Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

It is hard to believe but this will be our final Newsletter for 2012, another year has flashed past and on reflection there have been many celebrations for our school community and I thank everyone for their positive input into our wonderful school.

Congratulations to Natalie Vella who was made a Life Member of the Mackay and District Primary School Sport Association at the recent Sports Person of the Year Awards evening. Natalie has managed the financial aspects of this association for many years and her tireless efforts to assist students, staff and schools in this area were long overdue for recognition. On behalf of all the people you have assisted over the years, congratulations and thank you.

Our 2012 Classroom Awards will be presented at Assembly on Monday 10th December. These awards allow our class teachers to use pre-determined criteria to acknowledge the efforts of students from each class. Awards are presented for:

- Academic Effort - This award is presented to the child who has worked consistently throughout the year to the best of their capabilities.
- Citizenship - This award is presented to the child who has been considerate of their peers, co-operative in class and outside in the playground.
- All-Rounder - This award is presented to the child with the best balance, including academic effort, citizenship and personality.
We look forward to families joining us in the school hall for this important annual event from approximately 8:45am onwards. Following these awards we will take the opportunity to acknowledge our Yr 7 graduating class and we will begin their farewell activities with a cake cutting ceremony. We will form a ‘guard of honour’ to escort the Yr 7’s from the hall as we all depart to each enjoy a piece of the Yr 7 cake. On Tuesday evening our Yr 7’s will have their formal Graduation Ceremony where we will announce this year’s Dux, Sporting Award, Citizenship and Most Consistent Effort Award recipients.

Given it is the end of Semester we are currently issuing Report Cards. These will come home in a sealed envelope for you to peruse and discuss with your students. The Report will give you a measure of how well your child has achieved over the semester across all of the Learning Areas (subjects) that they have undertaken. Please keep in mind when looking at this Report Card that the introduction of the Australian Curriculum has taken place in English, Maths and Science in 2012. The Australian Curriculum has brought with it an increased expectation of academic performance for all students from Prep to Yr 7. Therefore, when viewing this year’s Report Cards it is important to remember that the work students have completed in 2012 has had a higher academic expectation than what was expected in previous years. Another good way to get information about how your child is progressing with their academic growth is to speak directly with the classroom teacher. Given this, during the final week of this Term we will be inviting all parents and students to meet with classroom teachers and discuss individual student progress. We look forward to your participation in these meetings and ask you to negotiate directly with class teachers as to a suitable time to meet during the final week of Term.

Planning for 2013:
During the first week of December our 2013 Booklists were issued to each family via your children. Our school has teamed up with Officeworks to supply the Booklist items and this partnership has enabled our school to offer the booklist to parents at a lower price than what you would normally pay
elsewhere. For each booklist order placed with Officeworks, our school receives funds from Officeworks which will be put back into equipment and resources for the students in 2013, i.e. this is a great fundraising opportunity for us. As in past years we still have some items from the booklist that are to be purchased directly from school and we look forward to your support with these items. If you have any questions about the 2013 booklists please contact me immediately.

As with all schools, we are currently working on our **2013 Class Groupings and school organisation.** On current predicted enrolments it is anticipated that our class groupings will be as follows:

- Prep
- Yr 1
- Yr 1/2
- Yr 2/3
- Yr 4
- Yr 5/6/7
- Yr 5/6/7

Given the EQ teacher allocation model for all schools is based on 2013 ‘Day 8’ student enrolment numbers, we are unable to confirm that this will be our actual 2013 Class Groupings. Given this, we ask that Prep students meet in the Prep classroom opposite Magpies and all students in Yr 1 to 7 meet in the school hall (not at classrooms) from 8:30am on Day 1 2013, Tuesday 29\(^{th}\) January. At this ‘Welcome to 2013’ Assembly we will allocate teachers and children to classes using the above model as a guide.

**Please keep a watch on our school these holidays:** Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 131788. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Anyone found on the school grounds, during school holidays and/or out of school hours, without the prior approval of the Principal can be charged with trespass and so we remind families that our school grounds are not a place for anyone to be during holiday periods. We anticipate your co-operation with this matter.

