FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Our Term 1 is going so quickly it is hard to believe that we have only two more weeks of school before our Easter School Holidays – the last day of Term 1 is Thursday 28th March!

For our students in Yr 3, Yr 5 & Yr 7 this means we only have seven school weeks until the 2013 NAPLAN Testing takes place. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The specific purposes are:

- To collect data from the population of Years 3, 5 & 7 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools for systematic reporting.
- To accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards.

A series of tests will assess areas of literacy and numeracy.

The following areas of literacy are assessed:

- Language conventions - spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Writing - knowledge and control of written language.
- Reading - comprehension.

As in other years, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be required to respond to a stimulus in the 2013 NAPLAN Writing test.

In numeracy, the content areas assessed are:

- Number
- Measurement, Chance and Data
- Space
- Algebra, Function and Pattern (formal Algebra for Year 9 only).

Results from the tests will provide important information about children's progress in literacy and numeracy. Following the tests, schools and students will receive a statement of performance in relation to the national minimum standards.

Should parents have any questions about their child’s participation in these tests please see me before the end of Term 1.
We would like to remind families of the expectations regarding student ‘drop-offs’ and ‘pick-ups’ at the beginning and end of each school day – the safety of our students is paramount and your co-operation is appreciated. Please adhere to the following:

**Drop-offs** – students in Prep (only) are to use the school Carpark opposite Magpies. This Carpark allows our Prep parents to be able to walk their children into the classroom each morning from 8:30am. Students in Yr 1 to Yr 7 (unless they have a younger brother/sister in Prep) who are dropped-off by car are to use the Mooney Court entrance. Please note that the left hand side of the road is used as a ‘stop, drop & go’ zone and drivers are not to leave their vehicle, whilst the right hand side of Mooney Court is for parents wishing to park and leave their vehicles. The staff Carpark should be avoided by parents as we do not want students in this area as staff and delivery trucks use this access to the school. Students who arrive late from 9:00am onwards are to be taken to the Office by parents who are to sign the student in and explain their late arrival. Students will then be given a Late Arrival slip to take to their class teacher. Similarly, students picked up during the day for any reason must be signed out in the Office using the same procedures.

**Pick-ups** – the same expectations apply in regards to Prep students using the school Carpark opposite Magpies. Parents of Prep students are requested to come to the Prep classroom to collect their children each afternoon. Similarly, Students in Yr 1 to Yr 7 (unless they have a younger brother/sister in Prep) who are picked-up by car are to use the Mooney Court ‘stop, drop & go’ entrance as outlined above.

**Bus Students** – it is imperative that parents of students who travel to or from school by bus, i.e. Glenella Childcare or PCYC, have advised the teacher of their children (usually younger students only) if they are using either of the buses each day so that classroom teachers can send students to the correct gate for pick-ups.

Similarly we have expectations of our students when they are dropped-off and picked-up each day. Please discuss with your children the following expectations:

**Drop-offs** – students should walk directly to the school Library (if arriving before 8:30am) or to classrooms (if arriving after 8:30am) – this includes Prep students, who at 8:30am should then be walked by parents to the Prep classroom. There should be no students or parents outside classrooms prior to 8:30am.

**Pick-ups** – students are expected to walk down the cement path from their classroom which includes the stairs to the bus shelter, i.e. not turn right at the end of the Hall and cut across the grass. Students are to sit at either the front of the bus shelter or under the trees nearby where they can clearly be seen by the teacher on duty. **This is not a play time, students should not be walking around, playing, climbing trees, mucking around etc.** Students will receive Orange Warning Behaviour Cards if they are not following these expectations. Students are to keep watch for their parent’s car and only stand up when this car reaches the ‘stop, drop, go’ zone adjacent to the cement path and notify the teacher on duty that their pick-up has arrived. Students are not to walk up the street to a car waiting further up Mooney Court as this only interferes with the flow of traffic. Parents are requested to keep the ‘stop, drop, go’ zone flowing, i.e. move down to the pick-up zone as soon as you can. Students are not to exit the school via the driveway/gate to the staff Carpark. **Students are not to be picked up from the BP service station.**
and will not be permitted to cross Mooney Court for that purpose. Students who are not picked up by 3:20pm are taken back to the Office where they can be picked-up by parents. Parents and students need to work with school staff to ensure a smooth and safe ‘drop-off’ and ‘pick-up’ of students takes place on a daily basis.

Our March P&C Meeting which was postponed recently will now be held on Monday 18th March. As usual we will meet in the Library from 7pm onwards. We look forward to another large group of parents joining us, even if it means we have to share the yummy home-bake with more people!!!!!!

