PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

I have just been up to see our students at the Queensland Youth Parliament. Mrs Mason has been working with a group of Year 6 students for the last weeks, preparing them for this great learning opportunity. Well done to Jakahn Von Senden, Chilli Crawford, Taylor Constable, Amy Brown, Calen James, Daniel Sanderson, Kaylah Halliday and Kaylah Pattell. Daniel is representing the school as Premier – an early taste of political power! This has been the perfect opportunity to also unveil our new formal uniform to the broader community – the students looked just fantastic.

Schools are communities of their own and it is always sad when some members of that community leave it. I am sad to announce that Miss Amy Langford will be leaving us at the end of this term. Her personal circumstances mean that she will be moving to Melbourne. Miss Langford has been teaching at Glenmore State School for 3 years. She is an energetic and connected teacher. She has been an integral part of the improvement agenda at Glenmore with her contribution to Year 2. She has led projects in data development and using feedback to improve student learning. Her parent/class meetings are outstanding. She also actively engaged in building up Touch Football in the Junior School. We need to attract more young people like Amy to our profession so that we have great teachers well into the future. I wish her all the best for her new life in the Deep South and have decided not to feel too sorry for her because she will have access to some of the best shopping in Australia.

Mrs Terry Thirkettle has worked with Glenmore State School in a number of capacities over the last few years including in the English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) program. More recently, she has been the Pedagogy Coach at Glenmore SS. She also was instrumental in rolling out the Reading Program at Glenmore. Mrs Thirkettle’s contribution to our teachers’ teaching practice has been very valuable. She has been a big part in the development of the high quality, consistent practice in Explicit Instruction that Glenmore has developed a national reputation for. I wish her well in her new position with the new Early Learning Division of DETE.

We had a number of visitors to the school last week including a team from a school in South Australia. I will share with you an extract of an email they sent me:

"Please pass on our thanks to Mark and the rest of the staff for being so willing to share their teaching practice and resources. They are clearly a very cohesive staff (how envious I am!) and all work towards a common goal. The results you have been able to achieve in such a short time is remarkable.

When speaking with students about what they liked about Glenmore, their responses were all about their great teachers and their own learning achievements. The message about the importance of learning has certainly reached them."

It is great to see the hard work that is being done by the staff and students of Glenmore State School being recognised.

Term 4 promises more great learning at Glenmore and also sees the transition of the Year 6 students to high school. We will continue to work very closely with Glenmore State High School to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for our students. If any Glenmore Year 6 students are looking at applying for bursaries at Glenmore State High School, please feel free to see me for help. I am actually really good at writing applications! We will also be able to celebrate their time with us with our final Presentation Day and Senior Dinner/Dance. Year 5’s will also come under the spotlight as we start the search for our 2015 school leaders. I look forward to seeing who emerges as our leaders.

Enjoy your holidays and stay safe!

Christine Hills

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Principal
Thought for the week:

"I have learned that if you must leave a place that you have lived in and loved and where all your yesterdays are buried deep, leave it any way except a slow way, leave it the fastest way you can. Never turn back and never believe that an hour you remember is a better hour because it is dead. Passed years seem safe ones, vanished ones, while the future lives in a cloud, formidable from a distance."

— Beryl Markham

Yesterday afternoon I returned to Mount Archer SS for an official farewell. It was wonderful to catch up with colleagues again, some whom I had worked with for the entire 28 years at Mount Archer, and to relax over a cold drink and a sumptuous afternoon tea. Such a period of time makes up a significant part of one’s career – one which I value immensely - and forges a deep and long-lasting connection. It was good to talk about some of the more memorable moments of my time there. Glenmore, however, is now “home”. Now that the final part of the “leaving” process is over, I will have to be exceptionally careful not to make the “Mount Archer” mistake of parades!

