PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It’s Graduation, Speech Night and Schoolies season. Or... it’s the season to be jolly! One of the benefits of attending a bunch of speech nights is listening to the speeches that are given. I heard one the other night where a principal identified what they thought the 6 keys to success in education were:

- respect the past
- dress standards
- be a risk taker
- handle loss well
- manners
- lend a hand

I thought about this in terms of Glenmore. We aim to respect the past – our traditional owners – programs that have worked to promote understanding of our indigenous students: our murals, our story book (which every parent whose child was published has a copy of), Harmony Day, the Darumbal Awards and our Reconciliation March to name a few. We also acknowledge the history of our school with our 125th anniversary. It was great to see the Glenmore community come together to celebrate what we do.

We have worked hard on dress standards. As a mother of a 14-year-old, I have heard every argument about how “unfair” uniforms are. Yet when I see our students in our new formal uniform, I see how proudly they stand. I see people in Rockhampton notice how our children stand out from the crowd. I see our children be proud of the fact that they are from Glenmore.

It is hard to step out of your comfort zone – to be the one to disagree with the group – yet I have seen evidence of that this week – students who have said to the group – that’s not right – and taken the opportunity to stand up for someone who is being bullied or excluded. I know that most of our students think this way. Some of our students have taken a risk – by applying for leadership positions. I am very impressed with our 2015 hopefuls – they are the best Glenmore has to offer – and I look forward to announcing our school leaders before the end of the year.

I would dwell more on “Handle loss well” but am sure that we have nothing to worry about in the softball and cricket finals this Friday!!! GO GLENMORE!!!!!!!

Manners are important – please, thank you, excuse me – but more than that, watching our level of language: our children imitate us: movies, songs, family members. I worry that our children use bad language and aren’t even really aware of what the words mean.

Lending a hand is the Australian way – don’t wait for a major event for that to happen. There is no point raising money for charity if we can’t put our money where our mouth is and stand up for the kids who need it. We have many students with disability in our school – it’s not their choice but it’s our choice to stand up for them when they need our help.

I am sure there are other standards that we can aim for – but right now, I am happy that the Glenmore State School standards are not that much different to all of the other schools in Rockhampton.

I might wear green on Friday and go to the softball and cricket grand finals. My children say I am very embarrassing when I watch sport!

Christine Hills
Christine Hills
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Thought for the week
Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.
Julie Andrews

EXPECTATIONS OF CONDUCT BY PARENTS AND CARERS

At Glenmore, we have very clear expectations of the way adults and students should conduct themselves on school premises. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive - this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers - will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises. If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the Principal or Deputy Principal. All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that we can maintain a safe supportive environment at Glenmore for our students to learn.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTING WELL UNDERWAY

The Semester 2 reporting process is now well underway, with class teachers preparing draft reports for checking by the Admin. Team. Preparing reports for parents is a huge task, with several checks and balances along the way. Mrs Lanyon is assisting me this semester, overseeing Prep, Year 1, 2 and some Year 3 reports.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

This week, our Year 6 students had the opportunity to attend a “Beauty and the Geek” disco at Glenmore High. Next week, they will attend GHSS for a day with the Get Set for 7 program. This will be a culminating activity to ensure our students have a smooth transition to high school in 2015.

STAFF UPDATE

Mrs March’s leave has been extended to the end of this week. Miss Colless will continue to teach 1J/M until this Friday. Mrs Barram will commence two weeks’ leave from this Friday. Miss Colless will be teaching Prep KB from Monday 1 December until the end of the school year.

2015 CLASSES

Thank you to the parents with whom I have spoken in recent weeks about 2015 class placements. I have been a pleasure talking with you about what may be best for your children. Be assured that we take a broad range of factors into consideration when formulating class lists. Our ultimate goal is for your children to be academically and socially successful in the forthcoming school year.

2015 BOOK LISTS

Teachers have updated year level book lists for 2015. These will be distributed as soon as possible. We will be alerting parents by text message when the book lists have been distributed to students.

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, please encourage them to collect 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 Dunlop
Deputy Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Prep
Louise Dobbs
Brody James
Blake James

Year 1
Usharne Waller
Swornim Khatiwada

Year 2
Liam Walmsley
Prateek Poudel
Caitlin Rose

Year 3
James Doyle
Trinity Jenkins

Year 4
Jazzmn Williams
Cameron Price
Netarma Cora

Year 5
Noah Broom
Bryson Norval

Year 6
Maria Lalier
Cameron Rammm

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following student celebrating their birthday this week:
Ieisha Biggs, Wykeakea Wasin, Clayton Lyons, Ella Bugg
DARUMBAL AWARDS

All Glenmore students who were nominated for the Darumbal awards this month were worthy winners of their individual awards and looked splendid in their formal school uniforms on the night. These six students representing our school made their families and Glenmore State School proud.

Academic Award: Deakin Geebung & Hallie Riordan
Citizenship Award: Jason Cameron & Kiara Backo
Sporting Award: Jakahn Von Senden & Chloe Jarrett-Lawton

SUMMER SPORT DRAWS

CRICKET – FINAL 11.30am
Junior Div The Hall @ Glenmore SS

SOFBALL/TEEBALL – FINAL 10.30am
Softball vs Frenchville @ Kele Park
Teeball vs St Joseph’s PA 2 @ Western Street

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SOFTBALL AND CRICKET TEAMS PLAYING IN THE FINALS TOMORROW!

BASKETBALL
Basketball will be played at school this week.

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

Glenmore 1 vs Crescent Lagoon 3 Turf 1 – 1.20-1.35pm
Glenmore 1 on Grass 2 – 2.00-2.15pm

Glenmore 2 vs St Joseph’s PA 2 on Turf 1 – 1.00-1.15pm
Glenmore 4 on Grass 2 – 1.40 – 1.55pm

Glenmore 3 vs Crescent Lagoon 1 on Turf 2 – 1.20-1.35pm
vs Allenstown 2 on Turf 1 – 2.00 – 2.15pm

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

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

As you would be aware by now this is our last paper copy newsletter. From next week we will introduce our digital newsletter. You will be able to access this newsletter via the school website, www.glenmoress.eq.edu.au and QSchools App. We will send text messages each week as a reminder when 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.

TUCKSHOP & UNIFORM NEWS

Reminder – Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

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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

GSWS BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Calen James, Kaylah Pattell and Kaylah Halliday.

Calen James – Academic
Kayla Pattell – Cultural
Kaylah Halliday – All Rounder

EAL/D EXCURSION

This term, the intensive English class has been learning about animals. We learnt about their classifications, lives and habitats. Then we focused on Australian animals and went to the Botanic Gardens Zoo for an excursion. Now we are putting together fact files on the animals we learnt about and are creating a movie clip around the animals that we saw. ABC radio host Jacqui Mackay even came and interviewed us. You can listen to the recording on this on the ABC radio morning show website dated 18 November 2014. The students will leave the class at the end of this year. It has been a pleasure having them at the IEC and we wish them all the best in the new year.

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