Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Last Friday was an exciting day for our school leaders, their families, and for Cowboys fans! We welcomed Ashton Sims and James Tamou from the North Queensland Cowboys to our school to help us celebrate the presentation of our school leaders’ badges. Ashton and James spoke of the honour our leaders have of being able to represent the student community of the school. We congratulate our Captains and House Captains, knowing they will wear their badges with pride. Thank you to the Cowboys for making this a very special day.

The summer wet season is again proving difficult for us. Please take extra care when driving near the school in the rain as children may be less aware of traffic as they try to get to shelter.

Interschool sport was cancelled this week due to the rain, and cross country training will only occur on dry days. Students training with Mr Wood and Mr Miller at 8:30am each day are able/permited to wear old shoes for training and change into their school shoes afterwards.

On Wednesday students enjoyed the Arts Council performance of “Mana-The Spirit of Polynesia”. Students and staff were inspired by the talent, culture and stories shared by the performer and were full of praise for the experience. Thank you for your continuing support of the Arts Council program.

Term One is flying by and students are well into class and school routines. There is much to be learnt each day and I would like to remind parents and students of the importance of attendance. It is indeed true that “Every Day Counts”.

Leonie Wilcox
Congratulations to our Students of the Week:
Week Ending 15/2/2013
Alice Camilleri, Laura Munster, Jemmi Miles, Harry Laing, Kaden Muscat, Maria Biju, Reese Naylor, Ashlee Knight, Georgia Hansen, Kyle Hetherington, Cody Carroll and Jasmin Sehl.

Week Ending 22/2/2013

Keep up the good work!

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS: We are offering students in years 3-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. If you are interested, please take note of the dates below. These tests are not compulsory. Cost is $17.00 for the writing competition, $11.00 for the Spelling and $8.00 for each of the other competitions.

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Uniform shop
Our Uniform Shop is open from 8.30am – 9.30am on Monday and Friday mornings. If you require any school shirts, shorts, skorts or hats, please visit our shop on these mornings. Please note we do not have EFTPOS or credit card facilities.

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of March:
Cameron Schmidt, Ebony Craig, Lachlan Jones, Lilly Sergent, Nathan Burgess,
Kamya Darmanin, Kiera Duck, Cody Carroll, Tyler Clarke, Kyle Hetherington,
Libby Spannagle and Jayden Cali.

**AVA PetPEPS**

PetPep is an educational program that teaches children about the responsibilities associated with owning pets and safe behaviour around animals. Our school will be hosting a PetPEP visit on Thursday 28th March (last day of term) from 9am – 10.30am. A gold coin donation is requested from each student in Prep-2 for participation in this program, which is used to contribute to the further development of AVA PetPEP educational resources.

Please return the permission form asap then bring the gold coin donation on the day.

Thank you
P-2 Teachers

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY** is on Sunday, 3rd March. Glenella SS will hold its Clean Up Schools Day on Friday 8th March. Children will collect rubbish, rocks, dead palm fronds and other unwanted items found in the school grounds. This will serve several purposes: to improve the general presentation of the school, to instil some pride in the children in the presentation of their school, and to remove rocks from around the buildings so that mowing can occur with minimum damage to equipment. We would therefore ask each child to bring a bucket or ice-cream container to collect rubbish. You are welcome to send your child with gloves. If any parents would like to be involved, by all means come along. We will start after the lunch break.

**ILLNESSES**

From time to time various illnesses affect students at the school. If your child is ill and not feeling well, please keep them at home. This is not only for your child’s benefit but also for the benefit of all the children of our school.
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH AT 7.00PM
The Glenella State School Parents and Citizens Association aims to provide financial or other resources for the benefit of all students. We would love to see as many new faces as possible.

MONEY COLLECTION

♦ P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:
Thank you to the families who have supported our fundraising levy. Receipts are currently being issued. We encourage other families to help the school financially by supporting the levy system. The rates are:
1 child only $15.00 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 the Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account
BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00900246
using your “Surname” and “Levy” as the reference.

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

HOY ROSTER

7th March
Helpers
Kathy Owen, Jenny O’Loughlin, Amanda Falzon
Shoppers
Paula Mudge, Kym Mitchell, Jenny O’Loughlin.

14th March
Helpers
Keri McNamara, Jenny O’Loughlin, Annalees Jackson
Shoppers
Maryanne Funston, Jordana Darmanin, Jenny O’Loughlin
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tyler Duck who has been chosen to play in the Northern Suburbs Basketball team which will compete in the Mackay and District Trials at Candlestick Park on the 15th March.

Good luck Tyler.

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program continues to run at our school. Application forms are available from the office. Our school banking day is Monday. Books are returned to students on Wednesdays.

THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to the Purdy and Clark families for their most generous donation of books and games for our school library.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:
| 4  | P&C Meeting 7pm |
| 7  | Hoy at Magpies 9.30am |
| 8  | Clean Up Schools Day |
| 14 | Hoy at Magpies 9.30am |
| 24 | Choral Festival Practice |
| 26 | Choral Festival at MECC |
| 39 | Last Day Term 1 |

April:
| 15 | First day Term 2 |

POSITIONS VACANT

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

- Position Vacant - relief & rostered
- Hours up to 7.5 per f/night
- Casual rates start at $25.64 per hour
- Training provided
- Equal opportunity employer

Call Glenella State School on 49692333 for an application package!

- All staff are required to undergo a medical, police and working with children Blue Card check which will be provided by Transport and Main Roads.

Queensland Government
TLC
THE LUNCH CIRCLE

In term 3 last year a couple of mums started a lunch time activity group. The kids name it TLC.

Every Friday from 1.15pm-1.45pm all children are invited to the hall to participate in a variety of activities ranging from Art & Craft, Charades, Teachers Head and Dancing.

With TLC being so popular, we are continuing the activity this year. However, we are hoping you can support us with donations of recycled items such as buttons, boxes, bric-a-brac, wool, fabric, paint, games etc. Your trash is our treasure!

Also, if there are any parents or carers who would like to assist or contribute in any way, you are more than welcome - especially if you can dance, sing, paint, play or create! We would love to see you!

Thank you
Glenella SS P&C

FOOTNOTES BY EMAIL
We have had a great response from families who are now receiving their newsletters by email. If you would like to receive this service also, please complete the return below and forward it to the office as soon as possible.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE
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:_____________________.

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