PRINCIPALS CORNER

This fortnight has been another action packed one with students participating in the NAPLAN testing as well as students out and about representing their district and region in sport. We are fortunate that students at our school see the value in sport and the success they can gain from participating. Tate in year 7 has demonstrated this success through Rugby League, playing in Rockhampton and gaining a position in the Capricornia Team. The Daily Mercury is looking to publish a picture of the team soon. Next week on the 20th of May I will be traveling with the team to the Mackay and Districts Cross County trials in Sarina. We have Bethany and Tiffany in Year 6 representing our area and school at the meet. I look forward to reporting on the achievements of these and many students in the future.

Reading is a strong component of our homework at Glenella State School and is proving to be a solid indicator of the level of literacy of our students. Reading with your child in the afternoon or evening can often be a good opportunity to catch up after a busy day as well reinforcing the positive nature of reading with an adult. Engage your child in a book, ask them questions about the text and pictures. See if they can predict what will happen next or if they have seen something like that in real life. You could view literacy in 2 ways, school literacy and everyday life literacy. The one thing that underpins each of these is the ability to read competently. Being able to access information that you didn’t know prior is what learning is all about and reading is the key.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every student who participated in this week’s NAPLAN tests. Every student I saw met the tests with confidence and a calm nature. I am very proud of their efforts and I am sure it will show in their results. I hope the pancakes helped!

Our NO HAT NO PLAY message is getting through, we are seeing well over 90% of students in the playground having fun and enjoying their break time. Please follow up at home regarding your child’s hat. If there are any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

**Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.
Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department’s website:  

- Australian Government Department of Education website:  

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Regards

Cliff Powys
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

**Week Ending 1/5/2014**
Aneshia Rudolph, Brodie Gillie, Rihanna Craig, Laura Munster, Connor Chappell, Holly Williams, Savannah Ivey, Seb Stebbens, Jack Marlborough, Tyler Shackleton, Caleb Harvey, Malik Rudolph, Dakota Cairns, Chloe Vella and Taylah Rouse.

**Week Ending 09/05/2014**

*Keep up the good work!*

**WANTED**
We are asking for donations of plastic shopping bags and wool for our under 8’s day craft activities. Please drop donations into the school office before next Friday. Thank you.

**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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**Representative Sports Update**
Congratulations to Tate Brodel who has successfully made the Capricornia Rugby League Team. Tate will travel to Goondiwindi and compete at the State Titles between 26th June – 2nd July. Best of Luck Tate!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to the following students for the month of May:
Hannah Burrows, Taylor Nimmo, Emmett Counsell, Jaxon Maluga, Cameron Barnard, Jonathan Beazley, Connor Chappell, Ella Chappell, Lawson Darmanin, Mia Finch, Cooper Frost, Jorji Upton, Florence Walsh, Cameron Treloar, Dakota Cairns and Chase Tee.

APPLE SLINKY
FOR CANCER
As part of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, the students from the Year 6/7 classroom will be holding Apple Slinky mornings from Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May. Apple slinky machines will be set up in the undercover area at Morning Tea. All students are invited to bring their own apple from home and pay 50c to have it “SLINKIED”. Please support this fantastic cause and at the same time teach healthy eating habits to our children. All funds will be donated to Cancer Council Queensland.

MOVIE NIGHT
Thank you to all who supported our movie night last term which raised approximately $2,000. A big thank you goes to our Student Council and their parents for making this event a huge success. We look forward to having another next year.
P&C - April Highlights

- P&C is listing and prioritizing short and long term funding suggestions
- P&C are in the process of organizing the Trivia Night, including prizes, band and a “Black Friday” theme
- A Facebook site has been set up for Glenella School
- A new School Sign is being organized
- Marquees are being organized in time for the Swimming Carnival, and for use at other School events.

UNDER 8’S DAY
Friday 23rd May
9am-11.30am.
Come along for the morning to join in the activities with your child. Activities include goop, obstacle course, box construction, marble painting, outdoor gams, dance and more!

We are in desperate need of parent helpers on the day. If you could spare a couple of hours next Friday, please contact the school office.

