PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

As the year draws to an end I am thinking a lot about our Year 6 class. They have just over 6 weeks of primary school left. Perhaps the reason I am thinking about this so much is that I have a daughter in year 6. I look at her and think - she is still just a child. She will be 11 when she starts High School just as some of your children will be.

When I think about the qualities that our children will need for High School, they include: a sense of independence. They will need to be able to organise themselves and get to places and have their equipment. They may be juggling study, art, sport and music activities. A sense of resilience. A lot of changes happen in early adolescence including body changes. Girls who were very sporty may start disengaging with sport. Boys and girls may become self-conscious – in a way that our Year 1’s are not. Social media becomes more important to them. The opinion of their friends becomes more important than the opinion of their parents. They will have more choice about where they sit, which area they can go in. With that comes responsibility. Resilience in the characteristic that some children innately possess where their self-talk is positive. In the absence of it, it is good for the adults in their world to keep the talk positive. (I know this has been very hard on occasion especially when the teenager is also quite grumpy!). Finally a sense of drive is important. The desire to achieve will become more intrinsic and personal. There may be fewer stickers, rewards, certificates and external ‘carrots’. Students at this age have to work out why things are important to them and to develop clear goals and focus. This is something that can be done both at school and at home.

Our work at Glenmore SS has been to prepare your children for the next step. We have had at the core of our goals, the focus on literacy. We have driven home the message about standards – in bookwork, in appearance, in work that is done in class. We have seen recently the maturing of our Year 6 class. They are engaged in their school, they are applying for bursaries, they are keen to put their best foot forward. We have worked hard on goal setting and mapping out a way to be successful. We are very pleased with the work of our Year 6 class at the moment as they begin their last 6 weeks at school. It will be an exciting time for them as they celebrate the end of the primary era.

We welcomed some of our new Prep students and their parents to Glenmore this week as part of our Prep induction. For some of the parents, this is their first time with a child in the ‘big school’ setting. It is very pleasing to hear how excited these children are about starting the journey into education next year. We welcome these new students to Glenmore. We are very confident that these children will have the best start at Glenmore.

Over the next weeks, we will be doing work on preparation for next year. At the recent Student Free Day we began looking at our numeracy plan for 2015. Numeracy is the main improvement agenda item in 2015. We have formed a number of working groups to develop a Glenmore version of the Australian Curriculum and to look specifically at problem solving. We are investigating the ‘Singapore Bar Method’ which is a strategy taught to all Singapore students. Since they are one of the top performing nations – we thought it best we have a look at what they are doing! I noticed during my recent trip to Perth that the Fleming schools in Perth are also using this method. I am very confident that if we apply the same energy to numeracy that we did to writing and reading, our students will have some incredibly good results. Thank you to the teachers who are putting in the extra hours to get our numeracy on the road to outstanding.

Christine Hills
Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thought for the week:
If you only believe half of what your child tells you about school, we’ll only believe half of what they tell us about home.
Anonymous

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY – 31 OCTOBER

World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. It is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher’s Day in Queensland on Friday 31 October. World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders and World Teachers’ Day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. You can view Education Queensland’s 2014 World Teachers’ Day video here, where several prominent Queenslanders talk about teachers who had a significant positive impact on their education. Almost every adult will be able to recall a teacher who made that connection with them, who made a difference and in many cases who helped them back on track so they had a chance of success in later life. In a newsletter last year, I wrote about that teacher who had a profound impact on my schooling – Mrs Malone - in 1968 at Allenstown State School. Somehow, Mrs Malone took me from D’s in Year 4 at my previous school, to achieving the top marks in the whole Year 5 cohort by 3rd Term. Mrs Malone motivated her students to strive to do their best and insisted on highest standard of book work and personal presentation. But despite all this strictness, she maintained a great rapport with her students and I seriously doubt that there were any students of that era who did not have the highest respect for Mrs Malone. At Glenmore, as I talk with parents in the course of my duties, I regularly hear very positive stories about the difference our teachers have made to current students and older brothers and sisters. This Friday, I encourage you to acknowledge our teachers and their work, particularly with the significant improvement in our student achievement in the last 1 3/4 years.

RULE #2 – FOLLOW THE TEACHER’S INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have placed a focus on this particular rule for Term 4. At home, we are sure that parents expect that children do what they are told, and in a timely manner. At school, we also expect that instructions are followed when given by a teacher, teacher aide, office staff, Chappy Melissa or any other adult working at our school. Often, the refusal to follow an instruction in class impacts on the learning of other students. Instructions given in the playground are often given to facilitate safe play. Most referrals to the office (a small percentage of our students) relate to the unwillingness to follow directions, thus impacting on that student’s and others’ learning. Thank you for reinforcing these expectations at home, in relation to Rule #2 – “Follow the teachers’ instructions immediately”.

