It is often hard to see what 6 to 7 years of education looks like - so this week, we have decided to share with you the journey our children make at Primary school. Congratulations to our students, our teachers and our community. We should be so proud of the scholars we create at Glenmore State School.

David Attenborough
Did you realise that David Attenborough's contribution to human kind's knowledge of the animal kingdom rivals that even of the great Charles Darwin? Attenborough is my absolute hero because of this. Some other simple reasons for this are: he has made an immense contribution to our knowledge of nature; his highly popular and informative documentaries have even taught children the importance of the environment and his dedication to his work is unmatched. If this is not sufficient evidence of him deserving an award, perhaps I should go into more depth?

To begin with, David Attenborough is my undoubted hero because of his contribution to our understanding of the natural world. He has discovered how important one specific, seemingly insignificant, form of life can be, how the extinction of just one species can spell doom for the world and how we can protect this fragile ecosystem that has civilisation itself resting upon its shoulders. Award David a medal, a Nobel Prize, anything! Make him feel appreciated.

On another note, this marvellous, phenomenal man has taught the children of the future exactly what lives on this hunk of rock we call Earth. These children will, in the relatively near future, need to be able to save the environment from destruction. Mr Attenborough has already given them the knowledge they need, they can, and will, save the planet if they need to, and if they don't have to, their children or grandchildren will need to, and will receive the information they need from their elders, who learnt from the master, Attenborough!

Finally, it is undeniable that David Attenborough is a praiseworthy hero of all nature lovers because of his dedication to his work. He is extremely aged, yet he continues his studies, he has been at it since he was a young man, yet still the world ignores his warnings, and even as the environment heads steadily towards disaster, he tries desperately to save it. If this isn't dedication, I don't know what is!

by Daniel Sanderson - Year 6 (November 2014)
People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success.
-Norman Vincent Peale

FIVE STAR COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB DONATION

Last Friday evening, the Five Star Community Service Club presented their annual donations to the schools and organisations they support. I was proud to accept the club’s donation of $1000 on behalf of Glenmore State School. These donations are possible through the Five Star Service Club’s ongoing fundraising activities. The club has been a great supporter of Glenmore State School over many years and this support is most definitely appreciated. We plan to use this year’s donation to complete our formal uniform project, enabling students who represent the school at important occasions, to dress in the formal uniform. The most recent occasions where students wore our formal uniform include the Darumbal Awards and the Glenmore High Awards Night.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Teachers are currently working on Semester 2 reports. Students are completing assessment tasks which will contribute to their report. Despite these tasks being finalised, we will be maintaining our regular classroom work and expectations right through to Week 10 and making the most of the valuable teaching time between now and December 12.

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH AWARDS NIGHT

On Monday night I attended the annual Awards Night at North Rockhampton High, as an invited guest. My connection with the school stems from my Mount Archer days and my own daughter’s education at NRSHS, during which time I held positions on the School Council and P & C Association. I still have a keen interest in the progress of students I worked with before moving to Glenmore. It was very pleasing to see many students I knew receiving awards and having achieved in a variety of fields from academic to citizenship, as they move through high school. One student I taught in Year 5, the 2014 Vice-Captain at NRSHS, was named Runner-Up to the Dux of the school (and I’m not claiming any significant part of that achievement, but she did receive some great teaching in Year 5). Speaking with her after the ceremony, I reminded her of a discussion at the beginning of Year 5 when we were examining part of a story and she explained at length how the author was speaking metaphorically - not bad for a 9-year-old! With her high school achievement she could pursue almost any career, but she told me she is going to do a teaching degree at university because she wants to give students the same opportunities and support that she has been afforded during her education. What a wonderful goal for a young person to have. Another of my past students received the award for the “Highest Achievement in Mathematics in Year 9” (again, no claims on my part) and I have clear memories of her ability in Maths in Year 6. In the vocational field, another young lady I taught, now finishing Year 12, had secured an apprenticeship in the hospitality industry and had already completed a significant part of it during her senior years at high school.

As teachers, we do follow our students’ progress with interest and feel great pride when they succeed later in life and often great sadness when they do not. We look forward to following the progress of our current Year 6’s as they complete their secondary education.

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

All current Year 6 students moving to high school for 2015 must complete an enrolment interview as well as submitting enrolment forms. If the enrolment process has not been completed, students will not have a class allocation for 2015 and will not be able to take part in transition days at high school later this term. After surveying students this week, we are aware of some who are still to have an enrolment interview. Please ensure you have completed the enrolment formalities as soon as possible to facilitate a smooth transition to high school. We also advise checking your preferred school’s enrolment management plan as some students may not reside within the designated catchment.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS – LOCK THEM UP AT SCHOOL

On an average day, no more than half of the bikes in our bike racks have a lock of any description securing them to the rack. While we do not regularly have bikes go missing, a simple chain or cable and lock can prevent a great deal of upset. The old saying about “an ounce of prevention” is right on the mark.

