It's incredible how things can change in the matter of a week. When I left our property in Moura last weekend, we had just been drought declared and the front paddocks were dirt. It will be great to go home next weekend and see some grass growing. It has been great to be under some of this rain. For some of our families though it has proved to be more of a hardship. We are thinking of some of our teachers who have experienced flooding in their homes. Not a pleasant prospect for anyone. Thank you to everyone for coping with the inclement weather this week. I can tell you as a teacher, few things can be as trying as a full week of 'wet weather procedure'. The staff have done a great job of keeping children actively engaged this week – a task made much harder by steaming socks, sudden shoes, wet hair and a pile of puddles to jump in.

We have had our major NAPLAN preparation test this week. We will use the data we obtain from this to fine tune our curriculum delivery in the last week's leading up to the test. The best way that we can prepare for the literacy and numeracy testing is to continue doing what we do well. You can help us by continuing to read with your children each night.

The Easter Bonnet Parade looms large on our horizon. From my first experience of the Parade last year hours of effort go into this one! Glenmore shines at its creative best. I hope that you will find some time to attend the parade – it is certainly a highlight for many of our kids!

Next Wednesday, the school will undergo a discipline audit. An external auditor will come to the school to check our policies and processes around our behaviour management policy and the way we culture appropriate behaviour at Glenmore. The audit is a full day process and I am confident that our data and processes will stand up well under scrutiny. It will be good to get feedback on how Glenmore performs against other schools in Queensland.

It is an important time for Mr Dunlop, our fantastic Deputy. The position of Deputy Principal at Glenmore State School has been advertised state wide following the retirement of Christine Pitts. It is appropriate to acknowledge the work that Christine did at Glenmore over many years. It seems sometimes that Mr Dunlop has been a part of the furniture at Glenmore for much longer that just 12 months. A lot of the work that Mr Dunlop does with your children has contributed to the improvement in the outcomes of this school. I am particularly impressed by the way in which Mr Dunlop models very high levels of respect and has the high expectations of the children in return. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mr Dunlop well as he enters the process for being appointed to Glenmore State School permanently.

A reminder in these wet times, when we notice an increase in absence that parents have a responsibility to explain the absence of their children. We have a number of students with high levels of unexplained absence. We use two databases – One School and ID attend to track and monitor attendance. These systems will automatically alert us to students who have high levels of absence. Central Queensland Region released a streamlined absence follow up process last week. As Principal, I am obligated to follow these processes and procedures. Some parents may have received notification letters in the mail this week. I need to remind our community that there is a very specific list of reasons that are accepted as ‘reasonable’. Reasons that are not accepted include: shopping, visiting friends/relatives, fishing, friends coming to town, birthdays, extended holidays. These are recorded as Reason Code J – unauthorised. Parents who wish to take their children on holidays must apply for an “Exemption from Compulsory Schooling and Compulsory Participation” under the Education Act. Our attendance rate as of yesterday was 89.7%. We need to keep it up around 92%. If your child is attending less than 90% of the time, their education is being affected. Simply put, we cannot teach your child if they are not at school. Help us maintain our strong outcomes by sending your child to school every day.

As we head into a wet weekend – I say good luck to all the parents out there who will have extremely stir crazy kids by Sunday. Let’s hope the sun comes out and they can get out for a run. I fear it is going to be a very looooong weekend at our place!

Regards

Christine Hills
Principal

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All parents are invited to attend monthly P&C Association meetings

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Thought for the Week
It will be a great day when our schools have all the money they need, and our air force has to have a cake stall to buy a bomber.

Robert Fulghum

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AT GLENMORE
Over the past week, I have reviewed the nominations for Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for Term 1. Yesterday afternoon, the Behaviour Committee met to confirm the students nominated. This is an additional step in the process for 2014 and enables us to review comments from specialist teachers and teacher aides.

