PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Week 7 is here and we only a couple to go before we celebrate Easter! We have a few events on at school to coincide with Easter and the upcoming Election, so please be on the lookout for notes home and information in the newsletter.

This week I have dealt with a few incidents which could have easily been avoided if honesty was prefaced in the conversation. Here are some tips and information about incorporating honesty into your discipline discussions at home.

It takes a lot of courage to tell the truth—for anyone—at any age. It doesn't always come naturally, so it's a parent's responsibility to teach a child to be brave enough to fess up. Like so many other characteristics you'd like your kids to have, this one depends a lot on you.

Here are three tips to help your kids learn honesty:

Talk with your children—beginning very early—about how much you value honesty in your family.

Tell them how important it is to all of you that you can always count on each other to tell the truth—even when it's difficult. If there's not honesty between parents and children, there won't be trust or closeness in your family either. Once that trust is broken, it would take a long time to build it back.
Model honesty for your children-not only in your words but also in your lifestyle.

You can't expect them to tell you the truth if you're not honest with them—even when they ask you an awkward question. Be brief and be age appropriate in your response, but if you lie to them when it's embarrassing to tell the truth, you can't expect them to blurt out the truth when it's tough for them. Obviously, both parents and children have a right to a private life and you need to draw careful boundaries when sharing intimate details that are over their heads or too personal, issues of the past you are still struggling with or things that will just plain freak them out. But your goal should be to create an open environment where there are no secrets and everyone feels comfortable being truthful.

Let them know that you put more emphasis on their honesty than on the punishment for their dishonest behaviour.

Yes, you can impose consequences for their lie, but they need to know there's a benefit for them in being honest. If you glide right over their courage in pouring out the truth and jump to a punishment, they won't be quick to fess up the next time. My little god-daughter told me once that she could tell me the truth because she didn't fear me. She trusted that I'd be compassionate and not sneer at her, harshly criticise her or be unfair. If it's still necessary to discipline after they've bravely spilled the beans, do it with respect, be tender with them and let them know how much you appreciate their honesty.

Everyone has the ability to be honest, but if you don't practice it, both you and your kids may develop the habit of cutting corners, fudging and telling white lies—because it's easier. As a parent you have the opportunity to help your kids develop the characteristic of being honest, but it has to be nurtured. Don't lower your standards, but do understand that they might not be perfect every time.

Regards

Cliff Powys
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Week Ending 26/02/2016
Prep: Tristan & Cooper
Year 1: Hunter & Rose
Year 2: Taylor & Logan
Year 3: Jake & Jemma
Year 4: Declan & Coby
Year 4/5: Jewel & Noah
Year 5/6: Kala & Connor

Week Ending 04/03/2016
Prep: George & Savannah
Year 1: Cheyenne & Harrison
Year 2: Caitlyn & Clea
Year 3: Ashwath & Cassandra
Year 4: Jorji & Matika
Year 4/5: Gabby & Casey
Year 5/6: Lily & Ella

Keep up the good work!

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS
We are asking for Expressions of Interest from students in years 2-7 who would like to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. New regulations have been introduced that will limit our registration ability. If you are interested, please complete the return at the end of this newsletter.

LOCAL ELECTION
Please note that the local election day polling will take place in our school hall on Saturday 19th March. There will be no polling booth in the Prep Building.

MOSQUITO ALERT:
Unfortunately, the wet weather around at the moment has brought with it an influx of mozzies. Please apply insect repellent to your children before school for their comfort.

The Daily Mercury will be publishing a First Year Pictorial Feature on Wednesday 23rd March. Keep an eye out for the photograph of our lovely bunch of 2016 Preps.
WORKING BEE

Glenella SS P&C have organised a Working Bee for Sunday 13th March from 8am. When the work is done Mr Powys will cook up a sausage sizzle. If you could spare an hour or two on this day, we would really appreciate your help.
Many hands make light work!!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Stocks of our school polo shirts have now arrived. All sizes from 6-20 are available. Cost is $30 each. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct deposit.

GLENELLA STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country event will be held next Tuesday 22nd March from 8:45am to 11:00am. The whole school will be participating. Please come along and support our students. A program will be emailed out shortly and placed on our website.

STAFF CAR PARK

Parents please note:
To ensure the safety of our students, the car park inside the school fence (near bus stop) at the front of our school is strictly for staff only!

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!
EASTER BONNET PARADE

Our Easter Bonnet Parade for students from Prep to Year 2 will be held in the school hall on Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} March at 2.00pm.

HOY ROSTER

\begin{itemize}
  \item 17/3/16 Linley Maddy
  \item Sheryl Miles
  \item Shoppers Jane Jones
  \item Tracey Gray
  \item M/Tea Sav Tracey Gray
  \item Sweet Linley Maddy

  \item 24/3/16 Linley Maddy
  \item Liddell Baker
  \item Celise Bahr
  \item Shoppers Karlee McMillan
  \item Kylie Garton
  \item M/Tea Sav Kellie Goodson
  \item Sweet Kelly Chappell
\end{itemize}

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 \textbf{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.

P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY

We encourage all parents to support this levy. \textbf{1 child} only $20 per term or $80 per year. \textbf{2 or more children} $25.00 per term or $100 per year

This levy can be paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the school office or by direct deposit to:

\textbf{Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account}

\textbf{BSB: 064-707}

\textbf{A/C: 00900246}

Please use your “Surname” and “Levy” as the reference.

P & C PRATTLE

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY ON MONDAY 14\textsuperscript{th} MARCH AT 7.00PM.

We would love to see as many new faces as possible.
COMMUNITY NOTICES: 
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.

MACKAY NORTHERN BEACHES SHS 
has 2 permanent part-time cleaning positions available: 
• 1 x 24 hours per week
• 1 x 18 hours per week
The above positions will commence on Monday 11 April 2016.
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS is seeking cleaners who can: 
• Contribute to the efficient & effective operation of the whole environment of this unique new school site, by providing a high level of cleaning support
• Ensure that a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness is maintained
Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the Application Package either from our website www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au or the school office. The package will give you details about the positions, a Role Description, and how you can apply.
Please include your current resume with your application and provide the names and contact details of two current referees.
Closing date: close of business on Friday 18/03/16
Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:-
The Business Services Manager,
PO Box 430, RURAL VIEW QLD 4740
Or email - vacancies@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au

NRL UNDER 7,8 & 9’S BEACH BONANZA
A unique Rugby League coaching clinic hosted by NRL Staff for ages 7-9 years.
Date: Wednesday 6th April
Time: 9am – 12pm
Venue: Far Beach, East Mackay
Cost: $40 (Inc BBQ lunch & NRL pack)
Ph: 0417068132 or email Renae Kunst at rkunst@nrl.com.au

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Each term we remind all parents to check your child/ren’s school supplies: exercise books, pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rubbers, colours, glue etc. which may need replacing.

ICAS AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS
My child ___________________ from Year _________________ is interested in participating in the following competition:
• Digi Tech
• Science
• Writing
• Spelling
• English
• Mathematics

Return by Thurs 24th March