PREP ORIENTATION MORNINGS

This week, we hosted our prospective 2015 Prep students for orientation mornings on Tuesday and Thursday. The Preppies were able to enjoy time in the Prep classroom while parents had information sessions about Prep. Thank you to Mrs Lanyon and our Prep teachers for the preparation and successful running of these sessions.

END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

Over the coming weeks, we will be collating student achievement data to select the recipients of the many end-of-year awards. Mrs Allison will be examining academic results and our specialist teachers and sport coaches will examine students sporting and music achievements. Our awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday morning, 9 December commencing at 9.00 am in the Mike Maher Centre.

PREP INTERVIEWS AND ENROLMENTS

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.

STAFF UPDATE

Miss Colless will return from leave on Monday 3 November. Mrs March will commence Long Service Leave today until 20 November.

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 Dudley

Deputy Principal

FLUORESCENT FUNTASTIC FRIDAY SCHOOL DISCO

When: 7 November 2014
Where: St Mary’s School, Nobbs Street
Cost: $5 includes chips & popper
Time: P - 2 - 5.30pm – 7.00pm
3 - 6 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Money and permission slip due Wednesday 5 November

DATE CLAIMERS

7 November – School Disco
5 December – Year 6 Dance
8 December – School Concert
9 December – Awards Ceremony & year 6 Graduation
10 December – Report Cards sent home

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following student celebrating their birthday this week:
Tommy Forster, Jason Cameron, Alexander Hill, Jazzmin Williams, Tony Wang, Zohra Karim, Amiel Abadilla, Levi White, Braedan Lye

ENROL FOR PREP 2015
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TUCKSHOP & UNIFORM NEWS

Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

| Monday 27 | Rachel Hermann  |
| Monday 28 | Carmen Davidson |
| Wednesday 29 | Roslyn Daley |
| Thursday 30 | Marlene Granshaw |
| Friday 31 | HELP NEEDED |

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Monday & Friday Mornings - 8.30-9.30am  
Wednesday Afternoons - 2.00pm - 3.00pm  
Laybys are welcome.
PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS FACILITIES

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Prep
Suzanne Agugo  
Ronald Conlon-Harbond  
Amelia McRorie  

Year 1
Mason Russell  
Cleopatra Rose  

Year 2
Lilly-Ane Mason  
Suyane Jacob Silva  
Lucinda Barron

Year 3
Maximus Moore  
Zaria Morell  
Ebony Lye

Year 4
Thalia Blokker

Year 5
Deakin Geebung  
Cloe Spring  
Grace Cerney  
Blanch Russell

Year 6
Nataliah Backo  
Calen James

SPORTS DRAW

BASKETBALL
All games are 15 minute halves with 2 minutes for half time and 3 minutes between games.

Glenmore 1 vs RGS Wheatley – 1.20pm Court 1
Glenmore 2 vs RGS Kallow – 1.45pm Court 2
Glenmore 3 vs Frenchville 7 – 1.45pm Court 3

HOCKEY
Fifteen minute games with a 5 minute change over time.

Glenmore 1 vs Frenchville 3 on Turf 1 – 1.20-1.35pm
vs Frenchville 1 on Grass 2 – 2.00-2.15pm
Glenmore 2 vs Frenchville 4 on Turf 1 – 1.00-1.15pm
vs Glenmore 3 on Grass 3 – 2.00 – 2.15pm
Glenmore 3 vs Frenchville 1 on Turf 2 – 1.20-1.35pm
vs Stanwell on Grass 3 - 1.40 – 1.55pm

CRICKET
Junior Div vs Frenchville 5’s @ Glenmore State School

SOFTBALL/TEE BALL
Softball vs Frenchville @ Glenmore SS  
Teeball vs Mount Archer @ Glenmore SS

*** Payment for Term 4 sport is due Friday 31 Oct ***

Hats are needed every school day.  
NO HAT NO PLAY  
Please be sure your child’s hat is named.

PLAYGROUP

When: Every Tuesday  
Where: 1 Block, Room 1, Glenmore State School  
Time: 1.00pm – 2.30pm  
Age: 0-5 years

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Glenmore State School on 4923 0666

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Book Fair “Garden” is coming...it blooms on November 19. Start saving now so you can buy some wonderful books and novelty items.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DAY FOR DANIEL THIS FRIDAY

The 10th annual Day for Daniel will be held on Friday the 31st October. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation held the first Day for Daniel in November 2005. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Day for Daniel is also an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia.

You can find out more at: http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/

Rockhampton Basketball

With the launch of our Summer Season, now is the perfect time for your child to join a team.

U10’s: Players born in 2009-2006  
U12’s: Players born in 2005 & 2004

Game Times: Fri Afternoon/Night

Please contact Development Manager Matt Neason (4922 5544) for more information.