

GLENELLA SS NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2022

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

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

COVID Impact

As most of us are aware, many Queensland schools are feeling the impact of COVID with the ebbs and flows of both staff and student COVID-related absenteeism. As per Queensland Health protocols, any person who tests positive to COVID must isolate for 7 days. On occasion that has, and will include classroom teachers. Whilst every effort is made to put on the same replacement teacher for the week, at times this can prove difficult with all schools in the Mackay area feeling the impact of COVID on staffing. The following proactive actions are ones we have, and will continue to take to ensure continuity of learning for all students:

- Classroom teacher provides extensive planning which outlines curriculum delivery expectations as well as information on individual student needs, to replacement teacher.
- Year level/block teaching partner to provide additional support to replacement teacher when required.
- Consistency in Teacher-Aide support to remain where possible.
- For students who have missed key assessment due to COVID-related absence, classroom teacher will support student through this assessment at a later date.

- Mr De Boni, Mrs Dal'Bo and Mrs Porter to support replacement teachers in supporting all students in the class, via regular walkthroughs and check-ins.
- Continually remind students around COVID-safe practices (washing hands, etc), and immediately call parents to collect child/ren who are displaying COVID symptoms (e.g. runny nose).

At Glenella SS we are very fortunate to have a number of regular replacement teachers we can call upon that know our kids well, and also have a great understanding of the expectations and procedures unique to our school.

ANZAC Commemorations

At the conclusion of our ANZAC Parade in Week 1 I stated, 'I am the proudest Principal right now'. This isn't a statement I use lightly but was completely warranted with the exemplary conduct displayed by all students. Students could have been forgiven if they were a little less focussed than usual, being that it was the last session of the week, rainy and windy outside and only an hour before the long weekend kicked in. These factors did not influence our kids' behaviour which further contributed to a great ceremony in honour of all those who gave so much for this country. Special mention to our school leaders who did a brilliant job in running this parade.

Similarly, I was very proud to see all the students, staff and parents who braved the wet and windy conditions to march in the annual Mackay ANZAC March. As I've said in previous correspondence I sadly could not make this important morning (due to COVID) but would like to thank all those who proudly represented our school.



A-E Meetings

Over the next two weeks I will be conducting A-E meetings with all classroom teachers. The purpose of these meetings is to have a professional discussion about how all students are progressing in both English and Maths, as well as develop agreed takeaway actions to improve overall student outcomes. This action is part of one of our key school priorities – ‘Knowing our Kids, Planning for Success.’

Athletics Carnival

A decision has been made to combine both the Junior and Senior Athletics Carnivals on Tuesday 14th June. This will contribute to the whole school atmosphere of the carnival, as well as allow parents of students from both junior and senior sectors to attend on the same day. More information will be provided in coming weeks regarding the program for this awesome day.

GRIP Leadership

Our School Captains had an awesome time attending the GRIP Leadership Conference last Wednesday. Here they learnt how they can ‘step up’ as leaders, maintain integrity and promote teamwork within their teams. Massive thanks to our awesome P&C who subsidised this great program for our leaders!



NAPLAN Online 2022

All the best to our Year 3 and 5 students who will carry out NAPLAN Online next week! This is the first time Glenella has completed the NAPLAN test in the online format. Students carried out practice tests last term and all observations indicate that students were highly engaged with the online format.

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 3 and 4:

Week 3: ***'I stop immediately when the bell goes.'***

This is a simple expectation but a very important one. As soon as the bell goes students must carry out any actions they need to before lining up with this class (e.g. toilet, drink, putting sport equipment away). **Late students are late for learning.**

Week 4: *'I am a strong Glenella mate and look out for others'*

This is a great expectation for students to enact as it means they are standing up for what is right, rather than what may be 'cool,' or what the majority of the crowd are doing at the time. If someone says or does something that makes someone else feel unsafe, a strong Glenella mate will stand up for that student and let them know that this is not the 'Glenella way.'

Have a great week,

Brett

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2

Congratulations to our Week 2 Award Winners!



FROM THE OFFICE

WINTER JACKETS

Stocks of royal blue zip up jackets are available to purchase from the school office. Jackets are \$21 each.



