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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

The Glenmore SHS Year 12’s finish tomorrow and embark on the great journey of life. I was privileged to be able to attend the GSHS Awards Night on Monday. What a fine group of young people I met. I was pleased to be able to present academic merit and distinction awards to a number of students from year 7 to 12. There were a number of names that were familiar – siblings of children at Glenmore SS. Congratulations to all the families who had their children acknowledged. There were some outstanding achievements made by students in the classroom, on the sporting field and in their community.

We have had an enormous week at Glenmore this week with the hosting of our first Lighthouse Day. These days are organised by the region and provide an opportunity for teachers and Principals from other schools to observe best practice in teaching. On Monday, we were joined by Ms Yvana Jones, who was previously the Assistant Director General of Education Queensland. She works in consultancy now and travels the state advising schools on how to improve practice and outcomes for students. There were 8 of her schools here with us on Monday to observe our classes and the use of Explicit Instruction. Ms Jones said that the practice she saw in the classrooms at Glenmore SS was “in the top 10% of teaching practice that she has seen” and this is a huge compliment from somebody who gets to see a lot of teachers at work. She also expressed how impressed she is with the improvement that the children at Glenmore have made in their literacy and numeracy. We hope that in years to come when our students go to Glenmore SHS, that they too will win many awards for their outstanding achievement.

One of the areas that we need to improve on even more is attendance. I was at the Principal’s Business Meeting yesterday and the point was made that 8 days is the critical number of days after which children will have a negative impact on their learning. Children who have an attendance rate of under 92% - or 17+ days of absence are considered at risk and will have significant gaps in their learning. What we have shown at Glenmore is that our teachers can produce results and outcomes for our children that equal the ‘best’ schools in Rockhampton. Unfortunately, your child can’t be a part of that growth if they are not at school. Next year, we will be introducing reading blocks to the school. These will start at 9:00am sharp. If your child is late for school, they will miss reading – the most important skill of all. Please ensure that your child is at school, on time every day.

You are always welcome at Glenmore State School.

Christine Hills
Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

**Prep:** Cleopatra Rose, Brody James

**Year 1:** Jesse Jones, Shelby Juhas, Jessy Wedel

**Year 2:** Bradley Bailey, Maddison Planta

**Year 3:** Angelina Taylor, Breanna Cooney, Bastien Thompson, Wykeakea Wasin

**Year 4:** Abbey Tempone, Jessica Le, Kaine Broszat

**Year 5:** Tommy Forster

**Year 6:** Mykel Hermann, Isaac Brett

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Mykel Hermann, Miah James, Jose’ Guilherme Oliveira Silva, Hailee Cantlay, Noah Coombes, Abbey Tempone, Wykeakea Wasin, Hope Little, Ebony Robinson, James Bongco, Kahlia George

THANK YOU

Glenmore State School community would like to thank The 5 Star Community Services Club for their generous donation of $1500. We hope to use this money for music and sporting uniforms in 2014.

STRINGS RECRUITING FOR 2014

We have been granted permission to recruit from our current Year 2 students for the Strings program for 2014. This means that students entering Year 3 in 2014 have the opportunity to learn the violin or another stringed instrument. Application forms have been distributed to all current Year 2 students. These forms are due back by Wednesday 20 November so that Mrs Svendsen can commence testing on Thursday 21 November.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thought of the week:

“Education does not take place when you learn something you did not know before. Education is your ability to use what you have learned to be better today than you were yesterday.”
— Iyanla Vanzant

BACK OUR CHAPPIES – SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

A new high court challenge means School Chaplaincy is under threat again. You can ‘back our Chappies’ by signing a Statement of Support, which will play an important role in responding to this new High Court challenge. Forms are available at the school office for parents and caregivers to show their support for the Chaplaincy program. Alternatively, you can visit www.backourchappies.com.au to register your support online. Our school would be a much poorer place without our wonderful Chaplain Melissa. We encourage you to “do your bit” to show the Federal Government that Chaplaincy in schools is valued. Together with Chappy Melissa, we will be undertaking other initiatives during this campaign.

