PRINCIPALS CORNER

Week 7 already! The term is flying fast! This week and next, students will be completing many pieces of assessment so it is very important that we have all students here and ready to perform. I mentioned in last fortnight’s newsletter about being late and I am glad to say this is improving, however we still have a little way to go. Recently, all schools were provided with data that displayed succinctly, areas in which we were doing well and areas that needed improvement. Our attendance data moved from ‘Green’ to ‘Orange’ meaning we had a lot more students not attending school regularly. We are currently working through some strategies as a staff to address attendance issues and I will communicate these to you soon.

Our Athletics Carnival will be held at Magpies on the 16th of June. A copy of our program has been forwarded with this newsletter by email and is also available on the Glenella SS website. It is going to be a great day and I thank Magpies again for their ongoing support in helping us facilitate our carnival on their grounds. We will also utilize our new Long Jump pits that were financed by our P&C. Parents/family/friends are encouraged to come along and cheer the children on. It’s as much about participation and sportsmanship as it is about competition.

I am often asked about how or in what ways can parents help children at home, whether with homework or in providing a solid foundation of strong work ethic. I have listed some suggestions below.

1. Let your child see you making mistakes.
Parents are a child’s first teacher and their lifetime teacher. Part of being a teacher is teaching your child how to deal with making mistakes. Let them see that you can make mistakes and deal with it so they will understand it’s
not a big deal and they can cope when they slip up. At school this is one of our expectations – we call it resilience.

2. Don’t tell your child that you weren’t good at maths.
Some parents might feel intimidated by the thought of helping children with their maths homework, especially in the upper grades but maths is here to serve you, not to trip you up. Maths should make life easier, and mastery can start at home with parents showing that they’re not frightened by numbers. One way to make maths more accessible is to relate it to daily tasks such as measuring ingredients, managing sums of money, working out distances. This way, children get to see that what they’re learning matters in life.

3. Check their homework, and then have them explain it to you.
It’s not enough to just get the answers right. To make sure your children aren’t guessing, sometimes ask them to explain what they did and why. This lets you know that the child has completed the task and when the child explains their work, it helps their learning.

4. Don’t do everything for your child.
Sometimes it’s faster to do things yourself than wait for your children to complete a task, but having everything done for them means they don’t learn to take care of themselves. Empower your children to think for themselves and be more responsible.

5. Ask about your child’s day.
Stay involved in your child’s education, beyond helping with homework. Even small things, such as asking a child what happened at school, can be the difference between a child who unplugs at the end of the day and one who continues thinking about what they learned. Give them the kind of feedback that acknowledges and respects their feelings so they know you are really hearing them.

Regards

Cliff Powys
Principal
Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

**Week Ending 22/5/15**
- Prep: Sophie and Jessica
- Prep/1: Connor and Levi
- Year 2: Abby and Cameron
- Year 3: Ella and Coby
- Year 3/4: Ella and Jaida
- Year 4/5: Alex and Reese

**Week Ending 29/5/15**
- Prep: Lochlan and Hunter
- Prep/1: Jessica and Jacques
- Year 2: Laura and Kayden
- Year 3: Kaitlyn and Gabrielle
- Year 3/4: Jack and Claire
- Year 4/5: Connor and Drew
- Year 5/6: Georgia and Keiran

Keep up the good work!

**QUEENSLAND DAY**
Glenella School will be celebrating Queensland Day on Friday 5th June. At lunchtime students will receive a free party pie/sauce and a lamington. As this is a small treat, please pack lunchboxes as normal.

**BOOK FAIR**
We had a wonderful turnout to our recent Bookfair with more than $2,000 worth of books purchased. This is an amazing result! Our school will receive points to be used to purchase resources for all classrooms. Congratulations to the Shield Competition winners, Aimee and Kieran, and our lucky door prize winner, Jake. A special thank you to the families who donated books to our school library. We look forward to making this an annual event.

