

FRIDAY FOOTNOTES

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians, Caregivers and members of our community,

Welcome back to another busy few weeks at Glenella State School.

Monday night was our first P&C meeting for the year. It was great to see a few new faces and to hear new ideas. I am very appreciative of the time that people give up to support our school.

On the 16th and 19th March Indigenous artist Arthur Conlon will be visiting our school. Arthur will be working with students as well as painting some murals around the school. It is proposed that a mural will be painted on the prep building and also in the space under the office. We are very excited about this visit and I am sure he will help to inspire all students in readiness for the Art Show which will be held later in the year.

Investing for Success (I4S) Funding

Once again the school will be able to utilise funding from the government to address needs of students at Glenella State School. The identified priorities for GSS are:

- Employing a Learning Support Teacher to enact NAPLAN Extension and Support Plan
- Continue to engage staff in professional learning
- Increasing teacher aide support time across all classes to address individual student needs
- Funding a playgroup for a morning session once per week – proposed to start Term 2.

SECURING VALUABLES

Unfortunately our Adopt-A-Cop was unable to make it to our parade on Monday. It is hoped that we will see him in the coming weeks. Just a reminder to all students - please use locks to secure your bikes!

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

Glenella State School has a number of priorities for 2018. Reading comprehension is a major priority for this year. So what exactly is reading comprehension and how do teachers assess it? It is a student's ability to not only read a text accurately, but process it and understand its meaning and make connections with what they already know. Comprehension involves combining reading with thinking and reasoning. Often teachers assess where students are by taking 'running records'. A running record is when a teacher listens to a child's reading. It allows the teacher to see the strategies the students are using and any patterns in the errors they are making. Students' comprehension and retell ability is also assessed during this process. A child may be reading with a high degree of accuracy however their comprehension and retell accuracy may be low. This means the child should stay on their current reading level and the focus of instruction should be on their comprehension skills.

What can I do at home to help? This is a common question.

Suggestions are:

- Talk to your children (a lot) – exposing your children to a variety of words (vocabulary) helps in developing their literacy skills
- Read to your children
- Listen to your children read and ask them questions about the story.

HORNS

Many people honk their horn as a way of saying goodbye when driving away from friends and family members. While this might feel like an innocent tradition, in legal terms it is considered improper use and fines can be imposed. We would ask parents to please refrain from honking when dropping students at school.

CAR PARKING

Don't forget the prep car park (near Magpies) is set aside for Prep students. There is also a disabled carpark set aside specifically for our students with disabilities. Please do not use this carpark. Carpark space is also available in Mooney Court on the right hand side of the road. Our supervised 'Stop, Drop and Go' zone is on the left hand side.

Kind regards
Sam

CROSS COUNTRY

We will be holding our annual school cross country on Tuesday 20th March 2018 from 8.30am-11am. Parents and/or Carers are welcome to come along for the morning. Timetable is below. The fastest male and female time in the 3km events will be crowned our King and Queen of the Hill.



8.30-8.45am	Roll check and proceed to oval where 9-12yr old students will do a walk-through of track
9.00am	War cry from each team
9.15am	11-12 Years Race (3km) Girls/boys – 3 laps of course
10.00am	10 Years Race Girls/boys – 2 laps of course
	9 Years Race Girls/boys – 1 lap of course
10.20am	7-8 Years Race Girls/boys – 1 lap around the school oval
10.40am	5-6 Years Race Girls/boys – Run up and around marker
10.50am	Presentations
11.00am	Morning Tea



Congratulations to our Students of the Week,

Week Ending 9/2/18

Prep B: Braxton & Georgie

Prep N: Steele & Wulan

Year 1: Jackson & Sasha

Year 2: Hudson & Amelie

Year 3/4 S: Rhyley & Emily

Year 5/6 T: Sophie & Mia

Year 5/6 K: Matt & Tyler

Week Ending 16/2/18

Prep B: Jaxon & Joshua

Prep N: Summer & Ryan

Year 1: Lachlan & Benjamin

Year 2: Savannah & Tristan

Year 3/4 B: Darcy & Mahli

Year 3/4 S: Hannah & Raice

Year 5/6 T: Lucy, Kaitlin, Abby & Sakima

Keep up the good work!



SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth Bank School Banking applications are available in the office.

Our School Banking day is **MONDAY**. Please have your child hand their Passbook and deposit \$ to their classroom teacher each Monday morning. Passbooks will be returned to students each Wednesday.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

+ Healthy Breakfast!