MORE GREAT WORK FROM OUR STUDENTS

Earlier this week, my day was brightened significantly with the visit of some Year 1 and Year 3 students to show me their work. I saw some excellent bookwork and writing from a Year 1 student and was fortunate to see some more of her fabulous work – a report about kangaroos - later in the day when visiting 1L’s classroom. Two Year 3 boys from 2SLO showed me the work they had completed using similes. They had great examples of this language feature and knew exactly what similes were and how to use them in their writing. There is no doubt that this work would match (or beat) anything you would see in a typical Year 1 or Year 3 classroom anywhere in Rockhampton. Mrs Hills and I continue to be impressed by the standard of our students’ work.

PREP INTERVIEWS WELL UNDERWAY

Prep enrolment interviews are well underway, as we work to meet our new students and their families. If you still need to schedule an enrolment interview, please contact the office. It is important that we complete these interviews before the end of the school year. Information about class groups and teachers will be communicated before school finishes on 13 December.

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2014

We are currently revising the process for the selection of student leaders for 2014. Before the end of this term, we will select School Captains and Vice Captains, as well as House Captains, from our current Year 5 cohort. Music Captains, Student Forum Representatives and Library Monitors will be selected early in 2014 and we expect the induction ceremony to be held by the end of February 2014. Information will be given to Year 5 students in the next few days so that the selection process can begin. Students considering nomination for school leaders positions must meet the stringent criteria which have been set.

AWARDS NIGHT

On Monday night, I had the privilege of attending Awards Night at North Rockhampton High School, to present a number of Academic and Sporting awards. As teachers, we are always keen to follow our students’ successes as they travel through secondary school. With the majority of students from my previous school, Mount Archer, attending North Rocky High, it was great to see them succeeding in a variety of areas and growing into fine young people.

CHAPPY CHAT

From week 1 of Term 4, all of our Year 6 students have been attending a transition program that has been fittingly called MOVING FORWARD. This program was made part of the school week to encourage the further development of social, emotional and communication skills of students who will soon be turning a new and exciting chapter in their life...HIGH SCHOOL!

The topics so far:

- Students have explored who they are, their qualities and strengths, the way they look, things that make them feel good, things that bring them down and how they can MOVE FORWARD with the STEPS OF SUCCESS - ‘Stop, Think, Others and Plan’
- Through interactive group activities students came to understand that 55% of all communication is body language. They identified facial expression, posture, gestures, distance and touch as some of the ways we ‘talk’ without even using words.
- The art of conversation. Students were given the opportunity to role play the different skills we can learn to talk effectively. They built on their skills in the areas of starting a conversation, listening, using their voice to communicate their feelings, taking turns, asking questions and how to end a conversation.

Apart from a few, it has been exciting to see the mature responses and willing participation of the majority of our Year 6 cohort.

As a parent of a Year 6 student, it would be fabulous if you could encourage your son/daughter to participate, listen and ask questions in these final 3 sessions. I believe these practical life skills will help equip them for a smoother transition into high school.

Knowledge + Skills + Good Choices will result in our Year 6’s Moving Forward confidently.

SPORTS DRAW

**BASKETBALL**
- Glenmore White vs RGS Black @ Hegovld - 12.50pm
- Glenmore Green vs StFranchise Blue @ Hegvold - 1.35pm

**HOCKEY**
- Glenmore 1 vs St Joseph’s PA2 on Turf 1 - 1.00-1.15pm vs St Joseph’s W1 on Turf 2 - 1.40-1.55pm
- Glenmore 2 vs St Joseph’s W3 on Turf 3 - 1.20-1.35pm vs Glenmore 3 on Grass 2 - 2.00-2.15pm
- Glenmore 3 vs St Joseph’s PA4 on Turf 1 - 1.20-1.35pm vs Glenmore 2 on Grass 2 - 2.00-2.15pm

**SOFTBALL**
- Yr 6 Girls @ Allenstown

BOOKCLUB

Book Club Issue 8

Book Club is due back at school on Thursday, November 21. Please ensure your child’s name is on the order and correct money is in the envelope.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 18 November – 6.30pm.

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7 Nov  Prep Induction Day (9.30-11.00am)
18 Nov  P&C Meeting
3 Dec  Get Set for 7
6 Dec  Year 6 Dance
9 Dec  School Concert
11 Dec  Awards Ceremony & Year 6 Graduation
13 Dec  Last of School Year

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