Fabulous Fraction Kites 2AL

Year 2 has been learning how to display, represent and compare fractions.
I was very happy to have had the opportunity to watch our cheerleading squad compete at Hegvold Stadium on Sunday. These girls have put in hours of practice to compete in this competition and they represented Glenmore SS with pride. It was my first experience of cheerleading and the energy and strength exhibited by these girls was amazing. The team’s hard work paid off with a first place in poms, 2nd in Level 1 stunt and 3rd in Level 2 stunt. It seems as though we have the full collection in our trophy cabinet. The girls will display their skills again on our parade on Friday morning with a run of their competition items. Parade will be held at the Mike Maher Centre at 8:50am. I encourage everyone to come and see the team in action. They have a great future in front of them – who knows, someday we may see them in the NRL cheer squads cheering for the likes of Manly! Congratulations girls, and thank you to all the parents who have no doubt put in just as many hours to support the team.

We had a number of students compete in the Rockhampton Cross Country trials today. Congratulations to all these students and we look forward to hearing their results. Thank you to Mr McArthur who has prepared the students and to Mrs Allison who accompanied them to the competition. Go Glenmore!

Yesterday was National Simultaneous Storytime. Schools around the country shared in the reading of “The Wrong Book”. This is a great little story about a boy named Nicholas Ickle who is attempting to write a book but is having his efforts thwarted by a number of interesting characters. I read the book to the year ones in the library yesterday and they enjoyed the story immensely. The only thing better than the book may be the app you can buy for iPad. Very interactive and very difficult to extract from my 8 year old boy last night! I highly recommend it. Thank you to Mrs Biddulph for making this event happen at Glenmore SS. Her work in the promotion of the library and reading is second to none!

With only 4 weeks of term 2 left, teachers are very busy preparing Semester One reports for their students. You will receive a report on your child’s progress before the June holidays. This gives parents a chance to meet with teachers and discuss any concerns before we wind down for the holidays.

Final assessment pieces may be being completed at the moment and it is important that children are present at school each day.

We have noticed with the arrival of cooler weather that we have an increase in the number of children arriving late. In Semester One, our focus was very heavily on improving the tone of the school and the behaviour of students as a whole. We have made significant progress in these areas as our behaviour data shows greatly reduced referrals to the office for administration intervention. Students have responded well to the school rules. Next semester, we will be looking at the twin issues of lateness and attendance. We see a number of students arriving after 9:30am and this is a real issue when you consider that a lot of the literacy learning done in class is done in the first hour of the day. It is important for children to be at school on time.

You may be aware that our school community experienced quite a shock on Monday with an accident on McLaughlin St that saw one of our students taken to hospital. Our thoughts are very much with the families affected by the accident and we wish our student a very speedy recovery. I would like to acknowledge the role played by emergency services on that afternoon and the support offered by the business people in McLaughlin St. It is a timely reminder however, that we have two very busy roads surrounding our school and that we do not have a STOP, DROP and GO zone at Glenmore SS. It is important then that we observe the road restrictions and the systems that are in place so that traffic can move safely. These include: not parking in the bus zones and crossing at the supervised zone on Farm St. It is National Walk to School Safely Day on Friday and the message is that children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. The overall message I suppose though is to be patient.

I took time to address the year 12 class at Glenmore SHS on Tuesday to ask for their support in keeping an eye out for younger children. We have often asked that only students who have to collect a younger brother or sister from Glenmore SS come through our school in the afternoon. This is so we can reduce the number of students exiting from our school in all directions. I would like to remind all students of other schools that entry to Glenmore SS is at the discretion of the Principal and entry can be refused. During term 3, we will investigate a system that clearly identifies who is on our site to pick up younger family members. You are always welcome at Glenmore State School.
CHRISTINE HILLS
PRINCIPAL
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Just a reminder to keep reading and recording your books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Every student who meets the challenge will be rewarded with a Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificate.

Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read or “experience” 20 books, students in Years 3 and 4 need to read 20 books, and students in Years 5 and 6 need to read 15 books.

Students have until September 6 to complete their reading.

SPORTS DRAWS

RUGBY LEAGUE

Year 6B vs Crescent Lagoon @ Glenmore Primary – 12:45pm

MIXED SOCCER

Senior A vs Park Avenue SS @ Norbridge Park 4-1-35pm
Junior A vs Mt Archer SS @ Norbridge Park 4-1-20pm
NETBALL

Junior D vs Gracemere @ 1.50 @ Jardine Park
Junior C vs Girls’ Grammar @ 1:10 @ Jardine Park

REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS THAT TRAINING IS HELD AT FIRST BREAK ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

The annual school inter-house ‘Sports Day’ will be held Thursday 20 June (last week of this term). This day has the sprints (including 200m) and relays along with the ball games competitions. Leading up to this will be the 800m races on Monday 17 June and the field events (long jump, high jump and shot put) on Tuesday 18 June.

House practice for the events will be on Monday 27 May and Wednesday 29 May.

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to our Glenmore Cheer Squad who competed on the weekend. Glenmore came home with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Well done to Gemma Smith, Kayliah Halliday, Georgia Pannell, Nataliah Backo, Maddison Ashton, Renee Stennett, Jordan Ashton, Elizabeth Smith and Nikita-Ann Ahern.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Just a reminder to keep collecting stickers from Woolies. Our count is up to 4560 points and our target for 2013 is 7000. The sticker promotion runs through until early June. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7 000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more. For further information go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

SPARE SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays in the upcoming week:

Princess Mae Ardina, Sonam Lama, Carissa Smith and Isobella Young. Congratulations to Kyla Ross who celebrated her birthday last week.

