Lesson #1
We need safer streets
Each year dozens of Queensland children are injured travelling to and from school.

Lesson #2
Driving near schools
Children can be unpredictable so always slow down around schools. Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.

Lesson #3
Catching a bus
Walk children to the bus stop for some time, particularly if they are in primary school.

Lesson #4
Walking to school
Walking to school is great exercise and gives children the chance to learn about road safety. However, it is recommended you walk to school with primary school children and point out the dangers to them.

Lesson #5
Riding a bike
Deciding when your child is ready and able to ride safely to and from school is very important. Riding a bike is a great way to get to school however, it is a good idea to accompany your child until you are confident they have the necessary skills to get there safely.

A lesson for everyone

Quality Learning in a Caring Environment
All parents are invited to attend monthly P&C Association meetings

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Welcome to the 2014 school year at Glenmore SS! It is great to see our regular Glenmore students back and to be able to welcome many new students to the Glenmore family. Enrolment growth has meant that we have an extra 2 classes this year. We are all looking forward to another successful year at Glenmore, backing up from an outstanding 2013 where Glenmore SS was named as one of the 30 most improved schools in Queensland.

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff to our school. Ms Rianne Sims 3/4, Mr Lachlan Moore 4/5, Ms Susan Ho 1/2 and Ms Helen Desic 4. Mr Jake Taylor will join us in Term 1 on year 6 as he teaches in partnership with Mrs Melanie Oht. We are also pleased to announce that Glenmore SS has become the base school for the Advisory Team for Hearing Impairment, the English as an Additional Language/ Dialect Unit for Rockhampton and we also have the circuit Behaviour Specialist based with us. Welcome to: Beth Goodsell, Gail Hirning, Steve Harrison, Tracey Hopkins, Marianne Difford, Christina Rigo and Kate Miles

These additions to the staff at Glenmore, in my view, reflect the growth that the school has made in providing quality outcomes for our students and the faith the Department has in the structures that the school has in place.

The first core business for Glenmore SS in 2014 is READING. Last year, we introduced a school-wide WRITING program and showed that our children with the right teaching can perform as well as any in the state. We believe the same applies to READING. As of next Monday, we will introduce the READING CAFÉ to Glenmore SS. CAFÉ stands for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. Each of these elements of READING will be explicitly taught to the children in every year level – in line with the EXPLICIT Instruction method we use at Glenmore. The program will run Monday –Thursday for an hour a day. It is important that your child is at school ready to start on time. If they are late, they will miss reading. Parents will be contacted where this is an issue.

The second core business at Glenmore in 2014 is ATTENDANCE. One of the major impacts on student learning is attendance. If your child is not at school, we can’t teach them. This was brought home to me after a very celebratory Christmas season when I went to a gym and saw they had a weight loss guarantee. Great, I thought, guaranteed weight loss – who wouldn’t sign up for that? The disclaimer was though that you had to attend the gym at least 4 times a week and exercise for an hour a time. No point saying I am too busy to go and then be disappointed the weight doesn’t shift. Kids have to be at school. Research indicates that 6 days of absence can have a significant effect. At 90% attendance, your child will have missed 20 days of schools. Added up over 5 years and by the time they are in year 5, they will have missed 100 days or half a year. No wonder then that I hear concerns that their kids are behind. Attendance will be a focus of our work at Glenmore in 2014.

The third core business at Glenmore in 2014 is BEHAVIOUR. We made significant progress with behaviour at Glenmore in 2014. 2013 saw a 76% drop in suspension rates at Glenmore SS. There was also a 74% drop in the number of children referred for behaviour. The introduction of 2 school rules to Glenmore SS has made it clear to the children what we expect:

- **Keep, hands, feet and objects to yourself.**
- **Do as your teacher tells you immediately.**

These are the core rules of the school and are in place to ensure that we have a productive learning environment. No one wants to be in a school where more than a hundred suspensions are handed out in a year. While it may look like taking a hard line, I’d prefer my children to be in a school where that sort of behaviour just doesn’t occur. We know that Glenmore children are capable of outstanding behaviour. Every visitor who came through this school last year commented on the quiet orderliness and the politeness of our students. Our kids are a role model for others in Rockhampton.

I am very excited about the possibilities for Glenmore in 2014. We have had a great start to the year and it is important every day to remember that Glenmore kids CAN do it! They can be the best.

**You are always welcome at Glenmore State School.**

Christine Hills
Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

- Dylan Ottaway, Shekinah Gristwood, Esther Fisher, Vy Forrest, Mayana Cora, Sonya Storch, Tahi Haereroa

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Free Books Online

A number of links to virtual books and eBooks have been placed on the school website under Facilities/ Library. Just head to the website at [www.glenmoress.qld.edu.au](http://www.glenmoress.qld.edu.au), click on a link and discover the free books that are available! You will find that some links allow you to explore the Children’s Book Council of Australia and our local Rockhampton libraries.