YEAR ONE NEWS
Our Year 1 students thoroughly enjoyed a visit from our local fire brigade on Wednesday. The firemen talked about fire safety and answered many questions. Blazer was on hand to help the children (and Mrs Nelson) squirt the big fire hose onto the hill. The children also had a chance to check out the fire engine and all of the special equipment it has on board.
MONEY COLLECTION

- SWIMMING
  Students in Prep to Yr7 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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**PREP 2015**

Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2015? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2009 and 30th June 2010.

We are currently taking enrolments and would love to hear from any new families that are interested. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack.
MOTHERS DAY STALL
Thank you to all families who supported our Mother’s Day Stall. We raised over $600.
The children were all very excited to be able to purchase a gift from the amazing selection on display. Thank you to the lovely ladies who volunteered their time to wrap presents and man the stall. Events like this would not take place without our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you again for your overwhelming support.
The P&C

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
Please note Monday 9th June is a public holiday to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.
Please also remember that Thursday 19th June is Mackay’s Show Holiday.

BLACK FRIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT
When: Friday 13th June 6.30pm
Where: Glenella School Hall
Bring: Nibbles for the table. No BYO as drinks can be purchased over the bar.

Lucky door prize, best score per round and raffles.

Maximum is 8 per table.
$10.00 per head.

Please see the office to book and pay for your table by Tuesday 10th June.
**HOY**

Unfortunately we are about to lose some of our wonderful volunteers and we are in **DESPERATE NEED** of new Hoy helpers. If you could possibly spare a couple of hours once a month we would love to hear from you. Please call Jenny O’Loughlin on 0429 418517

**HOY ROSTER**

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Mackay Northern Beaches State High school is looking forward to welcoming their third cohort of Year 7 students into the school in 2015. If you would like to know more info about the school and the excellent facilities and programs on offer, please attend the Enrolment Information Evening on Wednesday 28th May at 5.30pm in the MNBSHS Lecture Theatre. After the presentation, you will be able to go on a tour of the school. Please register your interest by phoning 48421333.

Walk Safely to School Day will be held next Friday 23rd May. We encourage parents and carers to walk to school with students and reinforce safe pedestrian behavior. Please ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road. This initiative promotes the health benefits of walking, helps children develop vital road-crossing skills and reduces car dependency habits while reducing the level of traffic congestion.
**FREE COMPUTER DESKS**
We have a number of unused computer desks that we are happy to give away to good homes. If you are interested, please contact the school office to arrange a time for inspection. First in, best dressed!

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**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.

**RSPCA Million Paws Walk** is to be held at the Gooseponds on Sunday 18th May. There are some fantastic prizes to be won! Your support would be greatly appreciated. For more info on how to register call 34269943 or go to [www.millionpawswalk.com.au](http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au)
NUMBER WORKS’N’WORDS
Maths & English tuition – Boost your child’s confidence and education with Number Works’n’Words specialist after school tuition. We provide individualized instruction in maths and English for students who are struggling to keep up and those bursting to race ahead. Phone now for a free assessment and introductory lesson. Ph: 49426615 or visit www.numberworkswnwords.com.au for more info.

VARIETY COUNTRY
FAMILY NIGHT
Saturday 17th May at Dumbleton Rural Fire Shed, 627 Sugarshed Road, Farleigh. Magic and music shows, Bush Poetry, Line Dancing, Mini Cent Sale, Food and Drinks, Jumping Castle, Raffles and Prizes. From 5pm. Adults $5/ Kids $2. All enquiries to Janelle on 0419 711 204.

The Annual Farleigh Palm Fete will be held at Farleigh School. Sunday 18th May, 8am-1pm. Mackay’s largest annual garden markets. A variety of food stalls available. Phone Farleigh State School on 49598229 for more information.

LETS GET PHYSICAL!
Personal Training with Sue Macklin. Do you want to lose weight? Improve fitness? Improve general health and wellbeing? Fun outdoor Group Personal Training at Glenella Park. Morning and afternoon classes. $12 per session. Classes include toning, cardio and now boxing. One on one sessions also available. Please phone Sue on 0400760930 for more information.
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