PRINCIPALS CORNER

Our school cross country has concluded for another year and it has again been successful. Many thanks to Miss Balchin, Mrs Kemp, Mr Rowen and Ms Lesley for their help and organisation. Their efforts ensured that this carnival was of a high quality. I know the students here really appreciated it, as do I. The students did a fantastic job and their sportsmanship was excellent. New record holders will go into our program for next year. Our Northern Suburbs team is being finalised at the moment, and we will let the successful competitors know soon. I have received a few enquiries about the timing of our cross country and due to district, regional, state and national commitments around organisation for their events, we need to have ours well before the next level of competition. This also provides our competitors with some time to put in extra training before the trials for districts.

Our movie night is steaming ahead and we are all set for a great event on Friday night. Many thanks to Ms Boal and the Student Council for their efforts in organising this great school community event. Also, thanks to our P&C and parents of our Student Council members for helping out on the night.

Our Canberra Camp chocolate drive is proving to be very popular. We are already on to our second pallet of chocolates. The more you sell, the less
you have to pay for the camp. Already we have seen some families reduce their costs by over $400! Our raffle tickets are selling well also and our 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be drawn on the last day of school at our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on the 2nd of April at 2.30pm. Our 1st prize is looking awesome, really well stocked just in time for Easter Festivities!

As discussed earlier, our behaviour policy has had some slight changes. We are introducing a Responsible Thinking Room for students who receive a Yellow Card. This involves the student completing a ‘thinking sheet’ of what they did and why and how they can improve their behaviour. This sheet will be sent home for parents to sign and return. It also means that they are in this room for the duration of one playground break (2nd break). A teacher will be with them to help them reflect on this behaviour and how to improve as well as monitor them within this room. For Red Card offences, students will remain in the room for a week completing set activities. All changes have been ratified through the P&C.

Recently, the Federal Government released our new data to the Myschool website. Incredibly we have outperformed all of the schools in Mackay in NAPLAN with only a handful of schools ahead of us in certain areas across the Nation, with only 2 similar schools ahead of us in our Year 3 results for spelling in Queensland. This is a testament to the dedication, knowledge and skills of our staff collectively. Our students are responding very well to our staff’s ability to educate the whole child and I believe we will continue to learn and improve. I am certainly proud of each and every one of them.

Regards

Cliff Powys
CANBERRA CAMP RAFFLE

TICKETS $1.00 EACH

Available from the school office

1st Prize  Wheelbarrow Hamper
2nd Prize  $100 Coles Myer Voucher
3rd Prize  $50 Coles Myer Voucher

Raffle drawn Thursday 2nd April 2015

CROSS COUNTRY

What a fantastic effort put in by all students at our Cross Country event held on Tuesday. It certainly was a hot and humid morning.

Congratulations to our King and Queen of the Hill, Jackson Harris and Dakota Cairns.

P & C PRATTLE

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th APRIL 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.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Our Easter Bonnet Parade for students from Prep to Year 2 will be held in the school hall on Thursday 2nd April at 2.00pm.
Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Week Ending 13/3/15
Maddison Franz, Darcy Cabassi, Taylor Nimmo, Logan Williams, Laura Munster, James Jurg, Jorji Upton, Shania Mooten, Kaden Muscat, Madison Masters, Max Maddy, Baylin Wade and Jack Ogilvie.

Week Ending 20/3/15

Keep up the good work!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Each term we remind all parents to check your child/ren’s school supplies: exercise books, pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rubbers, colours, glue etc. which may need replacing.

ANZAC DAY
This year, our school’s ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held FRIDAY 24TH APRIL at 2.30pm. Parents, Grandparents etc, are welcome to attend.

The public ANZAC Day March will be held on Saturday 25th April. We ask that all students who are interested in taking part in the march, complete the return form at the back of this newsletter and send it to the office by Thursday 2nd April.

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS
We are asking for Expressions of Interest from students in years 2-7 who would like to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. New regulations have been introduced that will limit our registration ability. If you are interested, please complete the return at the end of this newsletter.
**MONEY COLLECTION**

- **100 YEARS OF ANZAC DISPLAY**
  Students from Years 4-6 will travel by bus to the Mackay Showgrounds on Friday 24th April. Bus departs at 8.45am sharp. This will be an interactive display with thousands of items to view including vehicles, photos, articles and personal accoutrements.

  Cost is $3 per student. Please send to the office by Thursday 2nd April.

- **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 $20 per term or $80 per year
  - 2 or more children $25 per term or $100 per year.