Moving Forward Transition Program - Chappy Melissa

Chappy Melissa, with the assistance of Glenmore High’s Chaplain and student mentors from GSHS, will run a “Moving Forward” transition program for our Year 6 students during Term 4. This program will cover a range of topics and will prepare our students for the move to high school. Full details of the program will be distributed to Year 6 students this week. The program will run each Wednesday.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Today, eight Year 6 students took part in Youth Parliament. Daniel Sanderson was the Youth Premier, supported by Youth Members or Ministers Kaylah Pattel, Kaylah Halliday, Taylor Constable, Chilli Crawford, Matthew Pick, Jakahn Von Senden and Calen James. Amy Brown, our reserve Youth Parliamentarian, has had the arduous job of preparing for the entire eight speeches in case a student is ill on the day – well done Amy! The students looked fantastic in their new formal attire (unveiled at the 125th celebrations). I have been busy this week teaching the boys how to tie their tie – nothing less than a full Windsor knot, of course, in keeping with the high standards we set at Glenmore! Yesterday, I worked with the students in their final rehearsal and I must say they were outstanding in both their articulation and the content of their speeches. Thank you to Mrs Mason for preparing the students so well and to Mrs Morris for sewing the girls’ ties.

YEAR 6 CAMP

This time last week our Year 6 students were on camp at The Caves. I was able to spend a few hours at camp last Thursday afternoon and evening, sharing a meal and watching each cabin’s skit that they presented after dinner. Students had participated in a range of caving and adventure activities and by Thursday night, many were looking rather tired. It is important to acknowledge the staff members who organised the camp and supervised the children over the three days – Mrs Oli, Mrs Mason, Mr McArthur, Mr Cedar, Chappy Melissa and Mr Roder.

SWIMMING TERM 4

Swimming will commence in early Term 4 for our Year 4 and 5 students. The number of classes we can accommodate for swimming will depend on the available pool time at the GSHS pool. Mr McArthur will advise parents of the final arrangements for swimming once we are able to finalise the timetable. We are fortunate at Glenmore to have access to a pool just across the fence, negating the need for time-consuming bus travel.

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

This week we have hosted four students from Glenmore High who are completing work experience or Certificate II placements. Two Year 10 students are working with a Prep class and a Year 10 and Year 12 student are working with Mr McArthur in PE. The feedback I have received so far indicates that all four are enjoying their week at our school and our students have responded well to the visitors.

STAFF COORDINATION

Coordinating staffing at any school is complex, busy and unpredictable. On Friday we say farewell to several staff members at Glenmore. As Mrs Hills has written, Miss Amy Langford, 2AL, is moving to Melbourne and Mrs Terry Thirkettle, our Pedagogy Coach has been successful in gaining a position in District Office. It has been a pleasure working with both Amy and Terry at Glenmore. Miss Langford’s class will be taught by Miss Pamela Watts for Term 4. Mrs Amelia Freeman, who has been teaching SSO for the last 3 weeks, will also be finishing her time at Glenmore on Friday. Mrs Freeman will then take leave prior to the arrival of her baby. We wish Mrs Freeman well as she takes on that very special job as a mum and thank her for the great work with both Prep RB and SSO this term. Mrs Bletchley completes her week with 3FL on Friday. Mrs Bletchley will take up a position at Waraburra for Term 4. I wish to thank Mrs Bletchley for her contribution to Glenmore during her practice teaching rounds and internship with 2AL, as well as the volunteer time she has given to that class. Mrs Biddulph returns next term from her adventures abroad. At this point, Mrs Harris will be teaching SSO for the first 9 days of Term 4, after which Miss Oram is due to return from leave. Ms Alice Edwards commences work at Glenmore in Term 4 to teach Japanese to our Year 6 cohort. Please take time to say farewell to the valued staff members who leave us at the end of this term.

PREP ORIENTATION SESSIONS AND ENROLMENTS

Each year, we run Prep orientation sessions for new Prep parents and children. These sessions will provide detailed information for parents and will allow our prospective Prep students to spend time in a Prep classroom doing a range of activities. We plan to conduct these sessions in Week 4 of next term. Exact dates and times will be communicated once finalised.