Join in the fun before school!

Before School Care: 6:30am - 8:45am
After School Care: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Come along and start the school day with us.
A healthy breakfast, games, activities and extra time to hang out with your friends.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Stocks of our school polo shirts have now arrived. All sizes from 6-18 are available. Cost is \$30 each. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct deposit.

PREP PHOTOS

The Daily Mercury will be publishing a First Year Pictorial Feature on Wednesday 21st March. Keep an eye out for the photograph of our lovely bunch of 2018 Preps.

RELIGION

Please note that written confirmation is required if you do not wish your children to attend Religious Instruction in 2018. This must be received BEFORE the end of Term 1.

SICKNESS GUIDELINES

Please be aware that the Department of Health guidelines state that children who have been affected by diarrhoea and/or vomiting must be excluded from school for at least **24 hours** from last episode. This ensures the health and well-being of other students and staff.

PLAYGROUP DONATIONS

We are looking at holding a Playgroup Session once per week in our school hall (in the near future). We are looking for donations of toys, puzzles, games etc that would be suitable for children aged 0-3 for indoor use. We require the resources be in good condition. Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you.



HOY ROSTER

<i>1/3/18</i>	<i>Jenny O'Loughlin</i>
	<i>Melissa Dunn</i>
<i>Shoppers</i>	<i>Karlee McMillan</i>
	<i>Za Savvas</i>
<i>M/Tea Sweet</i>	<i>Mandy Treloar</i>
<i>Sav</i>	<i>Jacqui Upton</i>
<i>8/3/18</i>	<i>Jackie Barnard</i>
	<i>Amelia Jones</i>
<i>Shoppers</i>	<i>Amelia Jones</i>
<i>M/Tea Sweet</i>	<i>Melissa Dunn</i>
<i>Sav</i>	<i>Kellie Goodson</i>

SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

Our school Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion will be held on week 9 (Friday 23rd March). We ask that children wear their school uniform to school but bring along a change of clothes (white/light coloured shirt and old yard clothes bottoms). They will come home very colourful! The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school. Students have received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes.

NO ON-LINE FUNDRAISING PLEASE!

All fundraising \$ is to be returned to school by Friday 16th March 2018.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in the event, please complete the return that was handed to your child OR contact the school ASAP.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ICAS AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Please note there is a cost to parents with each competition ranging from \$9-\$18.

My child _____

from Year _____

is interested in participating in the following competition:

- Digi Tech
- Science
- Writing
- Spelling
- English
- Mathematics

Return by Friday 16th March

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

23 Prep Photographs
26 Market Stall

March

12 Market Stall
16 Arthur Conlon Visit
19 Arthur Conlon Visit
20 Cross Country Event
21 Prep Photographs published
23 Run4Fun Colour Explosion
26 Market Stall
29 Easter Hat Parade 2pm

April

17 First Day Term 2

GARDENING NEWS

Well folks we are finally up and running for the year and boy do we have some grand plans.

This week saw the beginning of our lunchtime buddy system. On Tuesday some of our Year 1 students were paired with a group of Year 3/4 students and began learning the ropes from more seasoned garden helpers. We saw some great teamwork.

Whilst it was very hot, the students worked tirelessly and ticked a few jobs off our very long list. Our gardens are now weeded and our sweet potato has been trimmed back. Palm debris has also been removed from our big garden up on the slope. This will make way for our pumpkin vine, which went crazy over the school holidays. Did someone say pumpkin scones? Oooooo, yes please! I'll take a dozen!

Next on the agenda for our eager gardeners is topping up and preparing our garden beds with soil and mulch, ready to plant our new crop. We hope to have this process finalized over the next few weeks.

If you are in a position where you can donate any of the following garden items, we would be more than grateful for your generosity.

- Seedlings

- Secateurs (x3)
- Plastic watering cans (x2)
- Compost bins (x2)
- Glass jars (throughout the year)
- Plastic Strawberry/Blueberry punnets

Next Monday our older students will be running a small market stall outside the library. This will be their first time, so please be patient as we work through any teething problems and slowly build their skills and confidence. We hope you will support them. At this stage we will have the following available:

- Rosemary, parsley, thyme & mint
- Chillies
- Green Paw Paws
- Eggplants
- Cupcakes

Thank you in anticipation of your support!

The Garden Crew



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