Well, what an amazing day Wednesday turned out to be. What started out seemingly like any other day ended with the outstanding success of Glenmore State School students once again being featured on our nightly news bulletin. You may have seen the article which presented the achievements of Rockhampton schools and featured Glenmore year 6 students working in our current 6MM classroom. The My Schools website went live yesterday. The website at www.myschool.edu.au provides a point in time snap shot of our NAPLAN story and compares our achievement against like schools and all schools in Australia. More importantly, it shows the gain that our students have made from 3-5. This is a representation of the amount of literacy and numeracy growth the children exhibited in the NAPLAN test. I urge you to take the time to look at and celebrate the Glenmore story. Our year 5 results are particularly exciting with Glenmore the second highest achieving of its like school in WRITING in Australia. We were also equal second rank in SPELLING. What is heartening is that Glenmore has moved to the upper half of the pack in nearly every indicator in year 3 and 5. I know the students are very proud of their efforts.

I wish to very publically acknowledge the hard work of the teachers, aides and other staff at Glenmore. This is a team effort. As a parent, I too have heard the one about, “the teacher is too hard on me.” “The teacher got up me for not finishing my homework.” “The teacher is pushing us too much.” As a parent I say thank you to these teachers. Thank you for not accepting half an effort. Thank you for not accepting sloppy work. Thank you for not falling into the trap of expecting less from my children because they are at Glenmore State School. It may be hard to listen to our kids and think they aren’t happy, but I can tell you from my years of experience as a high school English teacher, they are a lot sadder and more at risk if they are allowed to slide and slip through primary school ‘happy’ because they have never been challenged. I believe that we have to support our children to achieve their best and there is not a teacher at this school that does not work very hard to ensure your children have the best chance of success. The teachers and children of Glenmore State School have shown very publically that WE CAN DO IT.

We have also shown in recent weeks that WE CAN DO READING! The student engagement in the Reading CAFÉ has been nothing short of outstanding and the results are starting to come through. There are a number of support mechanisms in place as well including: extra NAPLAN preparation, Support a Reader and Levelled Literacy Interventions. Thank you to Mrs Lanyon and Ms Colless for being the chief organiser of these programs. Across the school, I can see that reading is a priority and that children are improving. Is your child improving? Are they at school every day? Are they on time to start reading at 9:00?

School cannot be all about hard work and last Friday, our year 3-6 students had an opportunity to engage in some fun. We played a series of basketball and touch football games with the students of the School of Distance Education. It may be hard for us to believe but I know from experience that some of these bush kids can go for weeks without seeing other children or playing a team. This was a wonderful opportunity for some good clean competition. I wish to thank Miss Amy Langford, Mr Jake Taylor, Mr Matthew Hill, Mr Chris Cedar for giving up their lunch time to referee and organise these games. I know it made a difference to the children from both schools.

I want to remind all our school community members of the expectations we have at Glenmore State School. This came to the forefront today when we looked for a class to film to represent us all. We want children in uniform. Their behaviour must be best example. Congratulations to 6 MM for being this role model today for our school.

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We will continue and continue to work to fine tune behaviour at Glenmore State School. We made enormous headway last year and it is heartening to see the lift in standards and to hear the feedback and compliments on our children's behaviour. As our senior students are a mere 10 months away from High School, their behaviour must reflect their seniority. There is no point accepting nonsense like refusal to work and defiance because it will not be tolerated at Glenmore State High School or any other State High School. It is important that our children prepare themselves for being independent monitors of their own behaviour.

In this spirit, in the coming weeks, we will celebrate our school leadership inductions. As part of this, I have discussed with Mr Dunlop the introduction of a senior badge. I believe that all our final year students deserve recognition of their status as Seniors if they choose to seek it. As part of this recognition, they will pledge their determination to act as role models for all our students and to be Seniors. This is a voluntary pledge and I encourage all parents of children in year 6 to actively discuss this with their children before they accept a badge and make their pledge in front of the school community. Behaviour and attitudes which are contrary to the ideals of Senior student behaviour at Glenmore State School will be met with withdrawing of these privileges. There will be an extra celebration at the end of the year for students with Senior badges. I am looking forward to another great year at Glenmore State School.

