Glenmore State School defies the national trend!

The release of the 2014 NAPLAN data was made with the announcement that the results for Writing are in decline. According to the Sydney Morning Herald:
The NAPLAN writing test was so hard this year that students' marks have slipped across the country and ... there has been a "substantial increase" in the number of students who will receive zero because the question was too confusing.

We are pleased to announce that this is not the case at Glenmore State School. In 2014, the Year 3 class has recorded the best ever results in Writing. The following graph shows the performance of Glenmore State School students (column 16) compared to a selection of state (light) and non state (dark) schools in Rockhampton.

Our Year 5 cohort defied the trend as well, scoring an improvement 90% greater than the national rate of improvement.
This is an outstanding reflection of the work that has been done at Glenmore State School by our students and staff. I am very proud of the efforts that all of our students put into their writing. It is clear that we have created a new standard of academic achievement at Glenmore State School.

In further great news for Glenmore State School, our year 3 students have scored the best ever results in the 7 years that NAPLAN has been conducted in: READING, WRITING, SPELLING and GRAMMAR and PUNCTUATION. Our Year 5 students have also distinguished themselves by outperforming the national improvement rate from Year 3-5 in every area of testing: READING, WRITING, SPELLING, GRAMMAR and PUNCTUATION and NUMERACY.

CONGRATULATIONS to the entire Glenmore State School team!

Christine Hills
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thought of the week
Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens.”
— Maria von Trapp

COMBINED SCHOOLS CONCERT
On Tuesday night, our String and Woodwind, Brass, Percussion students performed with the other northside schools in the 2014 Combined Schools concerts at North Rockhampton High. The String students performed at 6.00 pm and the band students at 7.30 pm. The concerts were the culmination of workshops and rehearsals and gave students the opportunity to perform in front of an audience — a very important aspect of the music program. The performances were a credit to both the students and their instrumental teachers. Our junior players, in the first one or two years of music, have made wonderful progress in this early stage of their tuition. The senior students performed exceptionally well and highlighted the progression that occurs during the third year of the instrumental program.

Thank you to our instrumental music teachers for the many hours of preparation for the concerts and to the many parents who enabled their children to take part. I certainly enjoyed my part in the Senior Band performance, after being recruited by Mr McCabe.

I do need to clarify that my part in the concert — playing the “goofy” cymbal player - with the senior band, was no reflection on my musical ability! I was fortunate as a young person, to study piano up to 8th Grade AMEB and to play for several years in my high school band on the Tuba, Tenor Horn, Flugalphorn, Trumpet and Cornet, with a little bit of snare drumming on the side. Because of this background, I am a strong advocate for the music program in schools and look forward to our Glenmore program strengthening as we recruit for 2015. Instrumental Music is a wonderful activity for children to be involved in - apart from the skills children learn, they enjoy being part of a team and also make long-lasting friendships as they progress through the program from primary school to high school.

STRING RECRUITING FOR 2015
Earlier this term, we distributed information to students about our String Program recruitment for 2015. Students entering Year 3, 4 or 5 next year have the opportunity to join the String Program. Applications are due by Friday 22 August. Additional application forms are available at our school office. Mrs Svendsen will assess students suitability for the program in the coming weeks. Offers will then be made to successful students and they will be able to commence tuition at the start of 2015. Students who are already in the String Program do NOT need to reapply for 2015.

WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION RECRUITING FOR 2015
In Term 4, we will commence recruiting for the Woodwind, Brass, Percussion program for 2015. Students entering Year 4 and 5 in 2015 will be eligible to apply. All relevant information will be sent home early in Term 4. Students who are already in the Woodwind, Brass, Percussion Program do NOT need to reapply for 2015.

PREP INTERVIEWS AND ENROLMENTS
Over the last week, I have met several more families of 2015 Prep students as we complete their enrolment process. These interviews play an important role in establishing the relationship between parents and school. It is a pleasant part of my day having the prospective Preppies show the skills they have with counting, colours, letters, writing their name and cutting out. Once enrolment forms have been returned to the school office, students are guaranteed a place at Glenmore for Prep. Our office staff will then arrange an appointment for an enrolment interview. Please note that it is a requirement that we sight the student’s birth certificate as part of the enrolment process. Children born from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are eligible to start Prep in 2015. It helps us greatly with our forward planning for 2015, to have enrolments completed as early as possible. If you know someone who is planning to enrol their child at Glenmore for Prep next year, please encourage them to contact the office for an enrolment package.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR RECOGNITION UPDATE
Last Friday marked the half-way point of Term 3. To that point, we have recognised 87 Students of the Week, 70 Prep to Year 2 students and 83 Year 3 to 6 students with our Flying High and Rising star awards and 997 Gotchas have been given to students who are demonstrating the behaviour standards we expect. This totals 1237 positive behaviour awards — an impressive total for the first half of the term. As our enrolments continue to increase, this is strong evidence that the vast majority of these students are meeting our expectations.

Regards
Mark Danlop
Deputy Principal

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

Prep
Dakota Draper
Ashalya-Roze Van Embden
Nathaniel Schumaker
Year 1
Hollie McDonald
Riyon Guatam
Tullen Broszat
Year 2
Lockie Juhas
Lucy Barron

Year 3
Inkajilly Cora
Jacob Aberdein
Year 4
Drashti Patel
Carys Wranen
Maddison Ashton
Year 5
Kyla Ross
Pari Patel
Year 6
Jamal Marhaba
Martin McMurtrie
Georgia Pannell

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy birthday to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week.
Brodie Doyle-Holden, Courtney Mitchell, Quy Tran, Joshua O’Brien, Franz Bongco, Caitlyn Porter, Blake James, Brody James, Mikayla Wyvill, Hayley Casey, Anthony Nguyen, Sally Harmsworth, Lilly Town

MUSIC NEWS
Education Queensland’s Choral Festival has become a major highlight of the musical calendar in this region. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in a concert in a professional venue with a professional conductor. There will be choir practice every Monday during first lunch, Tuesday morning 8.10-8.40am, and second lunch practices in the two week before Choral Festival. Children will have to memorise their songs, which will require some work at home.
MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

Glenmore State School is committed to students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

ONLY 9 DAYS TO FETE DAY

The Glenmore State School fete committee would like to thank the following sponsors and ask that you support these businesses.

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A4 size print $5

For further details see
Mrs Barram in H Block.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Refunds – If your child goes home sick and they have ordered tuckshop, you are welcome to collect the lunch or a refund can be given if the lunch has not been prepared. No refunds can be given for prepared food that is not collected.

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To all the parents and students that have put money in the ‘keep the change’ jar, I have donated $23.15 to the staff collection for ‘Daffodil Day’.

GLENMORE STAFF GO YELLOW

Today the Staff at Glenmore went ‘yellow’ to raise money for Daffodil Day. A lot of fun was had as we all dug deep in our wardrobes to find something yellow to wear. Mrs Lanyon was the winner with her very yellow shirt! Mrs Hills ran a very close second in her yellow dress with matching accessories.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

5-a-side Football (soccer) Social Fun competition?
Starting Term 4 at Norbridge Park Field 4 on Wednesday nights – under lights.
$25 per player for registration and $35 game fees.
Taking team nominations now.
For more information phone Simon 0419 793 581 or Gwen 0407 038 440

Frenchville Falcons Cricket Club Junior sing on / training session. Cricket Nets, Frenchville Sports Club 2pm-4pm Saturday 16 August and Saturday 13 September.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS HILLS

Congratulations Mrs Hills who this week was admitted to the rank of Honorary Fellow of the Australian Council of Educational Leadership Qld Branch.
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