

GLENELLA SS NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2023

- High-Yield Teaching Strategies
- Knowing Our Kids, Planning for Success
 - Student Engagement

OUR VISION: *Every Child, Every Day – Learning & Growing Together*

Goodbye and thanks Mrs Vella!

On Saturday 18th November we held a special function to celebrate the fantastic career of Mrs Vella. This function was attended by numerous staff (past and present) as well as Mrs Vella's family. Natalie has been at Glenella for 24 years and the impact she has had on students, staff and parents during this time is of the highest effect.

I had the privilege of speaking at Nat's retirement function and highlighted that Nat has many wonderful qualities that make her such a valued member of our community. The most noteworthy are as follows:

- **Work ethic** – Natalie is one of the hardest workers out there. She is generally one of the first staff members to arrive and one of the last to leave. Her work ethic is unmatched.
- **Loyalty** – Natalie is as loyal as they come. She has never seen Glenella as just a place to come to work, but rather like a second home with an extended family.

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- **Integrity** – Natalie is unwavering in doing what is right, which is absolutely essential in her role as Business Manager.
- **Care** – Natalie genuinely cares about the staff, students and parents. I hear it everyday in her conversations with different people – it isn't surface level, but she has a genuine interest in the 'going ons' in others' lives.

Nat should be extremely proud of her career and the difference she has made to not only all the students and parents that have passed through Glenella during her 24 years, but also the staff who are extremely fortunate to have worked alongside her. We sincerely wish Nat all the best in her well-deserved retirement, particularly the time she will spend with her grandkids!



School Captains 2024

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected School Captains for 2024:

School Captains

Eden Walker

Coben Griffin

Vice Captains

Mitanni Pitt

Bennett McMillan



Well done to all those students who presented speeches to their peers on Monday as part of School Captain 2024 elections.



Thanks Paula, Stacey and the GSS P&C Team!

This year we also say goodbye to two valued members of our P&C Executive Committee – **Paula Mudge** (President) and **Stacey Canfield** (Treasurer). I have had the pleasure of working alongside both these ladies as part of the Glenella SS P&C. Both have contributed so much to our school community and they are not only effective operators but also ensure time spent benefiting our school is fun also. On behalf of Glenella State School, thank you Paula and Stacey for all that you have done for our school.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C team for their hard work once again this year. I am continually impressed by the initiative you all have in driving improvement in our school. I would like specifically highlight the work of **Kirrilee Scarpelli** in coordinating HOY on a weekly basis. HOY is one of our major fundraisers and Kirrilee and her team are major drivers in funds raised for our school that go back directly to supporting student resources at GSS.

Thank you also to **Renee Murphy** who has seamlessly stepped into the Treasurer role with Stacey's departure. It fantastic to see new parents putting their hand up for roles that benefit our school.

New staff 2024

Special welcome to the following staff who will join the GSS team in 2024:

- **Megan Schmid (Business Manager)**
- **Paula Zelenka (Classroom Teacher)**

Megan joins us from Pioneer High School where she has worked in both administration and Teacher Aide (Students with Disabilities) roles since 2015. Megan has been volunteering her time to work alongside Natalie in ensuring a seamless transition to the BM position.

Paula has transferred from Collinsville State School as our new classroom teacher for 2024. Due to increase in enrolments we have grown an extra class for next year. Paula is a highly effective and enthusiastic teacher who visited us last Friday to carry out transition, as well as meet some of our students.

Both Megan and Paula are very excited to join our great team and I trust the GSS community will do a great job in making them feel welcome also.

2024 Class Lists and Key Dates

2024 class lists will be posted up next year (on Library windows) on **Friday January 19th from 1:30pm onwards**. Book Drop off and Uniform Shop will run on this day also from 1:30pm – 3pm. Please note if you can't make Book Drop off on this day your child is still able to bring their books in on the first day of school.

The 2024 school year officially commences on **Monday 22rd January**.

2024 term dates are as follows:

| Term | Date | Length |
|--------|---|----------|
| Term 1 | Monday 22 January to Thursday 28 March | 10 weeks |
| Term 2 | Monday 15 April to Friday 21 June | 10 weeks |
| Term 3 | Monday 8 July to Friday 13 September | 10 weeks |
| Term 4 | Monday 30 September to Friday 13 December | 11 weeks |

Report Cards

Report Cards will be emailed home on **Thursday December 7th**. Please contact the office should your email have changed as reports are sent to the most current email we have on our system.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS:

9 Years Girls ESTELLE

9 Years Boys MAX

10 Years Girls EDEN

10 Years Boys ASHTON

11 Years Girls LEXI

11 Years Boys BRAXTON

12 Years Girls ELKIE

12 Years Boys TYLER



**2023 SWIMMING CHAMPION
HOUSE - CEDAR!!!**



Additionally, special **congratulations** to the following students who broke records on the day:

12yrs Boys 25m Freestyle - TYLER 19.38

10yrs Boys 50m Freestyle - ASHTON 46.94 (equalled 2016 record)

11yrs Boys 25m Backstroke - CRUZ 27.08

12yrs Boys 25m Backstroke - TYLER 23.13 (record since 2014!)