We are still taking enrolments and completing enrolment interviews for 2015. 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.

Regards

Mark Darlap
Deputy Principal

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their great effort this week.

Prep
Jadé McCallum
Brock Fossey
Nathaniel Schuemaker

Year 1
Usborne Waller
Christian Bugg

Year 2
Zane Rankin
Riley Cormack
Ebony Robinson

Year 3
Curtis Williams
Ken Nguyen

Year 4
Elijah Gabel
Jazzmn Williams
Hero Mercene

Year 5
Abby Tempne

Year 6
Chloe Tempne
Cameron Ramm

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday this week and over the September holidays:

Karen Arnotto Cruz, Maria Lalier, Alexia McInness, Noah Broom, Matheus de Oliveira Elias, Kayla Foley, Cooper Millan, J elabora Sims, Thomas Sims, Liam Walmsley, Eliza Jones, Jakeem Waterton, Freda Paia’Aua, Keicha Paia’Aua, Sarah Paia’Aua, Emily Shelton, Mia-Lous Taylor, Lachlan Boyce, Felicity Masonwells-Jones, Xavier Hermann, Hollie McDonald, Kayleah Von Senden, Georgina McMullen, Claire Flower

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – STRING NOTES

Mrs Svendsen takes Long Service Leave

I will be taking long service leave for the whole of term 4 and Ms Kirstyn Makin will be replacing me during that time. Kirstyn is the High School classroom music teacher at Glenmore High and is a qualified violinist and teacher. She taught violin both privately and in school string programs and she is looking forward to working with the students.

Lessons at Glenmore next term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday with string ensemble rehearsal at lunch time. Please check the door for your new lesson time.

Please make her feel welcome and ensure that the students continue to work hard and attend all lessons and rehearsals as well as performances.

Thank you very much for your support and I will see you all again in 2015.

MUSIC NOTE

Choral Festival children, 4SLM, 4JS and 5SO students will hold an afternoon of song on Friday 19 September at 2pm near the tuckshop.

ALL WELCOME

EAL/D NEWS

This term EAL/D students learnt about sport and leisure because it will help us in our future.

Sports are very good because when you do sports your body is very healthy. Swimming, soccer and tennis are sports that make you move very fast. This is why we enjoy sports. In class we played tennis, badminton, 3 legged-race and bocce and ran races.

Leisure is activities you enjoy like hobbies. Everyone is a little different with the hobby they like. My leisure activity is riding a bike. Other people in my class like exercise, playing video games, playing cards, painting pictures, read books and talk to friends.

Sunwoo

This term we are learning about animal classification because we know learning will help us in our future. Animals are divided into two classifications, vertebrates and invertebrates. Vertebrates mean the animal has a backbone and invertebrates mean they don’t have a backbone. Vertebrates are divided into five main groups, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.

- Mammals have live babies, are warm-blooded and drink milk from their mother; for example, cows, pigs and kangaroos (marsupial).
- Birds lay eggs, have feathers and are warm-blooded; for example, hummingbird, magpie and crow.
- Fish lay eggs, have moist scales and are cold-blooded; for example, goldfish, shark and barramundi.
- Reptiles lay eggs, have dry scales and are cold-blooded; for example, crocodiles, lizard and turtle.
- Amphibians lay eggs, have moist skin, are cold-blooded and live in and out of the water; for example, frog and salamander.

So far we have only learnt about one type of invertebrate. They are insects; for example, bees and ladybirds.

Jungwoo

Tuckshop Closed

Friday 19 September 2014
Public Holiday
Monday 6 October 2014
Term 4 commences

Tuesday 07 October 2014
Student Free Day
Monday 20 October 2014

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Upcoming event

TRIVIA NIGHT

WHERE: Mike Maker Centre
WHERE: 11th October
TIME: 6pm for a 6pm start
COST: $50 per person

Enquiries: mskensigton@central.org.au or text 0495 777 910