  This levy can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office or by direct deposit to:
  **Glenella S S P&C Account**
  BSB: 064-707
  A/C: 00900246
  using your “Surname” and “Levy” as the reference.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Friday 1st May 2015. Photos start at 8.45am. Please ensure your child/ren are at school ON TIME in a clean school uniform (blue polo-shirt) and correct footwear.

Order packs have been sent out and need to be completed and returned with payment to the office BEFORE photo day. If paying in another family member’s envelope, please record the name and the class of the paying student.

Payment can be made by Cash or Cheque payable to Advanced Life.

A Secure online ordering facility is available. Please go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Parents who place their order online do not need to return the Order Envelope.

Order forms for sibling photos are available from the office. Online ordering for sibling photographs will be cut off 48 hours prior to photography day.

This is a prepay photo system. ALL LATE ORDERS WILL ATTRACT A FEE AND MUST BE POSTED DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER – NOT TO THE SCHOOL.
**Hoy Roster**

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**NRL Under 7/8/9’s Beach Bonanza**

A unique Rugby League coaching clinic hosted by NRL Staff for kids aged 7-9 years.

- **Date:** Wednesday 15th April
- **Time:** 9am-12pm
- **Venue:** Town Beach East Mackay
- **Cost:** $40 (Includes lunch & NRL pack)
- **Or contact Renae Kunst on 0417068132**

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**Dates to Remember**

- **March:**
  - 27 Family Movie Night

- **April:**
  - 02 Rewards Day Disco
  - 02 Easter Bonnett Pde 2pm
  - 02 Raffle Drawn
  - 02 Last Day Term 1
  - 20 First Day Term 2
  - 24 Yr 4-6 ANZAC Display
  - 24 School ANZAC service
  - 25 ANZAC Day March

- **May:**
  - 01 School Photos
  - 12 NAPLAN
  - 13 NAPLAN

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**Watch over our school during the holidays**

With the holidays approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.
Come along to

**Dads Read at the Footy**

Saturday 28 March, 2015

4:00pm – 7:30pm | Mackay Stadium

Free Dads Read activities and giveaways will be available from the Community Corner at the Mackay Stadium on Saturday 28 March.

**What’s on?**

Be part of the big read at Mackay Stadium

Make sure you arrive when the gates open and you will receive a free award-winning children’s picture book to keep. At half time, the CEO of the Mackay Cutters – Ross Aldridge, will share why he’s a reading dad and how this simple activity can make a difference for children across the region.

**Dads Read at the Community Corner**

Come and see us at the Community Corner for free giveaways, posters, tattoos, balloons and more, plus lots of great ideas and tips for encouraging dads to read more, and why it’s important.

**But wait, there’s more!**

Make sure you grab a postcard from the Dads Read stand, complete your details and return it to your local Mackay library to receive a free activity pack filled with many more exciting resources to support reading and talking with your children from birth.

**Packs are limited so make sure you visit your library soon!**

**Look forward to seeing you at the game!**

Regular game ticket prices apply

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**What is Read4Life?**

Read4Life is proud to support Dads Read at the Footy, and works directly with your community to support parents and caregivers in their most important role as their child’s first and most influential teacher. Reading and talking together from birth is the easiest way to give children the best start in school and in life.

For more information about Read4Life and Dads Read visit: www.slq.qld.gov.au/read4life or chat to the friendly staff at your local library.

Read4Life is a community partnership between State Library of Queensland, BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal, Queensland Library Foundation and the Mackay Regional Council.

Read4Life is proudly supported by Let’s Read, Australian Literacy Educators’ Association and the Department of Education and Training

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

This very successful program will be up and running again next term from week 2. We will be offering Zumba on a Monday afternoon, and possibly Soccer on Thursday afternoons. The program runs from 3.15pm-4.15pm each day and afternoon tea is provided. There is no cost involved. Registration notes will be sent home next week.
Get your family active and eating well
Local families can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH – Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in Mackay, Term 2, 2015.
The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age. It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session. Topics covered include nutrition, relationships with food, family lifestyle and affordable healthy eating. This program is funded by the Qld government. Call 1800 263 519 for more information. www.peachqld.com.au

ICAS AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS
My child ___________________
from Year _________________
is interested in participating in the following competition:
• Digi Tech
• Science
• Writing
• Spelling
• English
• Mathematics

HAPPY EASTER
We would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe, happy and relaxing Easter break. We will see you all when school resumes on Monday 20th April 2015.

ANZAC DAY MARCH
25 APRIL 2015

Student Name/s.................................
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WILL / WILL NOT be marching in the Anzac Parade.

Please return this form to the school office no later than THURSDAY 2ND APRIL.

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(Parent Signature)