PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

04 December 2014

Next week we will celebrate the year of learning we have had at Glenmore. Starting with the Senior Dinner/Dance at Old Glenmore Homestead on Friday night. It will be great to celebrate with the senior class.

The senior class of 2014 are outstanding. They were our first ‘test’ class at NAPLAN in 2013 when we rolled out our writing agenda — and they aced it — performing at exactly the same average as some of the private schools in Rockhampton. These children also won the strings section of the Rocky Eisteddfod, taking out 16 other schools. They have made finals in netball, cricket and softball — all without the benefit of Year 7 team members. They have represented our school at the Youth Parliament. They have been recognised by the Darumbal awards. They have solemnly read the names of our lost soldiers at the war memorial and their words have been recorded for all time. They have met the Reader’s Cup Challenge and the demands of the University of NSW testing. Not to mention their school work.

They showed us that Glenmore students are capable of the best. Schools, teachers, Principals and policy makers from around the country have visited Glenmore to see what our teachers and students can do. John Fleming was a pivotal part of our journey. It was interesting that when our Year 6s were at Glenmore State High School on Wednesday and met the Director General — one of them asked the question, “Do you know Mr Fleming?” Our school is a reflection of John’s work.

I am very proud of the work we have done at Glenmore — students, teachers, aides, admin, Chappy, tuckshop, P&C, volunteers, grounds, cleaners — it’s a team effort. Our children have shown us that they are capable of the best and I hope they keep producing it.

We have 2 rules at Glenmore — because I believe simple is best. They are basic but important. While they may say, “Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself” and “Do as your teacher instructs immediately”, what they mean is: don’t lash out at people and co-operate; be part of the team. I think these are important maxims for life.

I am looking forward to celebrating the year that was at Glenmore — with our Senior Dinner/Dance starting off. Maybe some of you have heard how unfair dancing lessons have been but I can tell you, they all blossom out into enjoyment on the night. I want to publically acknowledge Mr McArthur for his work around this and tell you how much he does to ensure every student experiences a great night at the Senior dance.

Following that is the concert and awards ceremony. It is important to recognise the P&C who will be involved in each of these is various ways and say how important their work is in the school. I would like many more parents to get involved.

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Dunlop has been appointed Acting Principal of Glenmore State School in 2015. There is no better man for the job! His professionalism is without a match and his belief in the course the school can take is unwavering. Mrs Lauree Lanyon will provide an outstanding support as Acting Deputy. Many of you will know her work and know that she is without peer in advocating for students and supporting students to achieve their best. The school is in the best possible care.

Enjoy celebrating the end of the year and the work that has been achieved at Glenmore in 2014.

Christine Hills
Christine Hills
Principal
Thought for the week

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.
—Warren Bennis

CONGRATULATIONS MRS HILLS

Last Thursday, Mrs Hills announced her appointment as Principal of Gladstone State High School, the largest school in the Central Queensland Region. This promotion is testament to Mrs Hills’ abilities as a school leader and to how her skills are viewed by our Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director. Of course, we would all like to have had Mrs Hills at Glenmore for another year or two (or more!). The important thing to consider is that Glenmore is now in a very good place as a result of the vision of Mrs Hills. This will allow us to continue the momentum and to build on the previous two years’ work. In our final newsletter for the year, I will write further about Mrs Hills’ work at Glenmore, its positive impact on your children and influence on my own career.

NEW SMOKING LAWS FROM 1 JANUARY 2015

As of 1 January 2015, it will be illegal to smoke within FIVE METRES of a school boundary. This law applies in school hours, out of school hours (including weekends) and during school holidays. In relation to Glenmore SS, this means that smoking is not permitted outside the school unless you are more than five metres from our fence. Smoking on the footpath beside our fence, regardless of the position of gates, would be in breach of these new laws.

CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

We have applied for funding for the continuation of our Chaplaincy program at Glenmore. New funding processes commenced this year for the provision of Chaplaincy in schools for 2015, as a result of the High Court challenges to Chaplaincy. In my job as Deputy Principal, I regularly see the benefits that Chappy Melissa brings to our students and school community.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS LANGFORD – YEAR 2, HAILEYBURY COLLEGE 2015

Miss Amy Langford left Glenmore at the end of Term 3 for a new life in Melbourne. We are excited to announce that Miss Langford has secured a teaching position at the Brighton Campus of Haileybury College (where John Fleming is based), teaching Year 2 in 2015. Miss Langford went through a rigorous process, including teaching a 50 minute Explicit Instruction lesson for the Headmaster and selection panel. The important aspect of her success is that the teaching practice she developed at Glenmore was the key factor in getting the job at Haileybury. Parents pay $27 000 a year (plus uniforms and other expenses) for their child’s education at Haileybury. At Glenmore, your children can receive the same standard of teaching for free. When I spoke recently with Mr Scott Doran, Headmaster at Haileybury Brighton, he complimented Glenmore for developing such high level teaching skills in our teachers. We wish Miss Langford every success at Haileybury.

YEAR 6 DINNER, SCHOOL CONCERT AND AWARDS

Our Year 6 students will celebrate the end of their primary schooling on Friday night with a dinner and dance at Old Glenmore Homestead. The 2014 Glenmore Christmas concert is on Monday night (8 December) in the Mike Maher Centre. Classes have been rehearsing this week for their performances. The P & C Association will be running a BBQ prior to the concert. Our 2014 Awards and Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday morning (9 December) in the Mike Maher Centre. We look forward to parents and family members joining us to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2014. The ceremony is due to begin at 9.00 am.

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. The uniform shop will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week before school starts, from 9 to 11 am. Uniforms can be placed on layby or packaged for collection and payment at a later date.

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.

Regards

Mark Dunlop

Deputy Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Prep
Cassidy Findlay
Karen Ardalho Cruz
Blake James

Year 1
Cheyenne Treagus
Sophia Doyle

Year 2
Cooper Millan
Alec McLauchlan
Shakaya Warriner

Year 3
Jessica Spencer
Verna Mae Catubig
Thu Tran

Year 4
Harlee Mark

Year 5
Talis Morrell
Jorja Quinn
Robert Taylor
Jayden Price

Year 6
Kaylah Pattell
Tyrreece Mitchell
BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday this week:
Kaylah Pattel, Jack Jones, Rylie Green-Hermann, Star Rumpf, Tredee Armstrong, Ashlee Russell, Zaria Morrell, Harmony Hayes

CONGRATULATIONS KAYLAH

Congratulations Kaylah for winning “Empire Rockhampton Through Your Eyes” competition. The category Kaylah entered was open to both primary and secondary school students. Entrants could edit their photo on their computer using filters and programs. Kaylah’s prize a $2000 NAB high interest saver account.

TUCKSHOP & UNIFORM NEWS
Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

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UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS - NEXT WEEK ONLY
Monday to Friday - 8.30-9.30am
January 2015 - 21, 22 & 23 - 9.00-11.00am
Laybys are welcome.
PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS FACILITIES

GLENMORE GREATS TERM 4 2014

Congratulations Grant, Hailee, Malcolm, Chloe, Tristan, Dylan, Jose’ & Caitlin.

FREE DRESS DAY
Free Dress Day Fundraiser
Thursday 11 December
Christmas Theme -
Glenmore State School will hold a Free Dress Day Thursday 11 December.
Students can wear something red, green or Christmas-themed!
All students participating in Free Dress Day will be asked for a gold coin donation with all money received going to the Smith Family who are busy helping families in need at this time of year.
Please note: No sleeveless shirts and closed in shoes must be worn!

P&C NEWS
Christmas Concert
Monday 8 December 2014
Mike Maher Centre, Glenmore State High School
CONCERT STARTS AT 6.30PM
Doors open at 6.15pm
Admission – Gold Coin Donation

Food available from 5.30pm
- Steak Burger – $6.00
- Sausage in Bread – $2.50
- Softdrink – $2.00
- Water – $1.00

Reminder: NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE HALL.
Students to sit in their class groups with their teacher.

This year the P&C Association is providing a FREE Sausage Sizzle for students on Thursday 11 December. Students will receive a sausage in bread, pepper and watermelon. Only 1st break is catered for, so your child will need to bring lunch for 2nd break.
Glenmore State School P&C would like to thank all our volunteers for 2014 and we look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Please return any raffle tickets sold or unsold to the school office by Friday 5 December.
1st Prize - Great Keppel Island Family Cruise
2nd Prize - Nintendo DS XL
3rd Prize - $30 Coles Gift Card
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FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER
TERM 1 2015 COMMENCES
27 JANUARY 2015

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