Every week I find myself referring to a program or event at Glenmore that Mr Dunlop is involved in. As I write this newsletter, I am sitting in a motel overlooking the CBD of Brisbane (and no I have not bought any shoes...yet). I have been nominated by the Regional Director to attend a conference on engagement with Asia. As a Principal of a school with many students form the Asia Pacific region, this is a great honour. Mr Dunlop will have control of the school in my absence, assisted by Mrs Lanyon. I have the great privilege of knowing that Mr Dunlop is without peer as a Deputy and the school and his exacting standards will mean I have no need to worry while I am away.

What a great week at Glenmore SS!

Christine Hills
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thought for the week:

There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.
Nelson Mandela

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APPROPRIATE ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

We frequently have concerns about the time some students arrive at school in the mornings. NO STUDENTS should be arriving at school at 7:00 am. Schools do not provide an early-morning babysitting service and arrival before 8.00 am is inappropriate. Early arrival creates the potential for mischief and an unsettled start to the school day. Teachers who are on site early are busy preparing for the day's teaching. Students who arrive before 8.25 am are required to wait sensibly under the covered area unless they are on the basketball court with Mr Hill. Once the 8.25 bell goes, students may play handball in the covered area or go to their classrooms to prepare for the day. We will be contacting parents and carers in situations where students arrive at school at inappropriate times in the mornings. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring an appropriate arrival time at school for your children.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR RECOGNITION

As you know, each week on parade we recognise positive behaviour through Student of the Week nominations, Flying High and Rising Star awards for Prep to 2 and Years 3 to 6 and our Gotchas. I am pleased to communicate that the very pleasing data associated with our positive behaviour recognition since the commencement of our 2014 program in Week 2. We have had 69 nominations for Student of the Week, 66 Prep to 2 awards, 52 Year 3 to 6 awards and staff have given out 777 Gotchas to students upholding our Glenmore behaviour expectations. In total, 964 positive behaviour nominations. We certainly do not give out awards if they are not deserved. This data clearly shows that the overwhelming majority of our students are meeting our standards. If fact, students who make poor behaviour choices, particularly at break times, are increasingly the "odd ones out". The work of our teacher aides, Mr Cedar and Mr Hill, in engaging students in structured activity at lunch times has had a significant and noticeable positive impact. Of course, the reinforcement at home of our Glenmore behaviour expectations also plays an important role and I thank parents and carers for their support in this area.

GLENMORE READING PROGRAM

Our Glenmore reading program and reading hour continues to gather momentum. As I have visited classrooms this week, children are very positive about their reading and the work they are doing in class during reading hour. Miss Colless has commenced our Book Club with our 12 best readers in Years 5 and 6. Each Thursday our Book Club students participate in a discussion about the reading material for the week and students present a set aspect of this theme to the group. The 12 students selected for this aspect of the reading program are working extremely well and are highly capable and independent students.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK – 17 – 21 MARCH

Constable Jennifer Henry, the relieving school-based police officer at Glenmore SHS will be visiting us at some point during Road Safety Week (17 – 21 March). Constable Henry will also visit to talk to our Prep students as a separate group.

STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE

It is important that our records, especially contact phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts, are up to date. There are many occasions during the course of a week when we find that the details we have are out of date. This presents considerable difficulty contacting parents quickly in an emergency. Another concern is when we are consistently unable to contact parents or carers on the numbers provided, even though they may be current contact numbers. To assist us in maintaining accurate records, please complete the form enclosed with this week’s newsletter and return it to your child’s teacher of the school office.

NAPLAN 2014

We have commenced administrative preparations for NAPLAN, which is scheduled for 13, 14, 15 May. Toward the end of term, we will communicate detailed information to parents and carers about schedules and considerations for students with particular needs. In the meantime, our Year 3 and 5 teachers are preparing their students for all areas of NAPLAN, with a special focus on Writing and Reading.

