CONGRATULATIONS

GLENMORE GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

JUNIOR C DIVISION PREMIERS 2013
Our Year 6 students visited Glenmore SHS on Tuesday as part of their transition to Highmore School in 2014. The feedback from the students has been excellent. They were very impressed with Glenmore SHS and are now very excited about the prospect of going to High School. Even more affirming for our school, students and teachers, the feedback from the High School teachers about our students has been very glowing. Specifically, we have been told that our students were very polite and used their manners all day. It is great to see our Glenmore SS students representing our school so well. It promises to be a great 2014 for Year 7 at Glenmore SHS.

As part of the end of year celebrations, the Year 6 class will have a school dance at Glenmore Homestead tomorrow night. This is a great way for our students to celebrate the end of their time here at Glenmore SS and to reflect on the growth they have made over their time here. I look forward to joining our students on Friday night. I would like to thank the staff who will also devote their Friday evening to providing these students with this chance to celebrate the end of their time with us at Glenmore SS.

On Monday night, Mr Dunlop and I will get to experience our first end-of-year concert at Glenmore SS. The students have been busily preparing and warming up their vocal chords for a great night of entertainment. A few notes about the evening: so that all parents, grandparents, carers, visitors can enjoy the evening, we ask that younger children/siblings remain seated with parents and do not run around the Hall. We will provide gaps in the program so that people with young children who may need to leave early can do so. Please do not leave the Hall at other times during the evening. It would be a courtesy to all of our children for people to appreciate the whole concert.

I am pleased to announce that we will welcome 4 teachers to Glenmore SS in 2014. This represents an addition of two classes to the school. I am sure that you will join in making Ms Helen Desic (Gold Coast), Ms Susan Ho (Ridgegolds), Ms Rianne Sims (Eagleby) and Mr Lachlan Moore (Biloela) to Glenmore SS as our new classroom teachers in 2014. I am also pleased to announce that the Advisory Visiting Teachers for Hearing Impairment are moving to Glenmore SS as their base school. The English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) unit is also moving to Glenmore SS. This means that intensive English support will be based out of Glenmore for the Rockhampton area. It promises to be an exciting year at Glenmore SS!

Of course, all this movement in, means that we will begin saying goodbye to some of current staff. Ms Stacey Stewart (LOTE and Yr 4) is transferring to the School of Distance Education. We will also farewell Ms Kayla Colless for terms 2-4 as she begins the exciting journey of starting her own family. Miss Jenny Holland has decided to take leave in terms 2-4 and Mrs Gloria Conner will be on leave in term 1 as she makes the move towards retiring in term 2. We wish all these teachers well and I thank them for the part they have played in the significant growth we have achieved at Glenmore SS in 2013. I hope that you can find a way to wish these very valued members of staff well for their journeys in 2014.

You are always welcome at Glenmore State School.
Christine Hills
Principal

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

- **Prep:** Ronald Conlan
- **Year 1:** Cooper Millan, Jordan Kemp, Deborah Costa
- **Year 2:** Bowarrie Ingui, Year 3: Carissa Smith, Umanga Budhathoki
- **Year 4:** Jessica Le, Amber Johnson, Matheus De Olivera Elias
- **Year 5:** Maddison Batchelor, Amy Brown, Taylor Constable, Shekinah Gristwood

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Kaylah Pattell, Jack Jones, Liam Hunt, Star Rumpf, Ashlee Russell, Zaria Morrell, Deborah Costa Silva, Dexta Smith

FARWELL FROM MRS CONNER

Walking away from something you love is so difficult but the years go by so quickly and before you know it you are at that dreaded retirement age. My time in teaching has been so rewarding. I have taught some amazing students who have gone on to achieve so much in life. I’ve been fortunate in working with the best teachers and teacher aides that anyone could hope to work with. Though I have taught at three other schools and loved it, the 33 years I have been here at Glenmore will always hold a special place in my heart. There are so many people to thank from hard working groundsmen, cleaners, aides, chaplains, teaching colleagues, principals and parents, for their mentorship, friendship and support during this time. What more worthy profession is there than that which educates future generations? Glenmore is a great school which proudly showcases innovative teaching practices and I look forward to following the progress of all students and staff and continuing their learning journeys.

Walking away on Friday 13 December will be extremely hard but with me will go so many wonderful memories. I am only too proud to say I have taught at Glenmore and have loved it.

Gloria Conner
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thought for the week.

It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.

Winston Churchill

POSITVE BEHAVIOUR AWARDS REVIEW FOR 2014

Each week, we recognise good behaviour at Glenmore in a number of ways and our Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are presented each term. We regularly have between 200 and 300 positive behaviour nominations per week, between Gotchas, Students of the Week and the students nominated from their classes. We have recently reviewed the overall program and for 2014 we will be "raising the bar" in a number of ways in relation to positive behaviour recognition. One change will be the addition of a Platinum Award each semester. Students achieving this award will have demonstrated exemplary behaviour at all times. We will also revamp the weekly awards which we present on parade each Friday. Details of these changes will be communicated early in 2014.

END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES

As the last week of the 2013 school year approaches, there are many activities on our school calendar. Our Year 6 students, together with several staff members, will have their graduation dinner and dance at Old Glenmore Homestead on Friday night. Our school concert takes place in the Mike Maher Centre on Monday night and the Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday morning. These are important events for our school and we particularly look forward to our parents and members of the school community joining us for the concert and awards presentation.

2014 SCHOOL LEADERS

The selection process for the 2014 school captains and vice-captains is almost complete. Mrs Biddulph and I interviewed all 13 candidates last week. I must commend these students on the way they responded to our questions during the interviews. All 13 of these children are a credit to their family and their school. On Wednesday afternoon, the candidates delivered a speech to the Year 4 and 5 students, and both students and staff have now voted. There is no doubt that from these 13 candidates, we will have 4 outstanding school leaders for 2014—a boy and a girl captain, and a boy and a girl vice-captain. Students will be informed of the outcome of the process by the end of this week and the new leaders will be officially announced at our Awards Ceremony.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

I have been busy conducting enrolment interviews for students starting at Glenmore in 2014. These are, of course, Prep students ready for their first experience of school, many with older brothers or sisters already at school. Mrs Hills and I are very appreciative of the positive comments from many of these parents and carers about what they have seen happening at Glenmore this year. We are pleased with the interest our parents and carers are taking in our work with John Fleming, Explicit Instruction and our overall school improvement journey.

WANTED

Plastic Shopping Bags

The library needs lots of plastic shopping bags to help kick us off in 2014. If you have any at home please drop them into the library.

UNIFORM NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 8.30-9.00am

Please note:- Uniform shop will be closed on 12 & 13 December 2013 for stocktake.

We will open on 23 & 24 January 2014 from 8.30-12.00noon

CHRIP BAGS AND LIBRARY BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

INSTRUMENTAL NOTES

Christmas Concert – Monday Night

All instrumental music students will be performing at the school concert on Monday night 9 December. Students must arrive at the Mike Maher Centre at 6.00pm to prepare for their performance. They will need to bring their instrument, their music and their own music stand. Thank you for your support.

for more information on school holiday fun visit www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au

TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED

THURSDAY 12 AND FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2013