Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Well the ‘home stretch’ is definitely upon us and whilst we often refer to this time of year as ‘the silly season’ I would like to remind students that our usual expectations around Behaviour, Manners & Respect will be in place right up to 3pm on Friday 13th December when we break for our end of year holidays. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, attendance directly impacts on student learning, every lesson missed needs to be caught up. Unless students have a genuine reason not to be at school, e.g. medical appointments, illness etc then please ensure that they are at school by 8:45am every day through to the end of the year and please explain absences to the school if your child is absent for any reason.

Report Cards will come home next week along with Individual Student Target feedback sheets (if it has not already taken place for your child). Parents and students will again be invited to meet with class teachers during the last week of Term to discuss the Targets and Report Card for your children.

2014 Class Lists and Booklists will also come home next week. As you would understand these lists are organised from our current predicted enrolments for 2014 which includes 22 Prep students and 145 Yr 1 to Yr 7 students, giving us a predicted total of 167 students. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling their children at the school please encourage them to do so as soon as possible and definitely before the end of 2013.
We are still awaiting information on the appointment of the new Glenella SS Principal, which should take place by the end of this Term. Hopefully we will be able to organise a visit from our new Principal before the year finishes. As soon as I am able to update the school community with more information I will do so.

Our **2013 Swimming Carnival** will be held on **Friday 6th December** from **9am to 12noon** at **Pioneer Pool**. We are currently completing organisation for this event. **If parents are willing to assist on the day please advise the Office as soon as possible.** Please be aware neither students nor parents will be able to access the canteen at the pool and that all food must be brought to school by students on the day in lunchboxes just like a normal school day. Consider appropriate food choices and not junk food or lollies which should not come to school or such events. Lots of healthy snacks such as fruit and crispbread are a great idea. Students can come to school wearing their swimming gear (full piece costumes with swim shirts or shorts with swim shirts) but must ensure they have a wide brimmed hat, socks and shoes and full school uniform to get changed into before returning to school at the conclusion of the swimming carnival. Also remember to wear sunscreen and bring along a water bottle. **Each student will be required to pay $2 to the school Office by Friday 6th December at the latest.**

Our **Term 4 Behaviour Rewards Day** will be held on **Thursday 12th December**. Eligible students will receive an Invoice for **$10.50 and this must be paid by Friday 6th December at the latest**. Students in Prep to Yr 3 will be viewing **Frozen** - fearless optimist Anna teams up with Kristoff in an epic journey, encountering Everest-like conditions, and a hilarious snowman named Olaf in a race to find Anna’s sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom in eternal winter. Students in Yr 4 to Yr 7 will be viewing **Ender’s Game** - an adaptation of the beloved science fiction novel starring Harrison Ford, Ben Kingsley and Abigail Breslin, 70 years after two brutal wars with an alien race, young Andrew 'Ender' Wiggin (Asa Butterfield, Hugo) is selected for Battle School to hone his military skills and prepare for a third impending invasion.
Ineligible students will not receive an Invoice and will be supervised at school during this time. We would like to thank the P&C Association who have covered the costs of bus travel for this event.

**End of Year Awards & Concert** – this year both these important events will take place on the same night. On **Thursday 12th December** we will come together as a school community in the school Hall for our Awards which will acknowledge Academic Effort, Citizenship and All-Rounder Awards. From Prep to Yr 3 these awards will be presented to each class and from Yr 4 to Yr 7 they will be presented to each Year level – **Yr 7** will also be acknowledged at their **Graduation** on Wednesday evening **11th December**.

**P&C will cater for dinner** at the End of Year Awards & Concert on Thursday 12th December.

The **Program** for the night is:

- 5:30pm to 6:30pm – dinner, Roast Rolls & Gravy $5, drinks (Poppers, water and soft drink) $2.
- 6:45pm to 7:15pm – End of Year Awards.
- 7:30pm to 9:00pm – End of Year Concert.

We encourage all families to attend this very important evening on our school calendar.

**Staff Groundsperson Vacancy** – we require the services of a casual Groundsperson(s) to begin as soon as possible. Interested applicants are asked to contact the school as soon as possible and speak with myself. We hope to have this position filled before the end of the school year to ensure our grounds are appropriately maintained over the Christmas school holidays.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 15/11/13:
Jaxon Maluga, Coby Cabassi, Jewel Mudge, Maria Biju, Kaden Muscat, Lily Cross, Keiran Lawn, Jayden Tower, Jade Branscombe, Tiffany Osborne, Hannah Ryan, Isabel Ryan and Jayda Garton.

