PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

This fortnight has included some ‘big bikkies’ events, NAPLAN and the book fair! This week our year 3 and 5 students sat their NAPLAN tests. They were fed well beforehand 😊 and we are confident that our students performed well and were under very little stress. A cooked breakfast doesn’t hurt either!

The focus for our students’ learning this year has been on Reading Comprehension concentrating on character motivation as well as proportional reasoning in maths where we look at comparing, analysing a problem to reason the best answer. It’s a way of encouraging students to reduce their errors as well as reduce the time taken to solve problems. In some instances, word problems can be solved with minimal working out. It’s a real world application that they can use outside the classroom.

Lately I have been visiting classrooms to check on students’ understanding of what they are learning. The 3 main questions I have been asking are:

- what are you learning?
- How do you know if you have been successful? and
- who can you go to for help if needed? These are important in getting students to internalise what is expected of them and that if needed, they can seek help.

Regards

Cliff Powys
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Week Ending 6/5/2016
Prep: Caitlyn & Savannah
Prep: Thomas & Elise
Year 1: Stella & Connor
Year 2: Aneshia & Connor
Year 3: Luca & Ella
Year 4: Ebony & Jack
Year 4/5: Savannah & Seb
Year 5/6: Madison & Kahlia
PE Award: Tia
Keep up the good work!

GLENELLA BOOK FAIR
Saturday 14th May 9.00am – 11.00am
Mon 15th 8.00-8.30am 3.00-3.20pm
Tues 16th 8.00-8.30am 3.00-3.20pm
Wed 17th 8.00-8.30am 3.00-3.20pm

Bookfair will be held in the spare Classroom next to Yr 2. A percentage of all book sales will come back to our school to enable the purchase of more books and resources for our library.

Author/Illustrator
Michael Salmon
Will be visiting our school on Friday 3rd June.
Michael Salmon has been involved in children’s literature, TV and theatre since 1967. His hour long sessions are humorous, fun, interactive and entertaining with a focus on students developing their own creativity.

Cost is $3.50 per student.
Please send $ to office in a clearly labelled envelope.
Michael will also have books available for purchase on the day with costs ranging from $3 - $20.
Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to attend.

SCHOOL ZIP JACKETS
Royal blue zip jackets are available for purchase from the school office for $18 each. We also have a large number of second hand jackets available for $5 each. First in best dressed!
STATE OF ORIGIN

Wednesday 1st June is the first State of Origin for the series. Students will be encouraged to come dressed in their favourite team colours (Blue for NSW or MAROON for Qld) on the day. **Student Council are asking for a $2 or more donation and all proceeds will go to Give Me Five for Kids.**

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

We are offering students in years 2-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. All entries are now closed. For all those involved, please take note of test dates.

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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 have been sent home. These booklets should now have been returned. If you have not returned you booklet, please do so, no later than next Wednesday. If you are not fundraising we still require the booklet to be returned.

PREP 2017

Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2017? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2011 and 30th June 2012. 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.
SPORTS DAY

Our school sports day will be held on **TUESDAY 21st JUNE**. Parents/family/friends are most welcome to come and spend the day or part of. More details will be included in upcoming newsletters.

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. Proudly supported by Brumby’s Mount Pleasant.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 20th May is Walk Safely To School Day. The objective of this day is to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with students, promote the health benefits of walking and develop vital road crossing skills. We would love to see as many families as possible get involved.

P & C PRATTLE

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 6th JUNE 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.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Thank you to all who donated gifts for our Mother’s Day stall. The P&C raised over $600! We hope all mums enjoyed their special day.

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GLENELLA P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

*When:* Friday 13th May 6.30pm
*Where:* Glenella School Hall

*Bring:* Nibbles for the table. No BYO as drinks can be purchased over the bar.

*Live Band:* Three Way Crossing

*Babysitting available*

Maximum is 8 per table.

*IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED A TABLE, NO PROBLEM, JUST TURN UP ON THE NIGHT!*