STAFF UPDATE

Mrs March is due to return from leave on Monday. Thank you to Miss Colless for her great work with 1JM over the past three weeks. Miss Navie is due to return from leave on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Heffer for teaching 2/3DN during Miss Navie’s absence. Mrs Barram is due to go on leave from 1 December until the end of term. We are currently in the process of organising Mrs Barram’s replacement for those two weeks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – 2015

The adherence to wearing the school uniform is very high at Glenmore. It is not very often that we have students at school out of uniform. This year, we introduced the formal uniform for students representing the school at important occasions. We aim to raise the standard of our regular school uniform in 2015. If purchasing new shoes for your children for the 2015 school year, please select black shoes. There are many black jogger style shoes available, either lace-up or velcro (for our younger students). Slip-on, lightweight canvas shoes are not suitable for school as they do not provide adequate protection for children’s feet, especially during sporting and lunchtime activities. Generally, they do not have a long lifespan when worn to school every day. Thank you in advance for assisting us to raise our uniform standard in 2015.

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR SPARE UNIFORM SUPPLY?

Our supply of spare uniforms has dwindled considerably during the year. At the conclusion of 2014, if you have uniforms which are serviceable and no longer required for younger siblings, please consider donating them to our uniform supply at the office. Any donations will be gratefully received. We often need to help out students with a replacement shirt, shorts or skirt during the school day.

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.

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, we are due to contact the office for an enrolment package from the school.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

4 December – Instrumental Night
5 December – Year 6 Dinner & Dance
8 December – School Concert
9 December – Awards Ceremony & Year 6 Graduation
10 December – Report Cards sent home

Regards
Mark Darlap
Deputy Principal
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Prep
Nyillarnie Meredith
Jahna Meredith
Ella Bugg
Year 1
Ryan Gautam
Mia Orcher
Year 2
William Doan
Bella Morrell
Sharnise Moore
Year 3
Ashlee Russell
Year 4
Janae Jarrett-Lawton
Angelina Taylor
Joshua O’Brien
Year 5
Tristan Howell
Sheanel Hali
Year 6
Joshua Morris
Acer Ahorro

BOOK FAIR

Remember that Book Fair is currently being held in the school library. Come in and check out the great books, pens, posters and other items that are on sale. Book Fair is open before school from 8am-9am and 2.30pm-3.30pm. Friday is the last day!

SPORTS DRAW

BASKETBALL
Glenmore 1 vs RGS Wheatsheaf 1 12.30pm Court 2
Glenmore 2 vs RGS Red - 12.30pm Court 3

HOCKEY
Fifteen minute games with a 5 minute change over time.
Glenmore 1 vs St Joseph’s W2 on Turf 1 - 1.20-1.35pm
Glenmore 2 vs St Joseph’s PA 3 on Turf 1 - 1.00-1.15pm
Glenmore 3 vs RGS 3 on Turf 2 - 1.20-1.35pm

CRICKET
Junior Div Forfeit – NO GAME THIS WEEK

SOFTWARE/TEEBALL
Softball vs RGS 1 @ Glenmore
Teeball vs St Joseph’s PA @ Glenmore

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following student celebrating their birthday this week:
Genevieve Daley, Monika Lamo, Guilherme Silva, Haylee Berrows, Chantelle Smedley, Shakaaya Warriner, Mitchell Miller, Dylan Close, Jayden Roberts

P&C RAFFLE TICKETS

Our Christmas Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you do not want to sell tickets or you would like some more tickets, please see the staff in the school office.
1st Prize - Great Keppel Island Family Cruise
2nd Prize - Nintendo DS XL
3rd Prize - $30 Coles Gift Card

TERM 4 FINISHES
FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER
TERM 1 2015 COMMENCES
27 JANUARY 2015

TUCKSHOP & UNIFORM NEWS

Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

| Monday 17 | Rachel Hermann |
| Tuesday 18 | Carmen Davidson | HELP NEEDED |
| Wednesday 19 | Roslyn Daley | HELP NEEDED |
| Thursday 20 | Marlene Granshaw | HELP NEEDED |
| Friday 21 | HELP NEEDED |

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

AMT COMPETITION

Australian Mathematics Trust Australian Mathematics Competition for 2014

This semester, 5 students from Years 3 - 6 at Glenmore State School sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition organized by the Australian Mathematics Trust which tested basic manipulations and routine and non-routine problem solving.

Congratulations to all students who entered. Our students were awarded 2 Certificates of Credit, 1 Certificate of Proficiency and 2 Certificates of Participation. Well done!

The following are the recipients and the certificates they received:

CREDIT:
AHORRO, Acer 6MO (Top 30% of Year 6 students in Australia)
JAMES, Seth 3LO

PROFICIENCY:
ISHMAIL, Trudy 3LF

PARTICIPATION:
BROOKMAN, Xander 3LO
PICK, Matthew 6MM

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Free Microsoft software for students’ personal computers
All state school students from Prep-Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password — those who don’t should contact their school’s MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only — no equipment which is part of a school network.

Find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite. https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

We have decided to introduce our digital newsletter in week 9 of this term. You will be able to access this newsletter via the school website and Qschools App. We will send text messages each week as a reminder the latest newsletter is ready. This is a significant change for Glenmore as we have been used to paper-based newsletters every Thursday for some time. If required a limited number of paper copies will be available at the school office.