Regards

Mark Dunlop
Deputy Principal
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week:
Zac Juhas, Alan Hunt, Geovana Santos-Silva, Maximus Moore, Bella Morrell, Annabelle Masonwells-Jones, Kia Ishmail, Shova Yadav, Hope-Sherree Crawford, Riley Stennett

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Prep: Seth Williams, Angus Fulton, Jayden Weirisma
Year 1: Zohra Karim, Nykya-Marie Johnson
Year 2: Joshua Sims, Jasmine Mullins
Year 3: Trudy Ishmail, Seth James, Bradley Bailey, Maximus Moore
Year 4: Ysmael Gandia, Thuan Le
Year 5: Kayla Foley
Year 6: Taylor Constable, Kaylah Patell, Courtney Mitchell

IPAD COMPETITION

Help our school win 10 iPads!
The Morning Bulletin is running a competition where one school can win 10 iPads. iPads are a wonderful educational tool that can help our students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.
All you have to do is collect the tokens each day from the Morning Bulletin and drop them into the school’s office. The tokens began on February 22 and will continue until March 31.
All schools have an equal chance of winning as The Morning Bulletin will pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know that we are collecting the tokens so we can collect as many as possible!

RUGBY LEAGUE MUSTER

ROCKHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE MUSTER

The Greater Rockhampton District Primary Schools Rugby League Representative Muster is on this year. The information is as follows:
Date: SUNDAY 16 March
Time: 9am – 12 noon
Gear: Footy gear appropriate to train in.
Who: Top players interested in representing The Greater Rockhampton District Primary Schools Rugby League. (10,11 & 12 years – no children turning 13 please)
Boots: All players should bring footy boots and mouthguards.
For more information on this Muster, please Mr McArthur or contact the school office.

SPORTS DRAWS

BASKETBALL
- Glenmore White vs Frenchville Black on Court 3 – 12.30pm
- Glenmore Orange vs Allenstown Blue on Court 2 1.40pm
- Glenmore Green vs Rocky Grammar Red on Court 3 – 12.30pm

HOCKEY
- Glenmore 1 vs Rocky Grammar 3 on Turf 3 – 1.20-1.35pm
- Glenmore 1 vs Rocky Grammar 1 on Turf 2 – 2.00-2.15pm
- Glenmore 2 vs Allenstown 1 on Turf 3 – 1.00-1.15pm
- Glenmore 2 vs Rocky Grammar 2 on Turf 2 – 1.40 – 1.55pm
- Glenmore 3 vs Rocky Grammar 1 on Turf 4 – 1.20-1.35pm
- Glenmore 3 vs Frenchville 3 on Turf 3 – 2.00 - 2.15pm

CRICKET
- Junior Div vs Crescent Lagoon @ Glenmore

SOFTBALL
- Year 5 vs Mount Archer @ Glenmore
- Year 6 vs Mount Archer @ Glenmore

P&C NEWS

AGM and March General Meeting
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 10 March at 6.30pm. This will be followed by our March General Meeting. We encourage all parents and caregivers to be part of our school community.

Uniform Co-ordinator Position
We are in urgent need of a Uniform Co-ordinator. Since the retirement of Dianne, our previous convenor, we have had to rely on Julie, our tuckshop convenor, to run our uniform shop. This is very difficult for Julie as she is already very busy with her tuckshop duties. If you could help out with this position, please contact the school on 4923 0666.

PLEASE NOTE: THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL ONLY OPEN ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS 8.30-9.30am UNTIL A UNIFORM CONVENOR CAN BE FOUND.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 2
Book Club is due back at school on March 13. Please make sure your child’s name and class are clearly printed on the order form. Correct money is greatly appreciated. Spare order forms can be collected from the library.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

HELP WANTED

If you can spare a couple of hours in the mornings it would be greatly appreciated. The tuckshop has been very busy not only do we cater for the staff and students we have also been catering for visitors to the school. This has made life very hectic in the tuckshop and I would like to thank the few volunteers that have given up their time to help.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

MONDAY

31 MARCH 2014