We really appreciate the group of caring families who we have nick-named the “Weekend Warriors” who have again volunteered their time at an unofficial ‘working bee’ last weekend. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and helped tidy up our gardens and grounds and who mended the Prep fort bridge – there were many smiling faces throughout the week from students and staff alike!

The wet weather has played havoc with our Cross Country training, so the sunny sky this week has been a welcome sight. All students in Yr 3 to Yr 7 will participate in our school Cross Country (unless they have a medical certificate from a doctor) which also doubles as part of our requirement to cover Smart Moves fitness activities at school. Whilst this form of exercise suits some students more than others, walking the course is a valuable fitness activity that all students are capable of. Cross Country training will continue Tuesday to Friday with school staff from 8:30am to 8:45am – please remember a change of shoes, socks and clothes is handy while the school grounds are still so moist!!

Many of you would be aware that it is again that time of year when we Shave for a Cure. The Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser gives us all the chance to dig deep for such a worthy cause. This year, in an attempt to raise more funds than last year’s ‘crazy hair’ disco, we will be having a ‘shave-off’ as well. You may have noticed the ‘fuzz’ on my face and this along with my somewhat greying hair will be shaved on Thursday 28th March in the Hall. My son Zac in Yr 12 will be joining me and together we will become the “Wood Boys Egg-Heads for Easter”. We would like to thank the team from TK’s Hair Centre, Wood St Mackay, (the Purdy family) for accepting the job of making us egg-heads! We simply ask that as many families as possible come up to school from about 2:30pm on Thursday 28th March to watch and support us and hopefully dig deep into pockets as we attempt to raise as many funds as possible for this very worthy cause.

Please note the section in the Newsletter that outlines details for our Term 1 Behaviour Reward Day. Thus far the majority of our students are eligible to participate and this is a positive sign that reflects the positive behaviour our students display on a regular basis.

A big thanks to Mrs Wilcox who stepped into my role whilst I attended the recent state-wide Principals Conference in Brisbane. The conference was a positive and productive
exercise that has helped to set goals that we will work together to attain this year. I fully support Mrs Wilcox’s reminder that it is indeed true that “Every Day Counts” and attendance at school every day (unless ill) from 8:45am to 3:00pm needs to be one of the mantra’s of this wonderful school community.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

**TERM 1 BEHAVIOUR REWARD DAY**

Thank you to parents for your wonderful support of our revised Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Our Behaviour Card system is proving to be an invaluable form of communication between school and home. Under our revised procedures it would only be students who have received three or more Yellow Level 2 Behaviour Cards or any Red Level 3 Behaviour Cards who would be ineligible to participate. At the time of writing this Newsletter I am happy to say that the majority of our students are eligible to participate in the following activities:

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<td>school visit during from 9am to 10:30am also.</td>
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<td><strong>Morning Tea</strong></td>
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<td>• Eligible students will be participating in a ‘Crazy Hair’ Disco fundraiser for Leukaemia Foundation.</td>
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<td>• Guest appearance by the world famous ‘DJ Gurr’ who will be running our</td>
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<td>disco with the assistance of school staff.</td>
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<td>• End of Term ‘class clean-ups’</td>
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<td>2:30pm to 3:00pm</td>
<td>• All students and families to meet in the Hall for the Leukaemia Foundation Shave for a Cure “Wood Boys Egg-Heads for Easter” fundraiser.</td>
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<td>• Please dig deep and give to this worthy cause – we will have a ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ container for donations that will be added to the money raised from our ‘Crazy Hair’ Disco held earlier in the day.</td>
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Students of the Week

Week Ending 1st March
Logan Fischer, Eraihia Maru, Johnathan Beazley, Mia Finch, Tia Humphrey, Jack Maddy, Rhana Holzheimer, Jackson Harris and Jayda Garton.

Week Ending 8th March
Luca Borg, Jaxon Maluga, Jaida Johnson, Adanna Clark, Tyler Shackleton, Page Brodel, Chanequa Matthews, Zoe Whyte, Tate Brodel, Natasha Bennett and Skye Cairns.

Keep up the good work!

BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD
Draw Winners
Week 5- Cody Carroll
Week 6 - Matt Goodson

Congratulations!