10yrs Boys 25m Breaststroke - SEBASTIAN 30.70

11yrs Girls 25m Breaststroke - LEXI 31.83



Well done to every student who had a go on the day. Special thanks to both Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hazeldine for your top-notch organisation and Mrs Porter for the great photos.

Awards Ceremony

Our annual Awards Ceremony will be held in the hall next Monday December 4th from 9am. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. The following awards will be presented to those students in Year 1-5:

- *Academic*
- *Citizenship*
- *All Rounder*
- *Encouragement*

Please note Year 6 students will be presented their awards on Graduation Night on 6th December at Magpies Leagues Club.

Rewards Day!!!

To celebrate the end of the year we will have 5 inflatable jumping castles on our oval next Thursday 7th December. These inflatables have been **generously funded by the Glenella SS P&C**. Please note these inflatables will involve both dry and wet play, so students must wear sun safe clothing (i.e. wide brimmed hat, sun safe short, swim shorts, sunscreen, water bottle).



Student of the Week

Congratulations to our most recent Students of the Week!

Week 8



Week 9



Behaviour Focus

Each week we will have a behaviour focus that will be presented on Parade, taught in class and positively reinforced by staff throughout the week. We will focus on the following behaviour expectations for Weeks 9 and 10:

Week 9: ***'I am a respectful audience member'***

Week 10: ***'I make safe choices'*** - important focus for school holidays

Attendance – EVERYDAY COUNTS

Congratulations to our most recent attendance winners!

Week 7: **Prep B, 1/2Tk and 5/6T**

Week 8: **2H**

Thankyou everyone for another great year. This year has had many successes, and even the challenges we faced at the start of the year were effectively overcome by our ability to work together. This is a great community - from the students, parents, P&C, staff - I have been very fortunate to once again work with such a great range of people. I really look forward to working alongside you all in 2024 in improving outcomes for all of our students.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Brett

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL WATCH

We ask that over the holidays you keep your eyes and ears open. If you see or hear anything unusual around our school, please contact the SCHOOL WATCH number **131788**. Thank you.



UNIFORM SALE

Shirts, Shorts, Skorts and Hats are all on SALE!

Get in quick for a bargain.

Shirts \$10, Gaberdine Shorts and Skorts \$10 and Bucket Hats \$10.

Cash, EFTPOS or Direct Deposit accepted.

ENROLMENT INTENTIONS

As school enrolments determine the number of teaching staff we are entitled to each year, it is very important that we have accurate school enrolment predictions for 2024 as soon as possible. Recently, you would have received a purple Enrolment Intentions note. If you have not already done so, please complete and return to the school as soon as possible.

BOOKPACKS FOR 2024

Take the hassle out of back to school! North Mackay Newsagency can supply book packs for 2024. It is as easy as clicking on this link...

www.back2schoolmackay.com.au

All orders that were placed before **21st November** will be delivered directly to school on 4th December. Orders placed after this date can be collected from the newsagency. Ordering book packs ensures costs are kept to a minimum, consistent equipment for all students and as a bonus, our school receives a \$ percentage from every order.



We would like to thank our P&C executive for their contributions during 2023. Paula Mudge, Samara Rogan, Ella Halloran, Stacey Canfield and Allison Bekker. A big thank you to all the mums and dads who have helped out at Sausage Sizzles, Mothers/Fathers day stalls, Triva Night and the Christmas Concert. We would also like to thank all of the wonderful ladies who volunteer their time to make HOY happen. YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!!! The P&C is a very important part of our school community and with the understanding that our lives are so busy now it is wonderful to have people involved who are so willing to volunteer their time.

To departing families, whether you are Year 6 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 2023. All staff

members, including Teachers, Aides, Cleaners, ICT Techs, Administration and Ground Staff contribute to the smooth running of the school.

Thank you also to our Religious Instruction teachers who give their time freely. Without the efforts of all of these people this school would be a very different place.

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 and 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 2024.

GLENELLA FUELS

We would like to thank Glenella Fuels for your ongoing support of our tuckshop program in 2023. These wonderful ladies deliver our tuckshop to the school gates to ensure the safety of our students. They will also be supplying an iceblock for each child on Rewards Day. Thank you.

YEAR 6

GRADUATION DINNER



The Graduation Dinner will be held next Wednesday 7th December at 6:30pm at Magpies Sporting Club. Dress code for the night will be smart casual. This is a very important occasion for our graduating students and we look forward to acknowledging their achievements.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 4th Awards Ceremony*
- 4th Book packs delivered*
- 6th Year 6 Graduation*
- 7th Rewards Day*
- 7th Reports Home*
- 8th Term 4 last day*

January

- 19th Book Drop Off (from 1.30pm)*
- 22nd First Day Term 1 2024*