PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Welcome back to Glenella and an event-filled term 2!

This is the longest term of our year, 11 weeks, however it also contains 3 public holidays. Please, make yourself familiar with our school calendar to ensure you have correct dates for school activities and holidays.

Some quick reminders about being on school grounds after 3.00pm. Please ensure that any students who are not participating in after school sport activities are being adequately supervised as we do not provide any staff supervision. I have seen many students running around on playgrounds and equipment without supervision. Obviously this is a safety concern. Please keep these students (including any siblings) in your general area, and off playground equipment, while others are engaged in afterschool activities.

During assembly this week I mentioned the importance of being in routine. It reminded me of a friend I caught up with over the holidays and he was telling me that it takes him an hour to feed his 4 year old, literally running around after him. He was concerned how a lack of routine would affect him when he started school next year. My first piece of advice was to get his son into a routine ASAP. Schools, employment and most of daily life is built on routines, a shared understanding and expectation of what and how things will work in our lives.

Here are some tips to create, develop and maintain routines at home to ensure things run smoothly.

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1. Only change one part of the day at a time. I would begin with evenings because they prepare you for an organised morning.

2. Find some benefit in it for your kids - for instance, they get a little time alone with you.

3. Come up with your basic non-negotiables (who has to be in bed at what time) and then give your children some choices (who gets the first bath? Bedtime stories together or separate?)

4. Make a poster with the written, agreed-upon schedule, including photos of each child doing the activities in the right order, to give them the power to monitor themselves through the schedule so you can ease out of herding them through it.

5. Follow the same routine every single day for two months, after which it will be habit and your kids will be able to keep themselves on schedule to brush teeth etc.

One last tip -- it will help a lot if you can make the whole thing fun by keeping yourself in a very positive mood regardless of their reactions. You can listen to their arguing, but if you don't argue back, there won't be an argument. Just empathise with their unhappiness, and reinforce your limit: "I know you don't want to brush your teeth and get ready for bed. You were having so much fun playing. But look at the schedule -- it's 7:30pm, and that means it's time to get ready for bed."

Regards
Cliff Powys
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Week Ending 11/3/2016
Prep: Gabrielle & Alannah
Year 1: Bella & Jessie
Year 2: Hannah Kaleb
Year 3: Hamish & Jaxon
Year 4: Mia & Holly
Year 4/5: Alemphia & Jack
Year 5/6: Talia & Reese

Week Ending 18/3/2016
Prep: Mia & Dean
Year 1: Ruby & Shania
Year 2: Reece & Annabell
Year 3: Harrison & Rihanna
Year 4: Charlie & Jorji
Year 4/5: Kaden & Jewel
Year 5/6: Kate & Drew

Keep up the good work!

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 22nd April 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.

ADULT AMENITIES
Please note that adults attending school for any reason, including classroom help and/or after school sports, are to make use of the staff amenities which are located on the hill side of the undercover area. Adults are not permitted to use student amenities.
ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

Our own school ANZAC ceremony will be held at 9am on Friday 22nd 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 Monday 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. 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. Ex or current servicemen and women related to our students are more than welcome to march with us. Please collect children promptly from Jubilee Park where the march concludes.

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART.

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 6th 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 4th 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.
AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
This very successful program will be up and running again, commencing in week 4. We will be offering Basketball on Monday afternoons and Athletics on Thursday afternoons. Please see our dates to remember section at the back of this newsletter for dates. The program runs from 3.15pm - 4.15pm each day and afternoon tea is provided. There is no cost involved. Contact the office to register your child.

Please note that participation in after school sport is dependent on good behaviour!

MONEY COLLECTION

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub order forms have been sent home today. Orders and payments are to be received by Friday 29th April. We encourage parents to use the LOOP payment method as detailed in the brochure. www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

PIZZA DAY
The next Student Council Pizza Day will be held on Friday 29th April. Orders and payment must be received by the office no later than Friday 22nd April. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted after this date.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS
We are offering students in years 2-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. If you are interested, please take note of the dates below. 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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We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Greg Shaw for painting 4 x handball courts onto our tennis court surface over the holidays. Handball is one of our most popular lunchtime activities and these courts will be very well utilized.

We would also like to publicly thank the Stephens family for their very kind donation of a huge amount of exercise books and numerous stationery items. These items will be used across the school and are very much appreciated.

While we are on this topic we would like to sincerely thank The Clarion Mackay, Magpies Sporting Club, Bunnings Mackay and Masters Mackay for their support in donating prizes for our school raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will lower the costs for students in years 4-6 travelling to camp in August. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday morning by the ZINC FM Radio crew.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The student council will be holding a Fun Run in conjunction with Rewards Day in Term 2. We will be holding the event at Harbour Beach on Friday 17th June. Fundraising booklets will be sent out shortly. These books will need to be returned by Friday 13th May.

Our next Pizza Day will be held on Friday 29th April. Orders to the office by next Friday please.

We are also interested in hearing from any families that would be willing to donate cow manure for our vegetable gardens. If you think you can help, please contact Cathy Boal from the Year 4 classroom.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club is available to all students every Tuesday morning from 8am, in the school hall. Toast and cereal will be served for hungry students, with no cost to families.