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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

ANZAC day is one of the most significant days of celebration in Australia. It is a time we pause to remember the sacrifice of the men and women who have served in many theatres of war in the quest to fight for the freedoms of our nation. Australia's first experience of war as a nation was the Boer War at the end of the 19th Century. From then up until currently times where Australia contributes to a range of peace keeping forces, Australians from all walks of life have shown extreme commitment and bravery. One of the most crucial wars for Australia was arguably the Second World War where our country came under direct attack in the north. Australia's experience of war is very much a part of our character. Charles Bean, war correspondent wrote that: Anzac stood, and still stands, for reckless valor in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship, and endurance that will never own defeat. It is these qualities that we will remember tomorrow. Glenmore State School will march in the Rockhampton Anzac Day march. Details have been included in the permission letter. We will meet at Alma St by 9:30 am. Students need to be in Glenmore GREEN and GREY uniform. No house shirts please. Parents should ensure that their child has sunscreen applied. Parents are more than welcome to join us on the march. We will see you there.

Term 2 is always a busy term – highlighted by the fact that the first week is almost over. The focus of this term will be assessment and reporting with report cards due out in June. The National Testing Program – NAPLAN takes place in week 4. We will be conducting our badge ceremony for our school leaders next Friday. Sports Day will take place by the end of term. With Mother’s Day Morning Tea, school sport and a Fleming visit, it is sure to be a fast paced couple of weeks. Please ensure that your child is in attendance every day.

Next week, Mr Domic and I will attend the Next Steps conference in Brisbane. The conference is a meeting of the schools which were funded under the Next Steps Program by the Federal Government. Glenmore State School will be presenting a paper at this conference. We will share our experiences of creating a positive learning environment at Glenmore and the achievements our students have made in literacy and numeracy. It is great to see Glenmore getting this recognition.

Glenmore State School has a very specific policy regarding the issue of bullying. We have spoken to the students at length about the school rule: “Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.” This rule underpins the safety of students at our school. Students who break this rule will be dealt with by the administration. From time to time, incidents occur in the playground which are not reported. Teachers have been given clear and explicit instructions re the documentation of children’s reports. It is always a concern to me that students will say they did report to an adult but they cannot remember who or where. It is important that if your child experiences an issue that they go immediately to the nearest member of staff. If they cannot do this, they should report to their class teacher. Taking ownership of the process allows children to build confidence that they are able to deal with difficult situations. This is particularly important for our senior students who are moving onto High School in the next year or two.

I was privileged to be able to attend the Educational Leadership Summit in Singapore over the holidays. The main presenters were Michael Fullan and Andy Hargreaves, world leaders on the culture of change in schools and school improvement. It was an amazing experience to be able to learn with the other 1200 delegates about the ways in which successful schools develop school cultures that allow their children to prosper. It was also an education to spend time in Singapore which is an amazingly vibrant, energetic and very clean country. Over 5 million people live in an area of 70 000 hectares. There are beef cattle properties in Australia bigger than that! Travel is a great experience and brings lots of perspective about our own place in this big world. I hope that our students will get the chance to see the world when they are older! It is an education in itself.

Regards
Christine Hills
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thought for the Week
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them. lest we forget.

ANZAC DAY MARCH – NEW ASSEMBLY POINT
Glenmore students are encouraged to march with our school on Anzac Day. This is a great way to show pride in your school, your country and in the commitment of our Defence Force personnel. Please note that the assembly point has changed for 2014. Glenmore students should gather in Alma Street (between Archer & Cambridge Streets) near the Alma Street Vet Clinic. Students should meet staff no later than 9:30 am. The march commences at 9:57 am. The March proceeds along Archer Street, turns right into Victoria Parade and proceeds along Quay Street. Please note that students will finish the march at the riverside car park opposite the Heritage Tavern and will wait with staff until collected by parents. Students who have not returned a note confirming their participation in the march, should report to Mr Dunlop on the day to have their name added to the list. Look for the Glenmore State School banner.

STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION
A special assembly will be held on Friday 2 May to present badges to our 2014 school leaders. It will be held in the Mike Maher Centre, commencing at 9.00 am. School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Music Captains, Student Forum Representatives and Library Leaders will receive their badges. One of our invited guests this year will be Mr Birbeck, from Glenmore Homestead, whose family has a significant historical link to Glenmore State School.

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 to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. Teachers will identify students who qualify for adjustments. Some 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.
The schedule for NAPLAN is: Tuesday 13 May – Language Conventions (morning session), Writing (middle session); Wednesday 14 May – Reading (morning session); Thursday 15 May – Numeracy (morning session). In cases where students miss tests due to absence, catch-up sessions will occur on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is important that students are at school on time during NAPLAN week. A comprehensive timetable and additional information will be communicated to parents and carers of Year 3 and 5 students in the near future. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please contact Deputy Principal, Mark Dunlop on 49230666.

Prep for 2015
At Glenmore, we run an excellent Prep program, with carefully mapped benchmarks for student achievement. Children born from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are eligible to commence Prep in 2015. This year, we plan to conduct Prep enrolment interviews in Term 3. Enrolment packages can be obtained from our school office, and once completed and returned to school, will ensure a place at Glenmore for Prep. Early enrolment assists us greatly with forward planning for 2015.

Term 2 – A Busy Time
Term 2 is always a busy time at school. With NAPLAN, Semester 1 assessment and reporting, Eisteddfod, our Interhouse Athletics Carnival and several public holidays, teachers and students will be working hard. In addition to this busyness, we will also have a visit by John Fleming in May and several teachers will accompany me on the Haileybury study tour in Melbourne at the beginning of June. Be assured that among the hectic pace of Term 2, we will not lose sight of our improvement agenda or of our expectations of students.

Regards
Mark Dunlop
Deputy Principal

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday in the following week.
Chloe Jarrett-Lawton, Shirley-Jane Sims, Scott Johnston, Seth James

EASTER BONNET PRIZE WINNERS

RECYCLED
1st: Charlise Wyvill
2nd: Verna Mae Catubig
3rd: Deakin Van Embrun

MOST COLOURFUL
1st: Allen Vergara
2nd: Caitlin Porter
3rd: Alexandra Millan

AUSTRALIAN
1st: Mikayla Wyvill
2nd: Cooper Millan
3rd: Oscar Hills

BEST TEACHER’S HAT
Lyn O’Farrell

BOOKCLUB
Book Club was sent home this week. Orders are due back at school on May 8. Please return your orders to the office in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly written on the front.

PLAYGROUP
Glenmore Playgroup Term 2
29 April Healthy Cooking and Recipe Sharing
6 May Feelings Collage and Fence Paper Painting
3 May Police Safety, Dress Ups and Parachutes
20 May Paramedics, Puzzles and Printing
27 May Fire Brigade, Cloud Dough and Bubbles
3 June Show Time Fun, Popcorn and Kite Making
10 June People Who Help Us, Sand Pit Discovery and Finger Painting
17 June Amazing Sea and Land Animals
24 June Bring a Long a Plate to Share

Playgroup Location: 5 Black
1.00-2.80pm Every Tuesday During Term
Contact Margaret Domic Ph 4923 0666

P & C ASSOCIATION

Members Needed

Executive Positions:-
Treasurer
Secretary
Uniform Co-ordinator
Fundraiser Co-ordinator

ALL POSITIONS ARE VOLUNTARY

Benefits for members:
• Knowing first-hand what is and will be happening in the school, seeing improvements and advised of expectations for the future.
• Work as a team alongside the Principal and Deputy Principal and being involved in discussions to ensure all students (your child/children) of Glenmore have the best opportunities.
• Most rewarding knowing you have taken an active role in your child/children’s schooling.

Expression of interest please leave your name and number at the office and contact will be made or contact President Lisa Smith on 0437 541 020.

Tuckshop Roster
Commencing 28 April 2014
Monday 28
HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 29
Carmen Davidson
HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 30
HELP NEEDED
Thursday 1
Marlene Granshaw
HELP NEEDED
Friday 2
HELP NEEDED
Mothers' Day Stall
Thursday & May
All items $3.00

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