like to hold throughout the year.

A P&C meeting is an opportunity for parents to have input into the future direction of our school. If you would like input but simply cannot make it to our meeting please see the office for the contact details of our P&C committee. They would love to hear from you!

P&C Meetings are a fun, constructive get together to benefit our school and our kids.

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PERMISSION FORMS
All permission forms should now have been returned to the school office. If you have not attended to this matter, please do so as soon as possible.
Please note that students will be unable to attend sporting events/excursions etc until this permission form has been completed and returned.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL
Please complete the return below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER
We, the __________________ family would love to receive our newsletter by email.
Our email address is below:
____________________________________
____________________________________
(Please print clearly)

HOY MORNING TEA
I __________________ would be happy to provide a plate of morning tea for our Hoy ladies on a roster basis.
Please contact me on
PH:__________________________

DATES TO REMEMBER
February:
17 Captain Badge Ceremony
17 Prep/Yr 1 Photo
18 Yr 2 Parent Meeting
18 Yr 6 Parent Meeting
19 Yr 1 Parent Meeting
20 Prep Parent Meeting
20 Hoy at Magpies 9am
24 P&C AGM Meeting 7pm
27 Hoy at Magpies 9am

March:
17 Nexus Arts “Our Story”