Well the year has come to an end and we have had the chance to celebrate this week at Glenmore. On Friday night, we acknowledged our Seniors with the traditional Senior dinner dance at Glenmore homestead. What a wonderful venue and one with very meaningful ties to our school. The Seniors were immaculately presented and they were a wonderful representation of what a Glenmore graduate is. Thank you to all our students, our parents and staff for their contribution to this wonderful occasion.

On Monday night our school concert entertained the Glenmore school community. A lot of work goes into the presentation of this evening and I would especially like to thank Ms Goodsell for the hours she has put in to making this a great night for our students. Thank you to all the other staff who contributed and to the P&C for the BBQ. It was great to see the various acts and the children certainly looked to be having a great time.

On Tuesday we acknowledged the work of our students with our presentation ceremony. Many of our students were acknowledged for their excellence – congratulations to all of our students for their work academically, on the sporting field, culturally, musically and with attendance. Glenmore students have shown once again that there is no limit to the excellence they can achieve.

On Wednesday, our school celebrated the end of the year with a game of 'Bubble Soccer'. Closely resembling being trapped in a large bubble wrap sauna - the kids had a 'ball' rolling around the oval. Thank you to Glenmore SHS for allowing their year 7 students to take part – this has been another great chance for our students to enhance their transition to Glenmore State High School.

The P&C has been an incredible supporter of the students and staff of this school throughout 2014. They will be providing the students with a free sausage sizzle today to celebrate the end of another successful year at Glenmore. I wish to thank the P&C and the Executive for their outstanding commitment to the school – particularly in a year I decided a school fete would be a great idea.

And so my time at Glenmore comes to an end. I want to thank the students, staff and community of Glenmore for your support and commitment to the improvement agenda we have undertaken at this great school. I am convinced that nothing can hold our kids back. They have proven time and time again that they are capable of outstanding results. They are polite, considerate, hard working and very proud of wearing the green and grey. Glenmore has been very good to my family and my 2 youngest children and it will always hold a special place for me because of that. The work that we have done at Glenmore would not have been possible without the support of Mark Dunlop – who came here with me in 2013. He has been the backbone of the stability of this school and is superbly placed to lead it into the future. He has an excellent team of senior management around him to ensure we keep moving forward. I would like to acknowledge the office staff who ensure that each day, we are supported so we can concentrate of getting things right for kids. The care they give your children is unmatched. Thank you to an outstanding teaching staff – some of the best in the country. It is easy to take what we have for granted but I am reminded by John Fleming every time he visits how excellent our teachers are. They are supported by a range of other support staff that also make an outstanding difference to children every day. Thank you also to the parents, family and community members who work for and with your children to value add to their education.

Glenmore State School is a great school. We have proven that again and again to the community of Rockhampton. I hope our children take that belief forward and make the most of the excellent education that they can access here.

Christine Hills
Principal

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Great state. Great opportunity.
Thought for the week
Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.
Dr Seuss

THANK YOU MRS HILLS FOR AN AMAZING TWO YEARS AT GLENMORE AND BEST WISHES
In November 2012, Mrs Hills recruited me, from applicants across the state, to join her at Glenmore for 2013, as Acting Deputy Principal (a move I made with great apprehension). Little did I know then of what an amazing two years lay ahead. Mrs Hills has been an outstanding school leader and working with her has been easily the most rewarding time of my career. We have made a great team – strong and united. There has never been a moment when we were “on a different page” – and that’s the way it had to be for Glenmore to move ahead like it has. Mrs Hills has challenged my thinking in many areas – for the better - and has been the key influence in my growth as a Deputy Principal. She had a strong influence in me being appointed permanently as Glenmore’s DP and an equally strong influence in me being offered the Acting Principal’s job after her promotion to Gladstone State High. I cannot express how much I appreciate this support and the faith Mrs Hills has placed in me. It is very humbling indeed.

These things pale into insignificance, though, compared with the mission which Mrs Hills was given to improve your children’s achievement, to give them the best possible start in life and to show they were as good or better than any kids in the nation. At the start of 2013, not in our wildest dreams did we think we could be where we are now, in under two years. Mrs Hills’s vision has had Glenmore recognised across the nation for the improvement and programs we have implemented. We have had countless Principals, Deputies and teachers from across the state and country visit Glenmore and they have gone back to their own schools in awe of what our kids are doing. Glenmore has been recognised by high ranking politicians, who have been equally impressed by what they have seen here at your children’s school. Our work at Glenmore, under Mrs Hills’s leadership has reinvigorated your children’s teachers and changed their perception of what Glenmore kids can achieve.

Mrs Hills, herself, has made many outstanding achievements on a personal and professional level. She has presented at national conferences – talking about the great things happening at Glenmore; she is recognised nationally for excellence in leadership and was awarded the Harvard Scholarship largely due to what our teachers had achieved at Glenmore under her leadership. How many schools in Queensland can boast a Principal with credentials like that?

On a personal note, I will greatly miss Mrs Hills and the strong and effective working relationship we have developed in the two years. I still believe that a significant factor was the common Theodore background – after teaching Mr Hills in Grade 7, way back in 1982. I respect Mrs Hills’s desire to take on new challenges. I congratulate her on the promotion to lead the largest school in the Central Queensland region – that speaks of Mrs Hills’s ability as a school leader. We all wish that Mrs Hills could have stayed longer at Glenmore, but the legacy she has left places us and Glenmore kids in a wonderful position. Personally, and on behalf of the Glenmore community, I wish Mrs Hills every success at Gladstone State High and I know she will always have a place in her heart for the staff and students at Glenmore. Farewell, Mrs Hills, and best wishes from Glenmore.