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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**HOY NEWS**

Thank you to all who have volunteered for Hoy. We would love to hear from more people who could possibly help out once a month. It’s a fun way to meet other parents. We would also like to hear from lovely Mums (or Dads) who would like to go onto a roster 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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**HOY ROSTER**

**21st March**
**Helpers**
Nikki Vorster, Amanda Falzon
Sweet – Natalie Schmidt
Savoury – Mandy Treloar

**Shoppers**
Annalees Jackson, Jenny O’Loughlin and Amanda Falzon

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**28th March**
**Helpers**
Kathy Owen, Jenny O’Loughlin, Amanda Falzon
Sweet – Tracey Purdy
Savoury – Michelle Burgess

**Shoppers**
Lisa Matthews, Kylie Garton and Amanda Falzon

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**4th April (Holidays)**
**Helpers**
Keri McNamara, Jenny O’Loughlin, Annalees Jackson
Sweet – Jenny O’Loughlin
Savoury – Kym Mitchell

**Shoppers**
Paula Mudge, Kym Mitchell and Jenny O’Loughlin

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**11th April (Holidays)**
**Helpers**
Nikki Vorster and Amanda Falzon
Sweet – Amanda Falzon
Savoury – Amanda Falzon

**Shoppers**
Annalees Jackson and Jenny O’Loughlin

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**18th April**
**Helpers**
Kathy Owen, Jenny O’loughlin, Michelle Burgess
Sweet – Jenny O’Loughlin
Savoury – Michelle Burgess

**Shoppers**
Annalees Jackson and Paula Mudge
CHORAL FESTIVAL
Concert tickets are now available directly from the MECC or online for $24.50 each. Please be aware that these tickets sell out very quickly. Rehearsal notes have been sent home to students involved.

AVA PetPEPS
PetPep is an educational program that teaches children about the responsibilities associated with owning pets and safe behaviour around animals. Our students from Prep-Yr 2 will be having a visit on Thursday March 28th (last day of term) from 9am-10.30am. A gold coin donation is requested from each student for participation in this program, which is donated to the further development of AVA PetPEP educational resources. Please return the permission form asap then bring the gold coin donation on the day.

P&C MEETING
Our next meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 18th March at 7pm. This is your opportunity to be involved in decision making and planning for our school in 2013. All welcome!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Friday afternoon sport for the upper classes (Yr 4-7) is progressing well. Girls are playing netball and the boys are playing soccer. Our last game is next Friday.

22/3 GSS vs Northview - Home

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CHILDREN INVOLVED IN FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPORT ARE UNABLE TO ORDER TUCKSHOP FOR LUNCH.

P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY
Thanks to the families who have supported our fundraising levy. Please help the school financially by supporting the levy system. 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.
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 49 692333 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.

WANTED
Our school is always in need of various recyclable items. Please have a look at home and see if you can help out.

- Plastic shopping bags
- Clean ice-cream containers (2, 4 and 5 litre) with lids,
- Chinese takeaway containers with lids,
- margarine containers with lids,

Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:
24 Choral Festival Practice
26 Choral Festival at MECC
28 P-Yr 2 Petpep
28 Rewards/Last Day Term 1
29 Good Friday

April:
15 First day Term 2
18 NS Cross Country
25 ANZAC Day

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is underway at our school. Please see the school office for an application form.

Don’t forget 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.
**Better Buckle Up**

Seatbelts save lives. And yet last year 23 people who died on Queensland roads were not wearing seatbelts.

In the lead up to Easter, the latest road safety campaign focuses on... SEATBELTS.

After all, seatbelts are the single most effective feature in a vehicle, which reduces the severity of injuries to people in a crash.

If you’re not wearing a seatbelt to hold your body back, then in the event of a crash your organs will continue to travel forwards with greater force and can do more damage to your body, e.g. cracking ribs, puncturing lungs and tearing arteries from your heart.

Knowing this it raises the question... are you buckled up?

The seatbelts campaign includes an array of advertising, demonstrating what can happen to your body in the event of a crash if you’re not buckled up.

**Fines and demerit points...**
As a driver you are responsible for ensuring all passengers (regardless of age) wear their seatbelt. If you drive with a passenger not wearing a seatbelt you will be fined $330 and three demerit points for each unrestrained passenger.

Unrestrained passengers 16 years and older will be fined $330 and three demerit points.

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**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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**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:

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(Please print clearly)
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD:
Please note that all notices in this section are provided purely as a service to the community and that Glenella State School does not necessarily endorse the contents therein.

PIANO LESSONS
Elena Paulsen is a Russian trained Piano and Theory of Music teacher. She is an experienced teacher with university qualification. Individual lessons for all levels and ages. Enquiries ph: 49555197 or 0406678737.

MACKAY GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY FUN
For girls and boys aged 5-12 years.
Swayne St North Mackay
9.30am – 11.00am
Cost - $15
Inside out of the sun!
Come and Have fun!
Bookings Essential
admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

Watch over our school during the holidays
With the holidays approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe, happy and relaxing Easter break. We will see you all when school resumes on 15th April 2013.