The important factor here is that students deserving of an award should be demonstrating the required standard for ALL staff with whom they work. The Gold awards will be announced on parade this Friday. The number of weekly positive behaviour awards continues to demonstrate that students are meeting our expectations — and we will not waver on the standard of behaviour expected from Glenmore students. At the end of Week 7, we have had nominations for 132 students of the week, 104 Prep to 2 awards, 92 Year 3 to 6 awards and 1586 Gotchas have been given out to students caught “doing the right thing”. On the other side of the coin, my data shows a decrease of almost 40% in the number of students I have had to refer to detention during Term 1 this year. This progress is possible not only from our work here at school, but also by reinforcement of our expectations by parents at home.

ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL
The level of children’s physical activity is frequently the subject of discussions by governments and health authorities. Ms Stephanie Schoeppe, a physical activity researcher at CQU, has been studying children’s physical activity and identifies active travel to school as a way of increasing activity levels. Ms Schoeppe realises parents are rightly concerned about busy traffic, a lack of foot/cycling pathways and stranger danger but it is worth trying to overcome these barriers and support children’s walking or cycling to school where possible because active travel to school:

- helps children achieve the recommended daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity
- contributes to overall physical activity which is vital for children’s bone health, motor skills, physical fitness and healthy weight
- promotes an active lifestyle; instilling active lifestyles in young children is important as physical activity behaviours tend to track from childhood to adolescence and adulthood
- helps children develop traffic safety skills for navigating in public spaces
- provides children opportunities for social interaction with peers.

NAPLAN – 13, 14, 15 MAY
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from 13 - 15 May. All students in Years 3 and 5 must sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents/carers or unless they qualify for an exemption. Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must advise the Principal in writing of their request. Forms are available for this purpose. Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided. Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability and ESL students who have been attending school in Australia for less than 12 months, will qualify for an exemption. This means they do not have to complete the NAPLAN tests. Parents of students who have been identified as requiring adjustments, or who qualify for an exemption, will receive a form to sign and return to school. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN please contact Deputy Principal, Mark Dunlop on 49230666.

STAFFING UPDATE
Mrs Lynch has extended her leave until the end of Term 2. In Mrs Lynch’s absence, Miss Holland will continue to teach Prep ML for Term 2. We thank Miss Holland for this commitment, as it will mean an uninterrupted semester for our Prep students.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Our Instrumental Music program is now in full swing, under the direction of Mrs Svendsen (Strings) and Mr McCabe (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion). Our music enrolments have increased considerably this year, with an 80% more students taking up Strings and an increase of 40% in the Woodwind, Brass, Percussion program. With strong evidence that learning music leads to greater academic success at school, I encourage parents of our current Year 2 and 3 students to consider the music program for 2015. Recruiting will occur in Term 4.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AND MARCH
Anzac Day falls on the first Friday of Term 2. We will most likely conduct our school ANZAC ceremony on Thursday 24 April and will confirm this prior to the end of term. The ANZAC march will be held as usual on the morning of Friday 25 April. Glenmore State School will be marching on ANZAC Day. A permission note will be sent home before the end of term. Students marching with our school MUST wear full school uniform (not sport house shirt) and the school hat. I would like to see a large contingent of Glenmore students marching this year.

Regards

Mark Dunlop
Deputy Principal

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Maxie Mamaril, Renee Stennett, Eli Baynton, Bone, Taylor-Jade Reid, Jazzmin Quinn, Karl Butac, Arienwyn Jones, Sophia Parnell, Cameron Price, Angelus Burlison, Rafi Karim, Alex Conrad, Shelby Juhas, Carole Hirst

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Prep: Sally Harmsworth, Mikayla Wyvill, Jade McCallum
Year 1: Sienna Lyons, Ryan Brookman,
Year 2: Leandra Boyce, Melissa Kliedon, Declan Lye
Year 3: Oscar Hills, Skye Mason

Year 4: Umanga Budathoki, Wykeakea Wasin
Year 5: Jayden Price, Bernadette Catubig
Year 6: Brock Hill, Courtney Mitchell

REMINDER

Payment for ICAS Computer skills and AMT
Mathematical competitions are due by Tuesday 1 April.
Payments are to be made to Mrs Allison in G2.
TRAFFIC MATTERS

Traffic Matters - Glenmore State Primary School.

