

FRIDAY FOOTNOTES

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

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

It is hard to believe that it is already week 7 of Term 1. The next few weeks leading into Easter are promising to be very busy.

Next Friday is the National Day against Bullying and Violence. While we run education programs such as the You Can Do It program at our school; the most powerful way to address bullying is to be educated. Education is the key for teachers, students, parents and the community. The use of social media is becoming more and more frequent with younger children and it is important to have strong family strategies for the use of electronic devices. Some excellent resources can be found on the following links:

- <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>
- What is bullying? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b597hE4k_ic
- Signs your child may be bullied:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFFK2awComI>
- Working with the school:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hbwDQmvi8A>

As part of our National Day against Bullying and Violence we will also be participating in some activities regarding Harmony Day. Harmony Day is actually on the 21 March however we will participate on the 16th March. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

On the 16th and 19th March, Indigenous artist Arthur Conlon will be visiting. Arthur will be working with students as well as painting some murals for the school. It is proposed that a mural will be painted on the prep building

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and also in the space under the office. We are very excited about this visit and he will no doubt inspire us all for the Art Show is to 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 our Learning Support Teacher to enact NAPLAN Extension and Support Plan
- Continue to engage staff in professional learning
- Increasing teacher aide support across all classes to address individual student needs
- Funding a playgroup for a morning session a week – starting April 20

School Priorities

Glenella State School has a number of priorities for 2018. Proportional Reasoning is a major focus again for our school this year. ***What is 'Proportional Reasoning?'*** Proportional reasoning is one of the biggest math ideas students will develop over primary school. It applies to almost all areas of the curriculum, and is considered a critical concept for success in high school maths. It often involves rate, ratio or percentage.

Here is an example from last year. Can you solve it?

- In 30 minutes, Bob reads 60 pages of a book. How long should it take him to read 150 pages?

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Many of you may have seen the Channel 7 report regarding Glenella State School's NAPLAN results. This is a very proud achievement for our dedicated staff. The road to NAPLAN success, like any academic success, begins the moment students enter into Prep. It is clearly evident at this school that all staff have the belief that children can improve. For a little school there is so much going on. We have targeted intervention and extension programs supporting over 60 children throughout the school. The school's NAPLAN success is based around students showing improvement from Year 3 to Year 5. A big congratulations must of course go to the

students themselves. Without their hard work, these results would not be possible. Education is also about partnerships - parent engagement in their child/ren's education is vital. Keep up the great work Glenella!!

Car Parking

It has been observed that parents are parking on the footpath in the 'Stop! Drop! And Go!' area. Please ensure that you are parking in the correct areas. Failing to do so, puts children at risk.

Kind regards
Sam

FROM THE OFFICE

We are experiencing a large volume of phone calls throughout the day regarding pick up arrangements for students.

**PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE MORNING
BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF.**

We do understand that emergencies arise where alternative arrangements need to be made.

REMINDER: There is no adult supervision in the afternoon at the Prep entrance to the school. It is preferred that this area be used for Prep pickups only!



Congratulations to our Students of the Week,

Week Ending 23/2/18

Prep B: Jett & Ava

Prep N: Azalia & Shane

Year 1: Vincent & Elkie

Year 2: Parker & Alannah

Year 3/4 B: Emily & Ruby

Year 3/4 S: Maddison & Griffin

Year 5/6 T: Jorji & Ciarna

Year 5/6 K: Jaxon & Kyron

Week Ending 2/3/18

Prep B: Hunter & Shakaia

Prep N: Adelaide & Jaxton

Year 1: Izzy & Isabella

Year 2: Bono & Thomas

Year 3/4 B: Samantha & Reece

Year 3/4 S: Kandyce & Jacques

Year 5/6 T: Rihanna & Jemma

Year 5/6 K: Ella & Ebony

Keep up the good work!



CROSS COUNTRY

It has been a busy few weeks with students training for our school Cross Country. Save the date for Tuesday 20th March from 8:45am to 11:00am. The whole school will be participating in our annual cross country run. Please come along and support our students. A program will be placed on our website shortly.

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.

HEALTH 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.

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.

PLAYGROUP DONATIONS

We are looking at holding a Playgroup Session once per week in our school hall (starting 20/4/18). We are looking for donations of toys, puzzles, games etc that would be suitable for children aged 0-3 for indoor use. We do require that the resources be in good condition. Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you.

WANTED!

Clean, empty sauce squirty bottles required for our Colour Explosion Run4Fun. If you have any you can donate, please send in to Ms Boal's Year 3/4 classroom.

EASTER BONNET PARADE



Our Easter Bonnet Parade for students from Prep to Year 2 will be held in the school hall on Thursday 29th March at 2.00pm. Come along and join in the fun!

P & C PRATTLE

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 12th March at 7.00pm. We would love to see as many new faces as possible.

We encourage all parents to support our Fundraising Levy. **One child** only \$20 per term or \$80 per year. **Two or more children** \$25.00 per term or \$100 per year. This levy can be paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the school office or by direct deposit:

Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account

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A/C: 00900246

Please use your "Surname" and "Levy" as the reference.

HOY ROSTER



15/3/18	Linley Maddy Melissa Dunn
Shoppers	Linley Maddy
M/Tea <small>Sweet</small>	Amelia Jones
<small>Sav</small>	Linley Maddy
22/3/18	Jackie Barnard Liddell Baker
Shoppers	Jackie Barnard Za Savvas
M/Tea <small>Sweet</small>	Paula Mudge
<small>Sav</small>	Liddell Baker

SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

Our school Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion will be held on 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.

NO ON-LINE FUNDRAISING PLEASE!
Please ensure children do not door knock or enter a private dwelling unless they are under adult supervision. They should only seek sponsorship donations during daylight hours.

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.



Student Council News

Pizza Days (Term 2)

The Student Council will be holding a number of Pizza Days next term (generally the last Friday of the month). Meatlovers and Ham/Pineapple pizza will be available for \$2 per slice. Poppers will also be available. We require one order form per student. Payment for all three days can be paid as one. All orders and payments are to be sent to the office. Order forms will be sent home today.

Icy Poles

The Student Council will be selling Quelch icy poles each Friday at 1st break. Cost is 50c each.



SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth Bank School Banking applications are available in the office.

Our School Banking day is **MONDAY**. Passbooks will be returned to students each Wednesday.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ICAS AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

We are offering students in years 2-7 the opportunity to participate in these tests run by the University of NSW. Cost is \$18.00 for the writing competition, \$12.00 for the Spelling and \$9.00 for each of the other competitions. We need 3 participants for each subject to be involved.

My child _____

from Year _____

is interested in participating in the following competition:

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

Return by Friday 16th March

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!

For more information or
to register and book:
1300 105 343
www.campastralia.com.au

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 12 Market Stall
- 16 Arthur Conlon Visit
- 19 Arthur Conlon Visit
- 20 Cross Country Event
- 21 Prep Photographs published
- 22 Year 1 Fire Ed Visit
- 23 Run4Fun Colour Explosion
- 26 Market Stall
- 29 Easter Hat Parade 2pm
- 30 Good Friday Public Holiday

April

- 17 First Day Term 2

MARKET STALL

Don't forget to support our Market Stall to be held next Monday morning under the Administration building from 8.15am.

Fresh herbs, fruit, vegetables and baking will be on offer.



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