AND SO TO 2015
As Mrs Hills communicated in the last newsletter, Mr Paul Wood, our Assistant Regional Director, offered me the Acting Principal’s job at Glenmore for Semester 1 next year. I accepted the offer because I want to see Glenmore continue on our path to excellence. Mrs Hills has left us a wonderful legacy in where the school is now positioned. We are in a strong place to continue raising our standards. Children in our Prep to Year 2 area are, as John Fleming says, “smashing it” with their literacy. I firmly believe in the work we have done with Explicit Instruction, our writing and reading programs and in 2015, the roll out of our numeracy program. Your children have done Glenmore proud with their achievements and with your continued support of what we do, we can raise the bar even further. I look forward to the challenge of leading the school in 2015. I thank you in advance for your backing of our improvement agenda through 2015.

2014 - ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR GLENMORE
As we look back at 2014, the successes of our students were numerous and significant. We have had success in music, sport and academic areas. Our students have stood out as shining examples in their formal uniforms at important occasions. Their presence and abilities were recognised at the Youth Parliament. Glenmore’s successes are a result of the hard work of our teachers and support staff, together with the determination and dedication of students. In a newsletter some time ago, I referred to the old saying “Success breeds success” and I look forward to our students continuing to do Glenmore proud in 2015.

2015 CLASS STRUCTURE
We have planned for 18 classes in 2015. These consist of 3 X Prep classes, 2 X Year 1, 1 X Year 1/2, 2 X Year 2, 2 X Year 3, 1 X Year 3/4, 2 X Year 4, 2 X Year 5, 1 X Year 5/6 and 2 X Year 6. Student’s class placements for 2015 have been included in semester report envelopes. These current arrangements are subject to change, depending on our Day 8 enrolment numbers.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY FOR 2015
The P & C Association and LCC have endorsed a slight change to the school day for 2015. Lessons will commence at 8.55 am after an 8:30 am bell. First lunch will be from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. Second lunch will be from 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm. The school day will conclude at 3:00 pm. There will be designated eating time at each lunch break – 15 minutes from 11:00 to 11:15 and 10 minutes from 1:15 to 1:25. Students will eat in their respective covered areas at both lunch breaks. We have conducted a trial on Fridays, closely resembling this arrangement, for most of the year and it has worked well. The new arrangements will enable some more structured routines to be put into place at break times, as well as moving the longer play time earlier in the day to avoid the summer maximum temperatures.

2015 SCHOOL YEAR
The 2015 school year commences on TUESDAY 27 JANUARY. It is important that students return to school on time, as our enrolment numbers on Day 8 determine the number of teachers, teacher aide hours and administration hours. It would be unfortunate for Glenmore if we were to lose staff or hours because a few students had not returned to school on time. Please help us to make a strong start to 2015 by having your children back at school on DAY 1 – 27 January.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
We have been requested to remind families that it is important that your children attend school every day. We have great teachers at Glenmore, but they can’t perform miracles when children consistently don’t attend school. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school. If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school. If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal of your child’s school BEFORE you travel away. It is not acceptable to take your children out of school for holidays. Families should plan their holidays to coincide with school holidays.


HATS AND HAT CORDS – 2015
Our P & C has endorsed the decision to remove cords from all new hats sold by our tuckshop. When hats are reordered, they will not have cords at all. This has come about after several cord-related
injuries suffered by students while playing at school. The hat cords do present a hazard as well as being the focus of chewing at times (a hygiene issue). Cords also facilitate children being able to wear their hats hanging on their backs, providing no sun protection. We ask that parents and carers cut the cords off their children’s hats for the beginning of the school year. Except on the windiest of days, hats will stay on heads at playtime without a cord. It is also essential that ALL students have a broad-brimmed hat at school EVERY day.

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 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 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.

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 FAREWELLS
On Friday we farewell several valued teachers - Miss Knowles, Mrs Conner, Miss Watts and Mr Roder and teacher aides - Mrs Domic, Mr Cedar, Mr Hill, Mr Sherrington, Mrs Sanderson, Mrs Shaw Mrs Millan. We wish Miss Knowles well for her next role as a mother and must acknowledge the fantastic work she has done with 1LK. Thank you to Mrs Conner who has taught 6WO each Friday as well as working for many weeks in our Special Education Program and to Miss Watts for her work with 2AL following Miss Langford’s departure. Mr Roder has supported many of our students through his work with our Special Education Program this term and back into Term 3. He has been an asset to our school and has spent countless hours before and after school beautifying our gardens, sorting old furniture and a multitude of other jobs. Mr Roder is a great friend of Glenmore and I hope that we will see him back here in some capacity throughout 2015. Thank you to the teacher aides listed above for the fantastic work supporting our students in class and in the playground. The extra care and attention they have given to your children will be greatly missed, but the positive impact of their work will remain. We wish them all the very best for 2015. We are also farewelling one of our cleaners, Gill Hunter. Gill has been with us for nearly 10 years and we appreciate all she has done for Glenmore. We would like to wish Gill and family well with their move to New Zealand. THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND NEW YEAR
Thank you to the many volunteers of our school for supporting our students during 2015. I wish everyone in our Glenmore school community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy birthday to the following student celebrating their birthdays over the holidays:

SCHOOL WATCH
Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.
By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Wednesday 21 January 9.00-11.00am
Thursday 22 January 9.00 – 11.00am
Friday 23 January 9.00 – 11.00am
Uniforms can be placed on layby or packaged for collection and payment at a later date.

GLENMORE STATE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 15 DECEMBER.
WE REOPEN ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015
SCHOOL RECOMMENCES ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015

Merry Christmas