The Relieving School Based Police Officer at Glenmore State High School, Acting Senior Constable Jennifer Henry, wishes to remind everybody that there are parking restrictions at the front of the School on Farm Street. As per the Transport Operations (Road use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009 it is an offence to STOP or PARK:

- In an ‘Emergency Vehicles Excepted’ zone. This includes a Police, Fire or Ambulance vehicle or any other designated Emergency Services vehicle.
- In a ‘Bus Zone’, (unless an authorised vehicle, i.e. a bus).
- In a ‘Taxi Zone’, (unless an authorised vehicle, i.e. a taxi).
- In a ‘Loading Zone’, (unless an authorised vehicle).

Stopping or parking in any of these zones is an offence resulting in a fine of $44.00. PLEASE ensure you make yourself aware of the parking restrictions at the front of the School as Traffic Infringement Notices will be issued.

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

If you wish to order a shirt, please hand your money and order form to the office by tomorrow, Friday 28 March 2014. No late payments will be accepted as the shirt order is being given to the manufacturer at close of business on Friday 28 March. If you have any concerns, please call Cindy Smith on 0409 050 992 or Sharon Bradley on 4923 0666.

SPORTS DRAWS

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SPORTS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

There is no school sport next week. Term 2 winter sport will commence in week 2, term 2.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
MONDAY 31 MARCH
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Easter Bonnet Parade

The Easter Bonnet Parade will be held on Friday 4 April – 2pm at Glenmore State School in the assembly area near the Tuckshop. Students from the following classes will be participating:- PKB, PML, PRB, 12SH, 1JH, 1LK, 2AL, 23DN, 23LO, 3LF and the Year 3 students from 34RS.

Children are encouraged to put their artistic talents to work to make an Easter Bonnet. Students will need to make their hats at home and bring them to school on Friday 4 April. Please ensure all hats are named.

Categories for prizes will be:-
- Most Australian
- Most Colourful
- Best Bonnet using recycled materials

Thanks to the P&C for donating prizes for the 3 categories.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED
FRIDAY 4 APRIL

Tuckshop Roster

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

12 YEARS AND UNDER BOYS TOUCH

When: Wednesday 2nd April
Where: Mt Archer State School Oval, Thozet Road
North Rockhampton
Time: 4 pm to 5:30pm
Bring: Water bottle, hat, appropriate playing shoes and clothing.

If needed, a second trial will be held on the first Wednesday of term 2, April 23rd.

For more information please see Mr McArthur.

SOFTWARE TRIALS

Sport: Boys & Girls Softball
When: Wednesday, 30th April and Wednesday, 7th May 2014
Where: Rockhampton District Softball Association Fields
Kele Park, Kalare Street (off Western Street)
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Bring: Hat, Sunscreen, Water Bottle, any softball equipment the students may have.

For more information please see Mr McArthur.

CAPRICORNIA SCHOOL GOLF

Any student born 2003 (11 year old) of 2002 (12 year old) with an official AGU/WGA handicap wishing to nominate for the Capricornia School representative team are to see Mr McArthur for further information.

Nominations close on Friday 7 May

Football FC will be holding a 4 day Indoor Multi Sports Clinic at the Scotvale Park Indoor Sports Centre in the second week of the school holidays from the 14th to the 17th of April. Each day will go from 8.30 to 3.30 pm. Extended care is available to 5.30. Children will play indoor Soccer, Squash, Volleyball, Racketball, Table Tennis, Netball/Basketball, Cricket, and Swimming. To register please go to footballfc.com.au or E-mail admin@footballfc.com.au for more information.