On behalf of the entire staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their positive support of and
participation in our school throughout the year. It is the productive teams of parents, students and staff that make a wonderful school community and we have seen many examples of this throughout 2012.

We would like to wish everyone a safe Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to coming together for Term 1 on 29th January 2013.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 23/11/12:
Cameron Barnard, Mia Finch, Angelica Lotz, Kaitlyn Simonsen, Brayden Schmidt, Jaida Johnson, Chanequa Matthews, Paige Penola, Tiffany Osborne, Hannah Wallace, Nia Ninness and Sarah Desailly.

WEEK ENDING 30/11/12:

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 2013.

THANK YOU P&C
We would like to thank our P&C executive for their contributions during 2012. To Stuart Naylor, Leah Fischer, Tracey Purdy, Donna Contor, Raeleen Sehl, Annaleese Jackson and Duncan Treloar. Many thanks also to Kym Mitchell, Joanne Wallace and countless others who have organized and co-ordinated various school functions, Hoy, working bees, uniform stalls, fundraisers and school banking program. We thank you for your many hours of often thankless hard work. Your tireless efforts during 2012 have been greatly appreciated. We look forward to your ongoing support in 2013.

GLENELLA CASH STORE
We would like to thank Glenella Cash Store for your ongoing support of our tuckshop program in 2012. These wonderful ladies now deliver our tuckshop to the school gates to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you.
**BIRTHDAYS:**
Happy birthday to the following students for the months of December and January:

**December:**
Matt Goodson, Angelica Lotz, Kaitlyn Simonsen, Tyson Fischer, Jazira Grima, Claire O’Loughlin, Reese Naylor, Talia Miles, Amy Tappert, Travis Fischer, Ashlee Knight, Lacey Harding, Maddison Rogers, Isaac Penola, Zac Plater and Will Young.

**January:**

**YEAR 7 GRADUATION**
Good luck to all of our graduating Year 7 students. We certainly will miss you all next year. Enjoy your graduation night and best of luck for your years ahead in high school.

**HOY**
I would like to thank all the families who have donated items for the Christmas Cent Sale and mums who baked 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 20 years Hoy has contributed over $85,000 to the school, which is a massive effort.*

If you think you might be interested in helping with Hoy in 2013, please contact the office staff.

Thanks,
Joanne Wallace
LIBRARY NEWS
A big thank you to all families who kindly donated books to our library during 2012. We would also like to send a BIG thank you to all the student and parent helpers who have kept our library running smoothly through the year.

VOLUNTEER ANGELS
They share
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A blessing to our library,
making books so easy to find.

Any students with outstanding library books or home readers need to return them to the library no later than next Wednesday.

BOOKLISTS:
The 2013 Booklists have been sent home. Please note the following items are available from the school office:-
♦ Kangaroo Company Activity Books at a cost of $2.50 each
♦ Library/homework bags - $8.00 each
♦ Thrass charts - $7.00 each
♦ Chair bags are available from the office in two styles at a cost of $10 and $20 each.

REWARDS DAY
Rewards Day this term will be held on Friday 14th December. Eligible students from Prep-Yr 7 will be travelling to Mount Pleasant Cinema.

Students P-2 will see “Tinkerbell & the Secret of the Wings”
Cost is $6.00 per child.

Students in Yr 3-7 will see “Rise of the Guardians” Cost is $8.00 per child

Please send money to the office no later than MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Bus costs will be met by the P&C.
THANK YOU

To departing families, whether you are Year 7 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 2012. All staff members, including Teachers, Aides, Cleaners, Administration and Grounds Staff contribute to the smooth running of the school. Without all of their efforts this school would be a very different place. We are sure all parents would join us in wishing all staff a safe, happy and restful Christmas period.

Thanks also go to our fantastic band of helpers such as our Religious Education teachers who volunteer 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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December:
10 Movie Rewards Day $ Due
10 Awards Ceremony 8.45am
11 Year 7 Graduation
14 Movie Rewards Day
14 Last Day Term 4

January 2013:
24 School Office Open
29 First Day Term 1 2013

ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF, WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL FAMILIES A SAFE, HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE BREAK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR RETURNING FAMILIES IN THE NEW YEAR!
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