Last week, I was very proud to have the opportunity to march with Glenmore State School as part of Rockhampton’s ANZAC day march. Glenmore presents extremely well on these formal occasions and this is very much attributable to the work of Mr Dunlop who organises our participation in events such as this. It was great to see our children marching proudly in their lines. Thank you to the parents who supported our participation in this very important commemoration of the sacrifice that thousands of Australian men and women have made to protect our way of life.

Tomorrow will see one of the very important celebrations in our school year. We will welcome a number of dignitaries to Glenmore to acknowledge our Senior class and our school leaders. The role of our Senior students in our school is very important because they help set the tone for the behaviour of the rest of the students in the school. They are our role models. We are very fortunate to have great depth in our school leader pool this year and I am sure these students will continue on in the same spirit as our school leaders of 2013 who were outstanding representatives of their school. This year we are acknowledging the year 6 class as the Senior class by offering them a Senior badge. This is a voluntary process for our children. The badge will identify them to the rest of the community as our school seniors and there is a degree of responsibility that comes with this. The students who accept a badge will recite an oath that identifies that they are prepared to be leaders in the school. I hope they wear their badges with pride. All students who attend the ceremony tomorrow must be in school uniform. This includes Grey/green school shirt and green school skirt/skorts and grey shorts. The ceremony will be held at Glenmore SHS’s Mike Maher Centre. Students not in uniform may be offered an item from our spare items if we have them available but if they are not in uniform, they will be unable to attend the ceremony.

Students are reminded about the school’s uniform policy with relation to jewellery. The latest trending item is loom band bracelets. I think I have vacuumed up hundreds of tiny little rubber loom bands in the last weeks at my house. Like every latest craze it will come and go I suppose. Students are not to wear these bracelets to school – on their arms or around their ankles. If broken, they are a choking hazard. I am sure parents will support the school in our request to keep our standards very high.

I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the Next Steps conference in Brisbane this week with Mr Domic. Glenmore presented a 45 minute session about the work that has been done at the school, particularly around our writing. It was a privilege to be able to present at a National Conference and share our story with schools from every state and territory. The feedback about the achievements of Glenmore’s students was extraordinary and a number of schools have asked permission to use some of our resources and to be able to visit our school to see our work in progress.

It reminded me of the great gains that we are making for the children of Glenmore. The story about the excellent work of Glenmore students is making its way, literally, around the nation. I still hear stories though of people, who are clearly not associated with our school, offering ‘advice’ to prospective parents about ‘better’ choices of schools in Rockhampton. As a parent of 2 Glenmore students, I myself am very happy with the outstanding teaching, explicit instruction and high standards set for my children. I would like to ask other Glenmore parents who may be willing to share their experience in a 25-50 word testimonial to contact me at the.principal@glenoress.eq.edu.au so that we can get the message out there that Glenmore is going places. If national organisations are asking us to share our story, it must be good enough! Please think about supporting all our children in this way!

Regards

Christine Hills

Principal

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Quality Learning in a Caring Environment

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

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Thought for the week.

We have an obligation and a responsibility to be investing in our students and our schools. We must make sure that people who have the grades, the desire and the will, but not the money, can still get the best education possible.

Barack Obama

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Last Thursday, we commemorated ANZAC DAY with a midday service at school. We were honoured to have Mr Nick Quigley OAM, Ex 104 Signals Squadron (Vietnam 1968–69), Royal Australian Signals as our guest speaker. The Medal of the Order of Australia is a very prestigious award in the Australian honours system. Mr Quigley was awarded his OAM for the tireless volunteer work he has done in the community for many, many years. Mr Quigley continues to work with returned service men and women through a number of programs in the Rockhampton area. The wonderful thing I learned about Mr Quigley when preparing the ANZAC service was that he had devoted many years to our Glenmore P&C while his son was at primary school here. He also taught our senior students about amateur radio and engaged them in radio chat with a school in India via satellite and repeaters (before the days of internet). Mr Quigley spoke about the horror of war and how we in Australia are able to go about our daily lives free from military threat. He also emphasised the impact of war on families, especially when someone is killed at war. He urged our students to be proud of their school and explained how respect makes Australia a happy and safe place to live. Mr Quigley also chatted informally with our school leaders after the service and was very impressed by the calibre of these students.

During our service, class representatives laid wreaths at the Alec Beasley Memorial in our school grounds. I would like to thank Mrs Allison, Mr Cahill, Mrs Biddulph, Ms Goodall and Mr McCabe for their contribution to our ANZAC service.

On ANZAC Day, 45 Glenmore students from Prep to Year 6 and 10 staff members marched behind our school banner. The students represented our school to the highest “Glenmore Standard”, which was noted by the Rockhampton public lining the streets. Thank you to parents for enabling children to march on ANZAC Day. There was a definite sense of pride in our students with every step of the march. Wouldn’t it be terrific in 2015 for us to march with 100 students for the 100th anniversary?

