**BEACH COMMUNITY**

On the sandy, stony beach, beside the white water I can see:
Chattering children playing with a ball
White water waves flow up my legs
Sandcastles stand strong against the waving wind
Dogs dance after fly balls but fall
The shining sun sizzles an egg
Blue sky goes forever and finally collide

I can hear:
Seagulls screech as loud as a bear
Sparkly wild water waves go swoosh
Oblivious dogs woof in the air
Water runs into rocks going, woosh
Quiet, crawling crabs like to hide
Heat makes my skin sizzle
I can feel:
Sand squishing up my toes
Wind making palm trees wave
Rubber balls hit my hand
Whirly water hits my legs like a hose
The children better behave
Laughter fills up the silent spaces

by Seth

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**Beach Community**

On the salty ocean
Under the sizzling sun
I can see:
Bark goes the delightful dog
Chatter goes the kind kids
Shiny, salty waves crash over the brown log
Squawking seagulls fly over rubbish lids
Swoosh goes the white clouds
Noisy naughty balls are very loud
I can hear:
Watery waves crashing crazily on the shore
Swoosh goes the wind over a stinky rubbish lid
Kids play excitedly and then say I want more
I think the seagulls name was Sid
I can feel:
Hot heat on my freckled skin
Salty sand in my toes
Ah! I found a golden tin
And some beautiful bows

by Victoria

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**BEACH**

On the beautiful beach under the bright blue sky
I can see:
Splish, splash goes the wave
Pushing the beautiful ball
Helping dogs children save
When into the water they fall
I can hear:
Cheering children sing like soccer players
Squeaking swings go high like an acrobat
Umbrellas look like stayers
Sneaking seagulls creeping slowly to the mat
I can feel:
Hot heat is burning like a cooking pot
Happy people laugh for joy
Fun campers dance to music on the spot
Nice animals show off to the boy

by Ysmael

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**THE BEACH**

I can see:
Sharp, grey rocks sitting on the scorching sand
Seagulls squawk over old chips
Sizzling sun sees a land
Chattering kids watching ships

I can hear:
Seagulls screech as loud as a bear
Dangerous dog squeaks a ball
Ice-creams we love to share
Playing children give their all

I can feel:
Sizzling sun hugging me
Freezing water rolling in
Whistling wind is cheeky
Gritty sand pokes like a pin

by Peter

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**BEACH COMMUNITY**

On the massive, magnificent beach
Near the sparkling, shiny ocean
I can see:
Bouncy ball is flying high
Rocks protect the kids like a shield
Yellow sun shines
Whirly waves roll when they are not shy
Cute children stand like daisies on a field
Swings have black lines.

I can hear:
Noisy children laugh like Joker
Teenagers splash in the ocean
Beautiful birds chattering loudly like monkeys
Kids found a game of sneaky poker
Slippery swings are sizzling, so on goes sunscreen lotion
Funny puppy stole the golden car keys

I can feel:
Happy kids having fun
Wet water splashing on my face
Skishy sand is tickling my smooth feet
Tall teenagers buying a sticky bun
White seagulls are having a race
I feel the big burning heat.

by Kim
I am Respectful
I am Responsible
I am a Learner

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

I had the pleasure of attending the Prep/1 KB art show yesterday. What a wonderful event our students put together. I was very impressed (as I am sure the many proud parents who were there) of the work that our Prep and Year 1 students have accomplished. Under the guidance of Mrs Barram, the students presented a wide range of art works including fingerprint portraits, marble paintings, aboriginal turtles and there were even some renditions of Van Gogh’s Sunflowers. Speaking as someone who has difficulty constructing a decent stick figure, I applaud the students for their enthusiasm and talents. I particularly wish to acknowledge Mrs Barram and (TAS) for their work with these children. It was without a doubt, one of the best class presentations I have seen in my career.

With two weeks to go, Mr Dunlop and I reminded our students of the need to keep our attention on the task and our standards of behaviour high. We have a number of important events in the coming weeks including the end of year concert and our presentation morning. These are opportunities for the school community to celebrate the achievements our students have made this year.

We had two big events yesterday afternoon which celebrated the work of the people in our school. The Storybook Project has been happening weekly under the tutelage of Aunty Nicky and Megan Wyland from Family Planning presented certificates to the children involved. These students have contributed art work and stories to a book which will be published in the new year. Thank you to all the parents who attended and particularly Mr Domic and Mrs Domic who organised this project.

Kids Hope Mentors and students celebrated with what can only be described as a massive amount of sugar yesterday. This program offers mentors to a number of our students. Members of the congregation of the Rockhampton Baptist Church commit an hour a week to spending time a child. During this time, they teach games, cook, do maths and a range of other activities. They truly do offer hope to these kids and I sincerely thank the members of the Baptist Church for committing to make a difference to children at Glenmore. There is not one of these children who does not look forward to seeing their mentor each week.

Earlier in the year, we asked parents to participate in the School Opinion Survey. I am pleased to announce some of the results that we received.

