PRINCIPALS CORNER

Welcome back to another great Term here at Glenella State School. We have had a busy start to the term however; the students and their 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.

We welcome Miss Cheek to our school. She is replacing Mrs Anderson who is currently on Long Service Leave. I am sure Mrs Anderson is enjoying herself and is relaxed knowing that her class is in capable hands.

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 and Numeracy. 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 all our Year 3, 5 and 7’s to ensure Glenella State School meets its guarantee. Our teachers have also implemented 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. Out Guarantee focusses on students achieving C or higher and if they can’t, then 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 plan 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 13th (Language Conventions), 14th (Reading) and 15th (Numeracy) of MAY. We will be hosting a breakfast club on those days for our NAPLAN students, which includes pancakes and some fresh fruit. This will be in the hall from 8am on the above mentioned days.

One of the highlights of this year will be our Art Showcase event, currently being organised by Miss Katie Paap.

We are very fortunate that we have amazing parents like Mrs Funston who has been spending many hours helping out around our school. Apart from volunteering her time to do Crafty Club with Mrs Chappell on Fridays, she has also volunteered her time to power wash our tennis court and clean out and organise our Art Room. Thank you for all your help with this Mrs Funston, we really appreciate it! We have identified some pieces of furniture that parents may be able to put to good use, including small and large computer desks. Some are beyond saving and will be disposed of, however there are some that would be perfectly fine to go to a good home. Please contact the school for more information.

ANZAC day is always a special day at Glenella State School, and this year we were overwhelmed by the achievements and anecdotes of a member of one of our families who fought in the war. Matt Goodson, Year 2, spoke for his Great-Grandfather Norm Waterson. We were all moved by his words and service to our
country. I was also overwhelmed by effort and numbers at the ANZAC day march. We had many staff in attendance, including Mrs Brotherton, Mrs Dal’Bo, Ms Boal, Mrs Treneman, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Brown, Ms Riggs and Mrs Myal. We also had a great turn out for our students. They will each receive a certificate on assembly this Monday. This was my first march for ANZAC and I’m pleased I got to experience it with Glenella.

This term we are also getting tougher on students who do not bring hats to school. We will be enforcing our No Hat No Play policy. Please ensure your child has a school hat to wear to school and if alternate arrangements need to be made, please notify the school.

Regards

Cliff Powys

SPORT NEWS

At the end of last term we held our annual Cross Country event. It was great to see the students’ enthusiasm and great time was had by all. Thankyou to the parents and caregivers who came and supported our students. This year we ran in our house teams allocating points for participation and the first 4 placegetters. Congratulations to “ASH” for receiving the most points. Congratulations to our King of the Hill - Jayden Tower and Queen of the Hill - Tiffany Osborne.

Well done to Ella Jackson, Kiera Duck, Dakota Cairns, Jackson Harris, Keiran Lawn, Jayden Tower, Tyler Clarke, Adam Treloar, Tiffany Osborne, Lacey harding, Courtenay Bennett, Bethany Rogers, Logan Purdy and Luke Fagan who represented Glenella in the Northern Suburbs Cross Country on Tuesday at Glenella. A big CONGRATULATIONS goes to Bethany Rogers who won the 12 year girls 3km Cross country and Tiffany Osborne who got 2nd place in the 12 year girls. These girls now go on and will represent Northern Suburbs at the Mackay and District Cross Country Trials on 20th May in Sarina. Best of Luck girls!

Congratulations to Stephanie Ivey who recently made the Northern Suburbs Soccer team. Well done!
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Week Ending 4/4/2014


Keep up the good work!

NORTH HIGH INFO NIGHTS

Mackay North State High School will be holding an Information Evening for current Year 6 students on Tuesday 6th May at 5.30pm and again at 6.30pm. An Information Evening for current Year 7 students will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 5.30pm and again at 6.30pm. All information sessions will be held in the Auditorium. School tours will run on Wednesday May 14th, 21st, 28th from 4.00-4.30pm from the carpark.

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. Please note that Year 2 students are only eligible to enter into the English, Maths and Science competitions. 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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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 today and return it
to the school office by Friday 16th May 2014.

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.

**P&C - March Highlights**

- 50% of Fairbairn Camp transport costs to be funded by P&C
- P&C have provided funds to purchase a Laptop Trolley which will store and protect school laptops in an organized fashion
- Swimming program transport costs to be funded by P&C
- P&C have encouraged clearer Prep car park signage to be organized
- Friday Craft to be given financial assistance from P&C
- P&C have set up Glenella SS Facebook site
- P&C to host Mothers Day stall
- Trivia night date has been set for 13th June. P&C will host the event.

**SUCCESSFUL GRANT**

Late last year the P&C were successful in obtaining a grant from Queensland Country Credit Union for the purchase of a new tennis net. Each year the QCCU offer grants to the community and this was a great opportunity to upgrade our net that was old, torn and weathered.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Queensland Country Credit Union for awarding us the grant and giving our students and community support. Our students will benefit greatly from the investment in our school.
MONEY COLLECTION

• Students from Prep to Year 7 will be entertained by the Nexus Arts team with an adaptation of the 1864 children’s classic “Journey to the Centre of the Earth”. This performance will be held in the hall from 9am on Thursday 8th May. **Cost is $5.00 per child.** Please send money to the office in a clearly named envelope as soon as possible. Alternatively you can direct deposit into our school bank account:

Glenella State School  
BSB: 064-707  
A/C: 00090677  
Using your “Surname” and “Nexus” as the reference.

• SWIMMING  
Students in Prep to Yr 7 will commence swimming in Term 4 from **Wednesday 8th October.** We will swim once per week (Wednesdays) over an eight week period. Our swimming carnival will then be held in the 2nd last week of term. Lessons will be given by qualified instructors at Pat Wright’s Swim School. Cost is $70.00 per child. P&C have kindly agreed to pay for bus costs. To make it easier, we would like to offer you the option of payment in instalments. Direct Deposit is available and school details are as follows:

Glenella State School  
BSB: 064-707  
A/C: 00090677  
Ref: “Surname” Swim

Unfortunately we are unable to offer credit card payments.  
Parents please note there will be NO REFUNDS for non-attendance of any student for the duration of the swimming program for 2014. Our school is required to pay upfront for this program and as such would appreciate full payment by all students by the end of Term 3.

• P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY:  
To support the progressiveness of our school, a fundraising levy was introduced a number of years ago. We encourage all parents to support this levy.  
The rates are as follows:  
1 child $15 per term or $60 per year 2 or more children $20 per term or $80 per year.

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

Glenella State School P& C  
BSB: 064-707  
A/C: 00900246  
Using your “Surname” and “Levy” as the reference.
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May:**
- 08 Nexus Arts Show
- 09 Mothers Day Stall
- 11 Mothers Day
- 13 NAPLAN
- 14 NAPLAN
- 15 NAPLAN
- 23 Walk to School Safely Day

**June:**
- 06 Queensland Day
- 09 Queens Bday Public Hol
- 13 P&C Trivia Night
- 17 Sports Day
- 19 Show Day Holiday
- 27 Last Day Term 2

**MOTHERS DAY**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mothers Day for next Sunday 11th May. We do hope you are pampered and spoilt in some way for all the ‘thankless’ tasks that you perform each and every day.

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