SICK STUDENTS

We ask parents to PLEASE KEEP SICK CHILDREN AT HOME. This is especially important when children have coughs and colds. A child who is unwell will not benefit from attending and may infect others. Please also keep in mind the 24 hour exclusion period from last vomiting/diarrhoea episode.

If you know in advance that your child will be absent from school we request that you either text **0426 305 129** or phone the school absence line on **49692333**. Please ensure you include your child's name, class and reason for absence.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

With the cooler weather approaching children tend to be hungrier than normal. It's a good idea to pop in an extra sandwich or piece of fruit to satisfy those hungry tummies.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Remember to send your child along with \$3 or \$5 to purchase a gift for Mum.

The stall will be held on Friday outside the library



Under 8's Day 2022

Play in a Changing World

Families are invited to come and join the fun at Under 8's Day on Wednesday, 25th of May (9.00 - 11.00am). Children in Playgroup, Prep and Years 1 & 2 will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities that the Early Childhood staff have planned and organised. Activities will include chalk drawing, play dough, painting, obstacle course, dancing, parachute games and more. The morning will conclude with a sausage sizzle. Parents are invited to attend, and of course younger siblings are more than welcome to join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Council

COLOUR EXPLOSION

Our school Run for Fun Colour Explosion is to be held on Thursday 26/5/22.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

We have 4 students who are interested in shaving/cutting their hair to raise money for this important cause. Our Shave for a Cure event is set for Friday 10th June. More information will come in the next newsletter.

PIZZA DAY

Our next Pizza Day will be held on Friday 27th May. Meatlovers and Ham/Pineapple pizza will be available for \$2 per slice. Poppers are also available. We require one order form per student. All orders and payments are to be sent to the office 2 days **BEFORE** pizza day.

ICY POLES

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



Woo hoo! It's time to start fundraising! 🎉💰

Students have received their sponsorship booklet. Please click on this link to create their online profile
www.australianfundraising.com.au.

Big prizes are up for grabs! Raise at least \$10 and your child will receive a selection of awesome prizes. You can also share in \$200k of extra prize credit, win a Razor Prize Pack, and become a Fundraising MonSTAR! ☆



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Friday 27th May 2022. Envelopes have been sent home. Preferred method of ordering is on-line. Please see flyer sent with this newsletter for more information. If you would like a **sibling** photograph, please collect an envelope from the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 06 Mother's Day Stall
- 10-20 NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5
- 19 North High visit (Yr 6)
- 25 Under 8's Day
- 26 Colour Explosion School Run
- 27 School Photos
- 31 Instrumental Performance

June

- 14 GSS Athletics carnival
- 15 Mackay Robotics Comp
- 16 Mackay Show Holiday
- 24 Report cards emailed
- 25 School holidays commence

HOY ROSTER



12/5/22	Kirrilee Scarpelli Lauren McCracken
Shopper	Lauren Williams
M/Tea <small>Sweet</small>	Kirrilee Scarpelli
<small>Sav</small>	Marcia Prior

P & C FUNDRAISING LEVY

We encourage all parents to support this levy. The rates of levies for primary and/or prep students are as follows:-

One Child \$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 or EFTPOS at the school office or by direct deposit to:

Glenella State School Parents & Citizens Assoc Account

BSB: 064-707

A/C: 00900246

using your "surname" and "Levy" as the reference.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Is Your Child Eligible for Prep 2023? Limited Spaces available!

Your child is due to start school in 2023 if they are born between 01/07/17 and the 30/06/18. If your child is eligible, please contact the office so enrolment forms can be sent home.

If you know of families that live in our catchment zone and they have a prep age child for 2023 please encourage them to contact the school.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Have you recently moved house, changed your phone number or email address? If so it is important to let us know. Feel free to send updated details to the office by email to admin@glenellass.eq.edu.au

POSITION VACANT

Are you or someone you know a fully qualified Early Childhood - Kindergarten Teacher looking for a permanent position?

Would you love to work at long standing, reputable Kindergarten with fantastic staff?

Don't hesitate to contact Pioneer Community Kindergarten if you require any further details or submit your application via the SEEK advertisement.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Early Childhood - Kindergarten Teacher/s

Please click on the SEEK link for further information:

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/56821950/?tracking=TMC-SNZ-eDM-SharedJob-13248>