**STATE OF ORIGIN**
On Wednesday 17th June the next State of Origin game will be played. Students are 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 the Mackay Base Hospital Children’s Ward.
CANBERRA CAMP 2015
All chocolate money and/or unsold chocolates should now have been returned. Final balances will be advised and all camp fees must be paid by 19th June 2015.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Please note Monday 8th June is a public holiday.
Please also remember that Thursday 25th June is Mackay’s Show Holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to Jayden Tower who has made the Capricornia Soccer team and will be travelling to Brindale at the end of July.
Good luck Jayden!

SPORTS DAY
Our school sports day will be held on TUESDAY 16TH JUNE. We request that students arrive at school at 8.30am for roll marking. We will be walking across to the Magpies playing fields at 8.45am for a 9am start.
Parents/family/friends are most welcome to come and spend the day or part of. Magpies’ canteen facilities will be available on the day.
Students are to wear a shirt the colour of their Sporting House.

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All students are reminded to wear their school hat and bring a water bottle.
A program for the day is available on our school website at www.glenellass.eq.edu.au

HELP WANTED
Can you spare an hour on a Friday, once or twice a month? We are desperately seeking helpers for Friday Crafty Club. Please contact the office if you are able to help out in any way.
**HOY ROSTER**

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**REMINDER:**

*NO HOY ON THURSDAY 25TH JUNE – MACKAY SHOW HOLIDAY*

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**MONEY COLLECTION**

- **REWARDS DAY**
  
  Term 2 Rewards Day will be held on Wednesday 24th June. Eligible students from Prep to Year 2 will take part in a Sensory Circus workshop. Students from Year 3 – 6 will travel by bus to Mackay Indoor Sports Centre for an afternoon of rotational sports. Cost is $4 per student. Please send payment to the office in a clearly marked envelope or deposit into the school account.

  Glenella State School  
  BSB: 064-707  
  A/C: 00090677  
  Use your Surname & “Reward” as the ref.

- **WHITSUNDAY VOICES**
  
  Our whole school P-6 will be travelling to Whitsunday Anglican School on Friday 17th July to take part in the hugely successful Whitsunday Voices Festival. Students will be attending 2 sessions presented by well-known authors. Total cost per student is $7. Please send payment to the office in a clearly marked envelope as soon as possible. Payment can also be made into the school account as follows:

  Glenella State School  
  BSB: 064-707  
  A/C: 00090677  
  Use your Surname & “Voice” as ref.

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**PREP 2016**

Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2016? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2010 and 30th June 2011. 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.
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 the English and Maths competitions. These tests are not compulsory. Cost is $8.00 each.

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SCOLIOSIS

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and many are at risk of developing a significant curve. Because in the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. Parents of girls in Years 6-9 are encouraged to visit the Scoliosis Australia website at www.scoliosis-australia.org and download a copy of the Self Detection Brochure.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June:
05 Queensland Day
08 Queens Bday Public Hol
12 P&C Trivia Night
16 Glenella SS Sports Day
17 State of Origin Free Dress
19 Camp $ Balances Due
24 Rewards Day $4
25 Show Day Holiday
26 S/Council Sausage Sizzle
26 Last Day Term 2

July:
13 First Day Term 3
17 Whitsunday Voices
20 P&C Meeting 7pm

August:
06 Wakakirri Performance
16 Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
21 Camp students return
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.

MACKAY GYMNASTICS
School Holiday Fun Days
9.30-11.00am
Wed 1/7, Fri 3/7, Wed 8/7 Fri 10/7
Cost $16.50 per day
Ph: 49420032 for bookings

NumberWorks’nWords
Boost your child’s confidence and education with NumberWorks’nWords specialist after-school tuition. We provide individualised instruction in maths and English for students who are struggling to keep up and those busting to race ahead. Phone now for a free assessment and introductory lesson. Phone Amanda 49426615 or visit www.numberworksnwords.com.au

GLENELLA P&C
ROYAL TRIVIA NIGHT
When: Friday 12th 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 and raffles.
Maximum is 8 per table.

BOOK A TABLE
Please complete this return and send in to the school office by next Wednesday 10th June 2015

I, ______________________ would like to book a table for the Trivia Night to be held on Friday 12th June.

We will have _______ people at our table at a cost of $10 per person.

Please deposit payment to: Glenella State School P&C BSB: 064-707 A/C: 00900246 “Surname” and ”Trivia” as ref.