PRINCIPALS CORNER

Welcome back to another great term at Glenella State School. We have had a busy start to the term however the students and teachers seem more than up to the challenge. There are many special events and opportunities coming up for our students, so please check our Newsletter and any flyers we send home to ensure nothing comes as a surprise.

Our ANZAC Day commemorations will begin on Friday 24th April with a ceremony at school at 2.30pm under the shade sail beside the office. We will also be involved in the public ANZAC march on Saturday. Please be reminded that the organisers of Saturday’s march have asked people to assemble at 8am this year to ensure the extra people expected to attend are catered for. I will be there with the Glenella State School banner and flags for the students. Organisers have reiterated that we march as a school, without parents. Parents can meet students at the end of the march at Jubilee Park near the MECC.

This term sees us draw to a close, Phase 1 of our Great Results Guarantee, where we focussed on the Year 3, 5 and 7’s coming into NAPLAN. We focussed on all areas however our Guarantee for our school concentrates on 50% of Year 5 students achieving in the top 2 bands of NAPLAN in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation. All other cohorts should achieve the National Minimum Standards for their year level. Any students that don’t, we have placed on an Individual Learning Guarantee which outlines the steps they need to achieve National Minimum Standard and when we expect they will achieve this. Our Great Results Guarantee coordinator, Mrs Judy Dal’Bo, has been working closely with our Year 3’s and 5’s to ensure Glenella State School
meets our guarantee. Our teachers have also implemented their strategies in class. After NAPLAN we start on Phase 2, which concentrates on the Prep to Year 2 sector and will be focussing on Maths and English. Our Guarantee focusses on students achieving C or higher and if they can’t, they will also have an Individual Learning Guarantee which outlines how and when they will achieve the minimum standard. If you would like to view our Great Results Guarantee, please go to our website, there is link on the front page.

Due to the intensity of the Great Results Guarantee, we have developed our NAPLAN Action Plan. This plans helps us focus on WHO, WHAT, HOW AND WHY. We have also included in our plan, targets based on regional and school based expectations. Our NAPLAN strategy for improvement and achievement is also contained within this document. Glenella State School is extremely fortunate that we have in most cases more than 85% of our students achieving the National Minimum Standard in NAPLAN. This provides us with the mandate of extending our students from minimum standards to high achieving students. We want to move our C students to achieve B’s and A’s. This all starts with knowing where the students are and then concentrating on filling the gaps and/or providing opportunities for them to extend themselves.

This term, NAPLAN testing will be held on the 12th (Language Conventions and Writing), 13th (Reading) and 14th (Numeracy) of MAY. We will be hosting a breakfast on those days for our NAPLAN students. This will be in the hall from 8am on the above mentioned days.

Next Tuesday 28th April, our school will host the Northern Suburbs Cross Country. We will be aiming to begin registration at 8am so that we can make a start on events at 8.45am. Students will need to collect their numbers and sign in to ensure they are marshalled for their event. I am very proud of the team we have assembled and look forward to a solid result! Thanks to Ms Balchin, Mrs Kemp and Mr Rowen for their tireless efforts in helping to organise this event.

Regards

Cliff Powys
REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE

Congratulations to Jonte Upton for making the Capricornia AFL Team. This is an amazing achievement Jonte! We are very proud and wish you the best of luck for the State Championships to be held in June in Toowoomba. We would also like to congratulate Kiera Duck who will be representing Mackay District in basketball. Well done Kiera and good luck at the Capricornia trials on 27\textsuperscript{th} April in Mackay.

Our Cross Country team has been named. Congratulations to Ella Toonen, Reese Naylor, Alex S, Gabriel Vance, Connor B, Dakota Cairns, Ella Jackson, Jackson Harris, Keiran Lawn, Chloe Osborne, Brooke Naylor, Jayden Tower and Adam Treloar. The Northern Suburbs trials will be held at Glenella SS on Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} April. Good luck everyone!!

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This very successful program commences next Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} April. We will be offering Zumba on Monday afternoons and Soccer on Thursday afternoons. The program runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm each day and afternoon tea is provided. There is no cost involved. Please contact the office to register your child.

P & C PRATTLE

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th APRIL 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.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

Our own school ANZAC ceremony will be held at 2.30pm on Friday 24th April at the school.
eating area near the flagpole. All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend.

The public ANZAC Day March will be held on Saturday 25th April.

All schools will meet in the old Coles car park opposite Sydney St Markets in Sydney St at **8.00am** ready to march at 8.45am. Look for the Glenella School banner. Our position in the carpark will be beside Whitsunday Anglican. Our position in the parade will be behind Beaconsfield SS and in front of Dundula SS. The parade will proceed via Gordon and Wellington Streets to Jubilee Park, past the saluting dais near the Sir Albert Abbott Administration Building (approx 15min).