- 65% of indicators for parent opinion have improved – 60% of these by more than 10% - big movers were:
  - “My child is making good progress at this school” – 96% (up from 82% in 2012)
  - “My child is getting a good education at this school” – 96% (81)
  - “Teachers at this school treat children fairly” – 95.8% (82)
  - 77% of our parent indicators are better than the state, like schools and Capricornia
  - 81% of student responses showed improvement – big movers were:
    - “Student behaviour is managed well at this school” – 85% (59)
    - “I like being at my school” – 96.6% (77)
  - This is a good school – 95.7% (78)
  - 43% of the student indicators improved by more than 10%
  - 72% of student responses were more favourable than the state, like schools and Capricornia.

This is a great reflection of the work that the school community has put into school improvement at Glenmore. It is extremely rewarding to see the pride of the students in their school continuing to grow.

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: Tyron Williams, Riley Stennett, Catherine Beutel
Year 1: Corey Bills, Lockie Juhas
Year 2: Ebony Hermann, Emily Shelton, Ebony Lye
Year 3: Elijah Gabel, Braidon White, Codi Alberts
Year 4: Bennadette Catubig, Kathleen Walker
Year 5: Connor Stephenson, Jackahn Von Senden
Year 6: Codi Alberts, Chloe Wilmsley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Leisha Biggs, Riley Green-Hermann, Bailey Hartog, Jacob Trenaman
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”
— Henry Ford

GLENMORE - STRIVING TO REACH ITS POTENTIAL

As the year draws to a close, Mrs Hills and I continue to be impressed with the standard of student work that we see at Glenmore. Yes, we have high expectations and our students are challenged daily to produce their best work. Across the board, they have delivered in 2013. A famous Australian, Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop, said, “I have a conviction that it is only when you are put to full stretch that you realise your true potential.” That is true of Mrs Hills and me, our teachers and students this year as we have all strived to “put Glenmore on the map” and above all, improve outcomes for our students – your children. 2014 promises to be a very exciting year for Glenmore.

LEGAL OR PREFERRED NAME – SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

When students are enrolled at school, they are enrolled under their legal name. Parents or carers may elect for the student to be known by a preferred last name, which may be different from their legal name. This name may appear on class rolls and be used by the school community if the parent or carer wishes. Some parents or carers may prefer that a student’s semester report is printed with this preferred name, rather than the legal name. To confirm such an amendment for Semester 2 reports, parents or carers must advise the school office by Wednesday 4 December 2013.

KIDS HOPE PROGRAM

We are fortunate to have some of our students working with a Kids Hope Mentor. This program is an activity of World Vision and is made possible through volunteers from the Baptist Church. Mentors work one-on-one with their student for an hour, once per week. This time is spent helping with school work, teaching students particular skills and doing various activities with them. This is a wonderful asset to the support we can offer our students and after monitoring the program this year, the benefits to the students involved are clearly evident. I have seen student achievement improve markedly, student behaviour improve and above all, students clearly happier in themselves. The students involved really look forward to the weekly visit from their mentor. I would like to sincerely thank our mentors and the program co-ordinators for their commitment this year. We look forward to continuing the partnership in 2014.

PREP 2014

Glenmore State School has excellent Prep facilities as well as wonderful, experienced Prep teachers

Enrol now for Prep 2014

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CONGRATULATIONS ZOHRA!

Grandparents’ Day is celebrated in Australia on October 27 each year.

Prep RB enjoyed participating in an art competition organised by OPSO (Older People Speak Out) by creating a picture of them with their grandparents enjoying an activity together.

They drew the pictures with felt pens, then used paint to colour in their drawings. The paintings were mailed to Brisbane for judging and the class was excited to hear someone in Prep RB won a prize. The winner is Zohra Karim. Her prize is a new camera!

Date Claimers

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
28 Jan 2014 School Year Commences
CHAPPY CHAT

On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before school, C block has been a hub of activity as Primary students are being served breakfast at Breaky Club. A big thank you goes to the two caring teams from our community who have provided the food and volunteers to run this in our school. Thankyou Steve and Hannah Kumar from the Cathedral of Praise for the excitement of Tuesday Mornings with your big hit ‘MILO’. Thank you to Jo Webster and the team from Baptist Tabernacle for making breakfast with you on Wednesdays like a big family dinner. Your friendly conversation, and variety of foods to choose from will be something we will look forward to in the new year! Please note – Breaky Club is not open next Tuesday but don’t miss the last Breaky club for the year, next WEDNESDAY, something special has been planned just for you!

SCHOOL BANKING

Next week is the last week for school banking. Congratulations to everyone who banked this year.

UNIFORM NEWS

Our long serving Uniform Convenor, Dianne, is retiring at the end of this year. This means we are in need of a new convenor. If you think you could fill this voluntary position or would like some more details of what is involved, please see the staff in the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 8.30-9.00am
Please note:- Uniform shop will be closed on 12 & 13 December 2013. We will open on 23 & 24 January from 8.30-12.00noon

CHAIR BAGS AND LIBRARY BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
1 DECEMBER 2013
START 8.30AM
ALL HELP IS NEEDED AND WELCOMED

WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT BIG BLUE AND WHITE BUILDING AT
650 Norman Road?

Carols on the Lawn
SUNDAY
1st December
6.30pm

Come along and join the fun

Prep enrolment interviews have commenced. Join us in 2014

Tuckshop Roster

Commencing 2 December 2013

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