PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Week 3 already! It has been a great start to the year and we hope to continue this level of positivity in our student cohort for the rest of the year. This week we had School Captain and Vice Captain elections where Keiran, Gabriel, Lilly and Olivia presented their ideas and aspirations for the school leadership team. We were really spoilt for choice and I look forward to this team leading at Glenella State School in 2016.

This week’s newsletter theme is about following through with consequences and taking control in situations when bad or unwanted behaviour is occurring.

In theory, you get it. Really, you do. If you want to get your control back as a parent, you have to take a stand. You have to learn to say no — and mean it — so your kids will take you seriously. But how? It's so much easier said than done. If it wasn't, you wouldn't be pulling your hair out, right? Just ask yourself 2 questions – Is it important? and Can I follow through?

Consistency is key

If you follow through nine out of 10 times, the 11th time your child will test you to see if you will give in again. Until they believe you are serious about what you say, they will push and test.
Plan ahead

Ask any parent what they are constantly nagging their kid about and you will get a list of three to four grievances right off the bat. Take this list of grievances, write them down and then think about a consequence for each grievance and write the consequence next to the grievance. One of the problems that many parents have is trying to find the right consequence for the behaviour. Take the guess work out of it and plan ahead. So when the little individual, whom the majority of time you are proud to share a gene pool with, decides to act a fool, it will not take you by surprise. Pull out your list and enforce the consequence. Don't plead, don't bribe, don't cajole, don't threaten and don't yell. Keep calm, lay out the choices and administer the consequence.

Be a broken record

Kids have mastered the art of being a broken record, hence why you may feel like you are a pushover for a parent. They wear you down and then they own you! You are so exhausted by their demands that you will do just about anything for some peace and quiet. If that has ever crossed your mind, then it is time to wear them out first.

When the undesirable behaviour occurs, pull out your list of consequences and simply state the consequence. If the child argues back, continue to say the same thing, over and over and over and over and over and over again. Kids will eventually get tired of hearing the same thing and give up! You gave them no room to argue or to use their kid logic.

Routines and ‘follow through’ are vitally important in ensuring students at school are meeting expectations both in and out of the classroom. Students who are successful at school in recognising this are generally better equipped to deal with expectations from others as they get older and interact more and more with the outside world, for work and recreation.

Regards
Cliff Powys
SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Over the past week the Year 6 students have undertaken a 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 2016 school leaders.

Keiran  Captain
Olivia  Captain
Lily   Vice Captain
Gabriel Vice Captain

Captains will be publicly recognised and formally congratulated at a special assembly in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

Week Ending 5/2/2015

Prep: Hudson & Julian
Year 1: Charlo & Amanda
Year 2: Harry & Summer
Year 3: Abby & Emmett
Year 4: Charlie & Mia
Year 4/5: Amelia & Mercedes
Year 5/6: Tyler & Olivia

Keep up the good work!

BIRTHDAYS:
Happy birthday to the following students for the month of February:
Charlo, Sophie, Levi, Annabell, Laura, Lucy, Kaitlin, Declan, Coby, Jack, Kala and Ella.

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.

PARKING WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.
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 Glenella
School each Wednesday.
Jodie Ballard
Guidance Officer

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER
February:
19  Wacky Hair Day
22  P&C Meeting AGM  7.00pm
26  S/Council Pizza Day

March:
02  Safety Circus  Yr 3 only
22  Glenella Cross Country
24  Easter Bonnet Pde  2pm
24  Last Day Term 1

April:
11  First Day Term 2

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**WACKY HAIR DAY**

Next Friday 19th February we will be holding a Wacky Hair Day event to support our Student Council. Students are encouraged to come along with wacky hair. We request all products and sprays used in students' hair be applied at home. No sprays or aerosols are to be brought to school. This is not a free dress day. Students are to wear full school uniform. Please send along a gold coin donation on the day. All proceeds raised will go to Student Council.

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**HOY NEWS**

Would there be some lovely Mums (or Dads) who would like to go onto a monthly roster system to provide a plate of savoury morning tea for our Hoy ladies? Even if you can only help out once per month, it would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions are savoury scones, sandwiches, pastizzis, mini quiches etc. If you can help, please complete the return at the end of this newsletter and send to the school office.

Thank you
Jenny O’Loughlin

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**Hoy Roster**

18/2/16    Jenny O’Loughlin
           Celise Bahr

Shoppers   Annalees Jackson
           Jenny O’Loughlin

M/Tea      Jenny O’Loughlin
           Mandy Treloar

25/2/16    Linley Maddy
           Sheryl Miles

Grocery    Linley Maddy

Raffles    Tracey Gray

M/Tea      Linley Maddy
           Tracey Gray
WE NEED YOU
AT OUR
P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 22nd February at 7pm** in the school library.
We will be looking at what we would like to plan for 2016 - 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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**Donations Needed!**

Students from Years 4-6 are requested to bring in donations of non-perishable food/drink items to make up a wheelbarrow hamper which will be raffled off as a fundraiser for our school camp, to be held in August.

Once the hamper has been filled, tickets will go on sale! Please drop all donations to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you!

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**HOY MORNING TEA**

I _________________________ would be happy to provide a plate of savoury morning tea for our Hoy ladies on a roster basis.
Please contact me on

PH:____________________