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**P & C Meeting**

Monday 10 February
6.30pm Staffroom
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

Carl Gustav Jung (1875 – 1961)

WELCOME BACK FOR 2014

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students and families to Glenmore for 2014. In particular, I wish to welcome our new families, many of whom have made a carefully considered decision in choosing Glenmore for their children’s education. Mrs Hills and I are highly confident that our expectations of students, what we do at Glenmore and how we go about it, will enable your children to succeed. Our improvement agenda has well and truly gathered momentum and we are very much looking forward to 2014.

READING AT GLENMORE IN 2014

Reading will be a major focus Glenmore this year. Commencing in Week 2, we will be implementing a schoolwide, highly structured reading program which Miss Colless and I worked on during Term 4 last year. The program, the routines, the language we use in teaching reading, will be common across all year levels. The reading program links closely with our work with John Fleming, who was able to affirm our plans during his visit last week. While the program is in the early stages, teachers will have access to Miss Colless and Mrs Thirkettle (our Pedagogy Coach) to fine-tune their skills. The broad outline of the program is as follows: Monday – Guided reading (whole class); Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday – 3 small groups rotating each day through guided reading with the teacher, reading comprehension or oral reading with a teacher aide and an independent activity. Reading will occur at set times. Monday 9.00 to 9.45 am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – lower school 9.55 to 9.55 am and upper school 9.55 to 10.55 am. I encourage parents and caregivers to take a special interest in your child’s reading. As the program progresses, they will be able to tell you about their reading goals and the strategies they are working on to achieve those goals.

FRIDAYS – SLIGHT AMENDMENTS TO LUNCH BREAKS

We will be making some slight adjustments to lunch breaks on Fridays. As you know, Interschool Sport students assemble at 11.50 am ready to leave on the bus at 12 noon. Under our current lunch break times, these students return to class for a very short time, before leaving class again to go to sport. First lunch on Friday will now go from 11.10 to 11.50 am (40 minutes). Second lunch will commence at 1.20 until 1.50 pm (30 minutes). Students will have exactly the same break time as before (70 minutes), but with the longer break at first lunch. The amended times for first lunch on Fridays will also assist greatly with the logistics around supervision of classes whose teachers have gone to sport with our school teams. We will also be introducing some routines for Years 3 to 6 for the second lunch break on Fridays, including a short designated eating time. After this eating time, students will then proceed to their play areas with playground duty staff.

SPARE UNIFORMS REQUEST

There are many occasions in the course of a week when our supply of spare uniforms is called upon to assist students. At present, our stock of pre-owned uniforms is limited. If you have serviceable uniforms at home which are no longer required and you would like to donate these to the school, please contact our office staff. Your kind assistance will be very much appreciated by students who find themselves in need of this resource.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

During the coming week, we will be calling for nominations for the positions of House Captain, Music Captain, Student Forum and Library Monitor. Our Year 6 students will also be able to apply for a Senior Badge. We will have high expectations of all students involved in these leadership positions. Detailed information will be available in the coming week and Mrs Hills and I will also meet with students to explain the processes involved.

Mark Dunlop
Deputy Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Hello to all string players and families and welcome to 2014 and a wonderful year of music making. Lessons will commence on Thursday in week 2 and a timetable will be put up outside the music room so that all students will know what time their lesson will be.

Please ensure that all students bring to school their instrument, music books and other necessary equipment so that no one misses out on learning new and exciting music.

Beginner students will receive their instrument in the first lesson.

String Orchestra rehearsals will be during first break on Thursdays and the first rehearsal will be in week 3 this term.

Students must come to the music room as soon as the play bell has rung during first break.

String Quartet rehearsals before school will start in Week 3.

Students are required to arrive at school by 7.55am so that rehearsal can start at 8.00am.

Beginner students are not required to attend these rehearsals.

Looking forward to working with the fantastic Glenmore students in 2014.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Svendsen

BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders need to be handed in to the school office before February 13. Please ensure that the child’s name and class are clearly written on the order form. Correct money is greatly appreciated. Please note that the orders are placed online on February 13. The books typically arrive at school within two weeks of the order being placed. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Biddulph in the library.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RUNAWAYS NETBALL SIGN ON DAY

When: 02/02/2014
For more information please phone 0409 284 628

PERSONAL DEFENCE, FITNESS, DISCIPLINE, FUN

Jok Sang Martial Arts Kung Fu Kids

"TRY FOR FREE" Day

When: 08/02/2014
For more information please phone 0419 532 149

BROTHERS AFL CLUB SIGN ON DAY

When: 09/02/2014
For more information please phone 0401435105

FRENCHVILLE SCORPIONS SOFTBALL SIGN ON DAY

When: 02/02/2014
For more information please phone 0437 060 212

Tuckshop Roster

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