Week Ending 22/11/13:
Aryiana Thomas, Jemma Lawn, Ella Chappell, Connor Chappell, Seb Stehbens, Ayshia Rouse, Cameron Treloar, Max Maddy, Chanequa Matthews, Page Brodel, Zac Meyer and Dylan Phelan.

BLUE POSITIVE RECOGNITION CARD
Winners
T4 Week 6 - Jaxon Maluga
T4 Week 7 – Keiran Lawn

REWARDS DAY

Rewards Day this term will be held on Thursday 12th December.
Eligible students will be travelling by bus to Mount Pleasant Cinema
P-3 will see “Frozen”
4-7 will see “Enders Game”

Cost is $10.50 per child.
Please send payment in a clearly marked envelope to the office by next Friday 6th December

No late payments can be accepted after this date.

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAYS
North High – Tues 3rd Dec
Pioneer High – Wed 4th Dec
Holy Spirit – Mon 2nd Dec
Mackay High – Mon 9th Dec

Please contact the relevant school for more information.
Glenella SS P&C have A4 plastic book covers in a variety of designs for sale in the office at $2 each. Come in and take a look.

2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR
The Education Queensland 2014 School Calendar is available by going to the following website www.education.qld.gov.au

HONEY:
Our famous Hill Honey is now available! Cost is $3.50 per jar. Please see the office for your supplies.

XMAS HOY ROSTER
05/12 Kathy Owen
Michelle Burgess
Jenny O’Loughlin
Shoppers Annalees Jackson
Paula Mudge
M/Tea Michelle Burgess
Tracey Purdy

HOY THANK YOU
I would like to thank all the families who have donated items for the Christmas Cent Sale and mums who have volunteered to bake for our last Hoy of the year. Your generosity really makes the morning a great success.

I would also like to thank all the people who have helped with shopping and volunteering their time each Thursday morning throughout the year. Hoy would not be the success it is without all of our helpers.

A special mention must go to Kathy Owen who will be leaving Glenella SS at the end of term. Kathy has volunteered her time to Hoy for many years. She has held various positions (including co-ordinator) during this time and she will be very sorely missed. Thank you Kathy!

If you think you might be interested in helping with Hoy in 2014, please contact myself or see the office staff.

Thanks,
Jenny O’Loughlin

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BOOKLISTS:
The 2014 Booklists will be sent home next week. Please note the following items are available from the school office:-
♦ Kangaroo Company Activity Books at a cost of $2.50 each
♦ Library/homework bags - $8.00 each
♦ Thrass charts - $8.00 each
♦ Chair bags are available from the office in two styles at a cost of $10 and $20 each.

PREP 2014
Do you know of any families who have children who will be eligible for Prep in 2014? To be eligible the child must have been born between 1 July 2008 and 30th June 2009. 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.

Prep Count 2014 – 22

YEAR 7 GRADUATION
Good luck to all of our graduating Year 7 students. We certainly will miss you all next year. Enjoy your graduation night and best of luck for your years ahead in high school.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large amount of lost property in the school office. Parents, please take the time to come up and check if anything belongs to your children. Any uncollected items will be donated to charity at the end of term.

THANK YOU P&C
We would like to thank our P&C executive for their contributions during 2013. To Stuart Naylor, Tracey Purdy, Raelene Sehl, Duncan Treloar, Annalees Jackson Annette Brodel and Kym Mitchell, your tireless efforts during 2013 have been greatly appreciated. The various school functions, uniform stalls, Lunch Clubs and school banking program have been made possible due to your many hours of often thankless hard work. We look forward to your ongoing support in 2014.
THANK YOU

To departing families, whether you are Year 7 parents or parents of other students within the school, we wish you all the best. We thank you for your contribution to our school during your time with us.

We would publicly like to thank all of the staff at Glenella School for their efforts during 2013. All staff members, including Teachers, Aides, Cleaners, Administration and Ground Staff contribute to the smooth running of the school. Without all of their efforts this school would be a very different place. We are sure all parents would join us in wishing all staff a safe, happy and restful Christmas period.

Thanks also go to our fantastic band of helpers such as our Religious Education teachers who volunteer their time freely. Finally, thanks to all the mums and dads who help out in the classroom with reading, activities, gardening and much more. Our school is a better place because of you.

THANK YOU MAGPIES

Magpies have supported the school through Hoy, donations, use of playing fields, guidance from their staff and assistance with co-ordinating functions. Thank you to all at Magpies and we look forward to your continued support in 2014.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December:
5 Xmas Hoy 9am Magpies
6 Swimming Carnival
11 Year 7 Graduation
12 T4 Rewards/Movie Day
12 Xmas Concert
13 Last day term 4

January 2014:
28 First day term 1

ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF, WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL FAMILIES A SAFE, HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE BREAK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR RETURNING FAMILIES IN THE NEW YEAR!

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