Please dress children in full school uniform, wearing their blue Glenella polo shirts, **school hats** and correct footwear. Students marching with family medals are asked to wear them on the right side of their uniform. Please collect children promptly from Jubilee Park where the march concludes.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART.**

### SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

As the School Dental Service is unable to access our school, treatment is being offered to all students through North Mackay School Dental Clinic.

If you would like to access our service, please complete the Medical/Consent form sent home with your child earlier in the week and return it to the school office by Friday 1st May 2015.

School Dental Staff will then contact you to arrange an appointment. A Parent/Guardian must transport and accompany their child to appointments at this clinic.

### CANBERRA CAMP 2015

Camp invoices will be sent home Friday 1st May. All chocolate money and/or unsold chocolates are to be returned by Friday 22nd May. Final balances will be advised and all camp fees must be paid by 19th June 2015.
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

We are asking for donations of small gifts ($2 - $5) for our Mother’s Day Stall.

Some examples are: Candles, Earrings, nice notepads and pens, photo frames, ornaments, bath goodies or bling (no aerosols please).

The stall will be held in the hall on Friday 8th May

Please encourage your child to bring along a few dollars on the day to buy their deserved Mum a special gift to say thank you.

Gift donations can be handed in to the office by Wednesday 6th May.

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

Please note with the cooler weather approaching that children tend to be hungrier than usual. It is a good idea to pop in a few extra goodies or sandwiches to satisfy those hungry tummies.

MONEY COLLECTION

• SCIENCE SHOW
  On Friday 22nd May students from Prep to Year 6 will enjoy an inspiring and educational demonstration of Electricity and Magnetism by touring scientist Paul Millard. Cost is $3 per student. Please send payment to the office in a clearly marked envelope.

• P&C FUNDRAISING LEVY
  To support the progressiveness of our school, we encourage all parents to support this levy. The rates are as follows:
  1 child $20 per term or $80 per year 2 or more children $25 per term or $100 per year.

This levy can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office or by direct deposit to:
Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account
BSB: 064-707
A/C: 00900246
using your “Surname” and “Levy” as the reference.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Friday 1st May 2015.
Photos start at 8.45am. Please ensure your child/ren are at school ON TIME in a clean school uniform (blue polo-shirt) and correct footwear.
Order packs have been sent out and need to be completed and returned with payment to the office BEFORE photo day. If paying in another family member’s envelope, please record the name and the class of the paying student.
Payment can be made by Cash or Cheque payable to Advanced Life. A Secure online ordering facility is available. Please go to www.advancedlife.com.au
Parents who place their order online do not need to return the Order Envelope.
Order forms for sibling photos are available from the office. Online ordering for sibling photographs will be cut off 48 hours prior to photography day.

This is a prepay photo system.
ALL LATE ORDERS WILL ATTRACT A FEE AND MUST BE POSTED DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER – NOT TO THE SCHOOL.

HOY ROSTER
30/04 Jenny O'Loughlin
Tracey Gray
Shoppers Natalie Schmidt
Tracey Gray
M/Tea Tracey Gray
Liddell Baker
07/05 Jenny O’Loughlin
Jane Manicaro
Shoppers Annalees Jackson
Paula Mudge
M/Tea Michelle Burgess
Melissa Harris

EMAIL NEWSLETTER PLEASE
We, the ____________________________
family would love to receive our newsletter by email.
Our email address is below:

__________________________
__________________________
(Please print clearly)
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April:**
- 24 School ANZAC Service
- 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- 27 Zumba Commences
- 27 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 28 NS Cross Country
- 30 Soccer Commences

**May:**
- 01 School Photos
- 08 Mother’s Day Stall
- 12 NAPLAN
- 13 NAPLAN
- 14 NAPLAN
- 22 Science Show ($3)
- 22 Canberra Chocolate $ Due
- 29 S/Council Sausage Sizzle

**June:**
- 06 Qld Day
- 08 Queens Bday Public Holiday
- 16 GSS Sports Day
- 25 Mackay Show Holiday
- 19 Canberra Camp $ Due

---

**KIDS INDOOR CRICKET**

A great opportunity for children interested in playing or learning indoor cricket.

Friendly fun games for all ages.

**WHEN:** Friday afternoons 4.30pm - 5.30pm approx.

**WHERE:** Mackay Indoor Sports Arena, Harbour Rd

**WHO:** Any interested children (girls or boys)

**COST:** $5.00 per person per session

Drinks and snacks available for purchase at the kiosk.

For more details call Mackay Indoor Sports Arena on: 4957 2672