PRESENTATION OF BADGES

Tomorrow we will present a number of badges to our school leaders and senior students. Badges will be presented by three special guests – Ms Michelle Landry MP, Federal Member for Capricornia, Mr George Birkbeck from Glenmore Homestead and Mr Neil Harris, former teacher at Glenmore and Great Grandson of Edward Costello, the first Glenmore Principal back in 1889. Friday’s assembly will be held in the Mike Maher Centre at Glenmore High. Parents are most welcome.

READING UPDATE

Glenmore’s reading program is now well-enrenched in our weekly routine. We are seeing solid gains with student’s reading abilities across all year levels. During the term, Mrs Thirkettle our pedagogy coach and I will meet with teachers regularly to discuss planning and the feedback students are receiving about their reading. This term, in Miss Colless’s absence, I have commenced working with our Book Club students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Reading Hour. These twelve Year 5 and 6 students are a delight to work with – self-motivated and independent workers who are reading at a high level. Some of our Book Club readers will take part in the Readers’ Cup later this year, a competition between many schools in the region, based on set novels which the students have to read.

WINTER SPORT – TERMS 2 AND 3

Winter sport commences this Friday. Glenmore will field teams in Netball, Rugby League and Soccer. Students representing Glenmore will be expected to display the highest level of sportsmanship and behaviour whether playing at home or at other venues. Full school uniform (green, white & grey) should be worn for interschool sport, except for sports where we have school jerseys for teams.

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 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.

KIND WORDS ABOUT GLENMORE

At our staff meeting this week, I shared with our teachers an email message from a mother who has chosen Glenmore for her daughter’s primary education when she starts Prep in 2015. The little girl who currently attends the Glenmore C & K Kindy, had attended our Easter Bonnet Parade last term. It is extremely rewarding to receive such a positive message from someone visiting Glenmore State School — “The students were all so friendly to us, had wonderful manners, spoke nicely and were very well behaved for a group of young children about to go on holidays. The teachers were kind, enthusiastic and had an obvious passion for education and the welfare and wellbeing of the students. We were made to feel so welcome by staff and students, I know that we are making the right choice and look forward to next year.” A number of teachers have commented to me about this message during this week, as feedback like this is really appreciated and affirms the work we do at Glenmore with your children.

Regards

Mark Dunlop

Deputy Principal
BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Jacob Brandt, Prateek Poudel, Lochlan Ohl, Tyler New, Xainen Halliday

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students for the great effort this week:

Prep
Nate Leppien
Hudson Doblo
Nyillarnie Meredith

Year 1
Cleopatra Rose
Dusty-Lee Heinemann

Year 2
Satchen Stubbs
Melissa Kleidon
Tyson Wywill

Year 3
Allen Vergara
Bowarrie Ingui
Kayleeb Warriner

Year 4
Kim Garcia
Harlee Mark

Year 5
Star Rumpf
Thais Carvalho Dos Santos
Malcolm Reeves

Year 6
Chey Hill
Breeanna Griffin

FORUM FEEDBACK

Attending to the Future: Next Step Initiative Final Schools Forum
Christine Hills and I attended the above forum in Brisbane to present Glenmore State School’s initiatives through this program. Together we outlined to schools across Australia in attendance, Glenmore’s initiatives that we as a school have implemented over the past two years and are continuing to implement. The main focus of our presentation was numeracy and literacy, attendance, community connectedness and other educational programs active in our school.

I take this opportunity to advise the Glenmore community as a whole of the wonderful feedback from Jervis Bay (ACT), Cloncurry (Qld) Port Lincoln (SA) and other schools that Chris and I received after our Presentation. Words such as inspirational, warming, great and enviable are stamped in our minds from this feedback. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and thanks to all Glenmore staff and community for the great work in building partnerships and work ethics that you have displayed for our school. This is why we were able to receive such positive accolades that were bestowed on us on your behalf.

Clem Domic

UNIFORM NEWS
Winter jackets have arrived.
Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Tuesday mornings 8.30-9.30pm

THANKS WOOLWORTHS
This is just some of the products we received from Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion 2013. Thanks Woolies!

SPORTS DRAW

Netball
All Netball games are played at Jardine Park

Junior vs Allenstown on court 10 - 12.30pm
Midgets A vs Mt Archer Blue on court G17 - 12.30pm
Midgets B vs Gracemere Blue on court G20 - 1.10pm

Soccer
Junior vs St Peter’s @ Glenmore SS - 1.35pm
Minor vs St Peter’s @ Glenmore SS - 1.40pm

Rugby League
Year 6 vs Allenstown @ Glenmore SS - 1.45pm
Year 5 vs St Mary’s @ Glenmore SS - 12.45pm

BOOK CLUB

Book Club was sent home last 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.

May is National Family Reading Month!

National Family Reading Month encourages students to read every day with their families. Last year over 500 schools participated in the celebrations. Throughout May we challenge our students to read with a family member for at least 15 minutes every day.