PREP 2014

JOIN US FOR PREP IN 2014

Children born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 inclusive are eligible to commence Prep in 2014. Glenmore is being recognised as a school on the move and is one of only ten schools in the region working on Explicit Instruction with John Fleming, possibly Australia’s most respected educator. At Glenmore we have high academic benchmarks for all year levels and have established clear behaviour expectations for students, as we move towards our goal of establishing Glenmore as one of the top schools in our district. Enrolment packages for 2014 are available from our school office. Prep enrolment interviews will commence in Term 3.

SCHOLASTIC “STAR” BOOK FAIR

Remember that Book Fair is currently being held in the school library. Come in and check out the great books, pens, posters and other items that are on sale. Book Fair is open before school from 8.25am- 9am and after school until 3.30pm. Friday is the last day!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their great effort this week:

Prep: Tayliah Motto, Ingwa Year 4: Grace Carney, Limbu Jayden Price
Year 1: Kayden Crowther, Jessy Wedel Year 5: Acer Achorro, Chey Hill
Year 2: Jessica Spencer Year 6: Abby Town
Year 3: Shirley-Jane Sims, Netarma Cora

BIDGERDII COMMUNITY HEALTH

Bidgerdii Community Health has opened a second Bulk Billing Medical Practice at Shop 3, 287-289 Richardson Road.

Bidgerdii Northside contact number is 4999 0000.
FREE DRESS DAY

Free Dress Day to Celebrate National Reconciliation
Week Thursday 30 May 2013

Next week is National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week offers a time to reflect on our shared histories, culture, contributions and achievements. The theme for this year’s week is Let’s Talk Recognition. The week focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To celebrate the week, students are encouraged to wear coloured clothing to reflect the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag (red, yellow, black, blue, green and white). This is a celebration day, so a gold coin donation is not needed.

Clothing must be:
- Of an appropriate length
- Must have sleeves
- No offensive language, alcohol/tobacco trademarks
- No midriffs.
- Closed in shoes only

CYBERSAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

National Cybersafety Awareness
Week

This week is National Cyber Security Awareness Week. The aim is to help Australians using the internet – whether at home, the workplace or school – understand the simple steps they can take to protect their personal and financial information online. Stay Smart Online encourages all Australians to remember these ten simple tips to improve their online security:
1. Install and update your security software and set it to scan regularly.
2. Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications.
3. Use strong passwords and different passwords for different uses.
4. Stop and think before you click on links and attachments.
5. Take care when buying online - research the supplier and use a safe payment method.
6. Only download "apps" from reputable publishers and read all permission requests.
7. Regularly check your privacy settings on social networking sites.
8. Stop and think before you post any photos or financial information online.
9. Talk with your child about staying safe online, including on their smart phone or mobile device.
10. Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened online - download the Government’s Cybersafety Help Button.

UNIFY

Unify—University For You is now in CQ schools.

Central Queensland Region has committed funding to deliver three unique programs in 2013, to engage like-minded, high achieving and talented students from across the region. Over the course of the year, 500 students with a strong interest or ability in project topics will have the opportunity to connect in on-line higher order thinking challenges via the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

Project 1: Power Up has involved 72 students from 29 schools studying energy production issues and designing solutions through 3D virtual worlds.

Feedback has been very positive from both students and teachers.

Student comment: "The project explains things in much more detail than I would get in class; it's very interesting and you learn a variety of different things on many topics."

Teacher comment: "I'm supervising three very bright students who are being challenged to try things they haven't seen before. All are thoroughly engaged. The challenge is great and they are enjoying it even though it takes them out of their 'comfort zone'."

Other 2013 projects include: Project 2 (May-Aug) Design 3.0 and Project 3 (Sept-Dec) - Creative Writing

Nominations for Project 2 are now invited. Projects are open to students in Years 5-9 who have been identified as Gifter or who show talent in the project areas. If you would be interested in your child’s school participating in Unify, please contact your principal.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

String Notes

Our school string ensemble will be playing on assembly on Friday 31 May. All students involved in the strings group must perform. These students are Kaylah, Thias, Bianca, Breanna, Ebony, Daniel and Calen.

Looking forward to a great performance from everyone.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Svensen

CHAPPY CHAT

Just a reminder to all years 4s to 6 riders who expressed interest in the Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge.

It happens this Saturday.

Meet Chappy there at 8.45am with your bike, helmet, parent permission form and sponsorship forms with money.

Remember lunch is provided for riders and there are prizes to be won for each year level.

How Far Can You Ride?

The Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge

Set a goal of how far you think you can ride your bike in 3 hours and challenge yourself to do it.

When: Sat 25th May, 9.00 – 12.00noon
Where: next to Tucker’s Velodrome

Who can ride: Years 4 to 7

Great prizes for each year level
- for best fund raisers,
- for distance ridden, and
- for sportsmanship

Registration essential before Monday 20th May 2013

For more information and registration please see:

Tuckshop Roster

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**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Magic Words Literacy Workshop Last week our teachers attended a workshop presented by the inventor and creator of the Magic 100 Words, Marcella Reiter. Many years ago, Marcella began inventing fun and exciting ways to engage her children in playing card games with 100 of the most important words. In English these words make up, on average, half of all the words used in reading and writing.

The Magic Words Literacy Workshop was designed to provide teachers with tools and strategies to enhance the literacy achievement of all students. In particular, the teachers learnt about card games that students could play to increase fluency and accelerate reading.

If parents would like to purchase some of the resources to use with their children at home, please go to the website: www.magicwords.com.au.

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 13th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, childcare centres and many other places around the country. This year over 400 000 children participated.

Yesterday our classes were involved in National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the students read “The Wrong Book” by Nick Bland. Our Year One students were lucky enough to have Mrs Hills read them this delightful story.