PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

What a great start to the year we have had. Our new teachers have settled in and we are well under way to another successful term at Glenella. Our term is filling up quickly with Cross Country training, excursions, incursions and special guests visiting our school. Last week we were fortunate enough to have 2 members of the North Queensland Cowboys at our school to meet with and talk to our students. They reiterated our message of a healthy active lifestyle needs to be complimented by a healthy lunchbox. I am very impressed by our students healthy snacks so far, so let’s keep it up!

Our Canberra Camp chocolate drive is well underway with year 5 and 6 student’s busy fundraising for their camp. There still are a few who have not yet collected their boxes of chocolates. This is a great fundraiser with a strong incentive of reducing the cost of camp for families. We have already had some families collecting their second and third round of chocolates to sell. This is an amazing effort in only a week. Miss Katie has sent home a note informing parents and families about this initiative. Please contact the school if you need further clarification.

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As discussed in quite a few parent meetings over the last 2 weeks, our behaviour policy has some slight changes. We are introducing a Responsible Thinking Room for students who receive a Yellow Card. This involves the student completing a ‘thinking sheet’ of what they did and why and how they can improve their behaviour. It also means that they are in this room for the duration of 1 playground break (2nd break). A teacher will be with them to help them reflect on this behaviour and how to improve as well as monitor them within this room. All changes will need to be ratified through the P&C and all parents will be notified of changes during this term. We are also putting a strong emphasis on our 4 SCHOOL RULES. BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL AND BE RESPONSIBLE. You will see these posters and their messages around the school.

We recently were successful in attaining a Grant for a new Data Projector and Screen in our hall. This is very exciting as we plan on using this new technology for many of events at school. It will also mean community members who are keen to use the hall for diverse reasons have the opportunity to do so. We hope to see more community events held on our premises this year.

Regards

Cliff Powys
SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Over the last few weeks the Year 6 students have undertaken our school leadership process. It has been 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 2015 school leaders who will be announced at Assembly on Monday morning.

Students vying for Sports Captain positions will present their speeches to their houses next Wednesday and winners will be announced at assembly next week.

All Captains will be publicly recognised and formally congratulated at a special assembly at 8.45am Monday 3rd March 2015. Parents of captains are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome.

GOOD LUCK to Chloe Osborne who is competing in the Capricornia Swimming Trials this Monday. Go Chloe!

BIRTHDAYS:
Happy birthday to the following students for the month of February:

Lochlan Beazley, Charlo Le Coz, Sophie Marlborough, Annabel Stephens, Ciarna Jensen-McCarthy, Laura Munster, Lucy Munster, Kaitlin Naylor, Declan Burrows, Coby Cabassi, Jack Maddy, Kala Jackson, Jordyn Giles, Slater Thompson, Jade Branscombe, Ryan Ollington and Ella Toonen.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week.
Week Ending 6/2/2015
Kandyce Leeson, Rishap Kurup, Jacques Le Coz, Caitlyn Adlington, Jemma Lawn, Julian Vance, Holly Williams, Ella Chappell, Jewel Mudge, Claire O’Loughlin, Lily Cross, Connor Ellery, Olivia Williams and Seb Cali.

Keep up the good work!

PERMISSION FORMS
Attached you will find a copy of our General Permission form which covers excursions, swimming lessons, bus trips such as sports carnivals etc and other school related activities.

**Students will be unable to attend sporting events/excursions etc until this permission form has been completed and returned to the school.**

You will also find a Media Consent included. From time to time, our school has the opportunity to submit articles regarding our school and student achievements, as well as the promotion of events that occur at our school. These articles can be submitted to the school newsletter or website, newspapers, noticeboards and television. This may involve student names, photographs and/or examples of student work, therefore it is necessary for the school to gain parental permission for this type of publicity.

Please complete, sign and return both permission forms to the school office by **FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY.**

**Parents please note** students in years 3-7 will be given an e-mail account and can access this account from school and home. (Please be aware!) As a matter of interest, any inappropriate e-mails rebound to Mr Powys’ personal e-mail account for his perusal and will be discussed with students!

**STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE**

Attached to this newsletter you will also find a Student Contact Details Update form. Please complete this form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. It is important that we have the correct contact details for all students.

**STOP DROP GO**

When collecting students from the bus stop area in front of the school, please be mindful of the “No Standing” signage. If cars are waiting in this area it makes it difficult for Daycare and PCYC buses to move through. The left hand side of the road is **STOP DROP GO**. **Parking is only available on the right hand side.**
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.

LIBRARY MONITORS
Welcome to our Library Monitors for 2015. Monitors for first term are Jaida Johnson, Lily Cross, Kirra Tower, Brooke Naylor, Ella Jackson, Olivia Williams, Kala Jackson and Reese Naylor. This wonderful group of students will be busy keeping our library area running smoothly and giving Mrs Corbett a helping hand when needed.

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. **1 child** only $20 per term or $80 per year
  2. **2 or more children** $25.00 per term or $100 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.

HOY NEWS

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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

**Hoy Roster**

19/2  Linley Maddy
      Sheryl Miles
Shoppers  Jane Jones
          Kylie Garton
M/Tea    Mandy Treloar

**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:_____________________

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

Our first P&C meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 23rd February at 7pm in the school library.

We will be looking at what we would like to plan for 2015 - 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.
DATES TO REMEMBER

February:
23 P&C Meeting AGM 7.00pm

March:
02 Safety Circus Yr 3 only
04 Optometrist Vist Yr 3 only
24 Glenella Cross Country

April:
02 Easter Bonnet Pde 2.30pm
02 Last Day Term 1
20 First Day Term 2

May:
1 School Photos

What does a Guidance Officer do?
As a Guidance Officer, I am a trained teacher and a registered counsellor. My primary focus is assisting students, parents and teachers to ensure each student is able to learn to their full potential. I can help with:

- learning difficulties/gifted and talented
- behaviour
- social/emotional troubles
- health and wellbeing
- social skills/friendships
- Triple P Parenting
- careers
- anger management/resilience
- grief and loss
- access to community services
- counselling

I work with students one on one, in small groups and within the classroom. The guidance service is confidential and parent/caregiver permission is sought prior to students working with me. If you have any concerns regarding your child please speak to your child’s class teacher, otherwise contact me through the school office. I am at school each Friday.

Jodie Ballard
Guidance Officer

North Mackay Little Athletics

Ages 3 – 16yrs Track & Field
Sign On Day
Sunday, 1st March. 9-12pm
Pioneer State High School – On the Oval

Come and join the family fun & fitness where your personal best comes first!
https://www.facebook.com/northmackaylittleathletics
*For more details call us on 0428 213293