PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

One of the biggest news stories of the week has been the terrible tirade that was launched against a train guard in Brisbane. With the footage going viral, I am sure that many of you may have had the chance to look at it. It is distressing to think that people can act like that. The positive side of the story was the dignity and control with which the guard handled this young man’s appalling behaviour. He has been acknowledged by many people for his strength and bravery. It is reminiscent of the Danny Green mantra, “It takes guts to throw a punch, it takes guts to walk away.”

From time to time I have to deal with disputes between children playground. These very often arise out of the simplest things. At Glenmore State School, we keep our expectations simple: “KEEP HANDS, FEET and OBJECTS TO YOURSELF.”

Why is this a fundamental rule?

1. For the safety of everyone.
2. Because that’s what is expected in the adult world.

This is a non negotiable at Glenmore State School. It is concerning though that when I am left to deal with the results of children expressing their frustration, I am given a range of ‘reason’ why they did not follow this expectation. “He called me a name”, “She poked tongues at me”, “He took the ball”, “She kicked me first”, “He wouldn’t let me play”.

These may be all reasons why a child feels angry, sad, frustrated or anxious. They are NOT acceptable reasons to lash out.

We have a range of supports and strategies at Glenmore to help children. At any given break, we have up to 20 adults moving through the playground. They wear fluorescent yellow. Mr Dunlop and I also regularly walk the playground, before school, during breaks and after school. Children can speak to their classroom teachers and report issues. We regularly work with our students around appropriate responses – the High 5 – is research based and used in schools throughout Australia.

We will continue to work with our students to ensure that the behaviour of our students reflects the standards of our community – so that they can be successful members of community as adults.

It is important to remember that at Glenmore, we: “KEEP HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS TO OURSELVES.”

Christine Hills
Principal

Quality Learning in a Caring Environment

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

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thoughts for the week:
“Times are bad. Children no longer obey their parents, and everyone is writing a book.”
— Marcus Tullius Cicero (Roman Philosopher 106 BC to 43 BC)

INSTUMENTAL MUSIC UPDATE
After discussions with our music teachers, I have distributed additional information letters and application forms to several students in Years 3 to 5. These are students whom our music teachers feel have demonstrated a good ear for music and have the potential to become good musicians through the Instrumental Music program. I encourage parents and carers to give this opportunity consideration. Application forms given out this week are due back by Tuesday 21 October. Mr McCabe, our woodwind, brass, percussion teacher will then conduct some specific testing with these students.

STAFF UPDATE
This week, Mr Roder returned to Glenmore to work with our SEP students and will continue in this role while Ms Kelly is Acting Head of Special Education Services. Miss Watts has taken over the reins with 2AL and I must commend her on the professionalism and insight that she has demonstrated since commencing duty. Anna Shaw commenced work this term in our teacher aide ranks, replacing Mrs Couper, currently on Long Service Leave. We have also welcomed Tania-Lee Duncan to Glenmore this week as a teacher aide, filling in for staff currently on leave.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS
We have high behaviour expectations for students at Glenmore, guided by the two rules “Keep you hands, feet and objects to yourself!” and “Follow the teacher’s instructions immediately”. The second of these rules is a focus this term. Mrs Hills and I accept no excuses when students do not follow adult instructions at school. Closely linked to “Rule #2” is our in-class process for inappropriate student behaviour. A verbal warning, formal warning and time-out within the classroom are key steps in the process. These steps are designed to alert students to the direction their behaviour is heading and provide the opportunity to halt the inappropriate behaviour through the above prompts. Office referral will occur if the behaviour continues to disrupt learning. It is pleasing to note that of the 445 students at Glenmore, less than 2.5% of our students required the office referral step in Term 3.

PREP ORIENTATION SESSIONS AND ENROLMENTS
Each year, we run Prep orientation sessions for new Prep parents and children. We plan to conduct these sessions in Week 4 of this term. Sessions will be offered on Tuesday 28 October and Thursday 30 October between 9.30 and 11.00 am. Parents may select the date which best suits their schedule. During the induction sessions, we will have an information session for parents and our 2015 preppeps will be able to spend time in the prep classroom working on a range of activities.
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. It is essential that an enrolment interview is completed prior to commencement at school.

2015 CLASS PLACEMENTS
Formulating classes for the coming school year is a very complex task, one with which we must consider many factors. If you have any particular concerns about your child’s class placement for 2015, please make an appointment through the school office to discuss these concerns with me by Friday 14 November.

TRANSFERS FOR 2015
Please advise the school office as early as possible if your child/children will be transferring from Glenmore for the 2015 school year. This information enables us to complete forward planning for our 2015 classes. Similarly, if you know of someone planning to transfer to Glenmore for 2015, please encourage them to collect an enrolment package from the school.

Regards
Mark Dunlop
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:
  - Jayden Wiersma
  - Tristan Ottaway
  - Krit Bhattarai
  - Year 1:
    - Jet Constable
    - Jasmine Mullins
    - Zohra Karim
  - Year 2:
    - Mitchell Miller
    - Satchen Stubbbs
  - Year 3:
    - Allirah Richards
    - Sarah Pala’Aua
    - Yepp 4:
      - Psalmoi Gristwood
      - Hau Doan
    - Year 5:
      - Guilherme Silva
      - Hallie Roirdanh
    - Year 6:
      - Patrick Aldridge
      - Shaylee Mark

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday this week:

Matthew Adams, Georgia Pannell, Leandra Boyce, Indianna Young, India Donahue, Lex Spring, Tyron Williams

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7

Book club is due back at school by October 27. Please send all orders to the school office.

REMINDER

Student Free Day
Monday 20 October 2014
Prep Induction Days

Do you have a child born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010?

Please attend one of the Prep Open mornings at Glenmore State School. During these sessions parents will:

- Meet in school library for an informal discussion with administration staff
- Receive a Prep booklist for 2015
- View samples of uniforms
- Spend time with their child interacting with current Prep children in the classroom
- Receive a ‘Read Me’ Bag with story book, reading tips and a DVD

When? Tuesday 28 October, 9.30 to 11.00 am OR Thursday 30 October, 9.30 to 11.00 am

Enrolment forms will be available for families who have not yet completed the enrolment process.

If you have any questions, please ring the school on 4923 0666.

See you at Glenmore!