To begin my first newsletter as Principal of Glenmore State School, I would like to extend a warm welcome for the 2015 school year to our new and continuing students and their families. On Tuesday, around 70 students had their first day at Glenmore State School. For many of these, it was their first taste of school as they started Prep. I look forward to seeing their learning blossom as they work with our fabulous Glenmore teachers.

As you are aware, late last year Mrs Hills was appointed Principal of Gladstone State High and when I spoke with her last Sunday evening, was readying herself for the 1654 students due to start this week. Although Mrs Hills is no longer at Glenmore, our direction, our mission and our goals will not change – we will not deviate from the very clear path we are on. We will continue our focus on writing and reading, in which our students have excelled. We will continue the high expectations we have with student behaviour and the two school rules. We will continue our work with John Fleming. It is very much, business as usual, building on the great work of the last two years.

On the topic of the change of leadership at Glenmore, I must admit that there is at least one area in which I am simply unable to compete with Mrs Hills – my one pair of R.M. Williams boots are no match for the shoe wardrobe of Mrs Hills!

In 2015, Mathematics will be a priority at Glenmore. We will implement a very prescriptive school-wide program from Prep to Year 7. A key part of this program will be teaching students a problem-solving strategy called the Singapore Bar Method. This enables students to turn word problems into a visual representation and we have strong data showing that Glenmore students work well in Maths when they have information represented in some sort of diagram.

The other priority for 2015 is ATTENDANCE. Our Glenmore teachers are highly skilled, but cannot teach your child if they are not at school. The benchmark for attendance is a minimum of 92% - any less than that and students’ progress is compromised. Likewise, it is not acceptable for students to be consistently late. Lessons commence at 8.55 am and at Glenmore, literacy and reading hour are scheduled in this prime learning time.

Several new staff have joined the Glenmore team for 2015. Miss Annalise Gulliver, from Alpha State School, has been appointed as our Master Teacher. Miss Gulliver will be working with our teachers to further refine teaching practice and has expertise in Mathematics teaching, which will enhance our work this year. Mr Luke Wilson, from Yeppoon, will be our Guidance Officer this year. Miss Katrina Patzwald, 12 KP, joins us from Park Avenue State School. Mrs Joanne Fillmer has joined our Special Education Program and brings with her considerable expertise in the use of technology to support students’ learning. Miss Akiko Nishi, from Mount Isa, will be based at Glenmore State School and will teach Japanese to Years 5 and 6. Miss Zara Coghill will take the place of Miss Colless, who was recruited over the holidays to the position of Pedagogy Coach. We welcome back Miss Holland, who will be working with our SEP students. Miss Oram has also recommenced duty and will be teaching Year 4.
Last week, we farewelled Mrs Dalton. Mrs Dalton has contributed a great deal over many years as an SEP teacher aide and has played a major role taking the official photos at Glenmore’s special occasions. Mrs Colleen Couper is on leave for semester 1. Mrs Anna Shaw and Mrs Kerryn James will join our teacher aide team this semester, replacing Mrs Dalton and Mrs Couper. Ms Nadine Kelly will continue as Head of Special Education Services this semester while MSrs Chandler is on leave. Mrs Karen Harris will take over Learning Support for Semester 1.

I must also acknowledge Mrs Lauree Lanyon, who is our Deputy Principal this year. Mrs Lanyon’s experience and knowledge in Prep to Year 2 is unmatched and she will oversee the work in that area of the school, together with the many other duties of a Deputy Principal. I believe we have a highly skilled and professional administration team – for 2015 and this is confirmed by the discussions and work by the team over the past couple of weeks.

I have been very impressed with the way students have conducted themselves this week and have received very positive feedback from teachers about students’ engagement in classroom work. This is the standard that I expect to continue throughout the year. Students have adapted to the new lunch routine much quicker than I expected and I have found the 15 minutes eating time in the covered area a great opportunity to talk informally with individual students. We have great kids at Glenmore and it is a highlight of my day interacting with them outside the classroom.

At Glenmore we have students from many different cultures, each with their own customs and beliefs. In 2015, we have welcomed new students from a variety of cultural backgrounds. I strongly believe the multicultural school community is one of Glenmore’s strengths. The appreciation of different cultural backgrounds is something we as adults must engender in our students. First and foremost though, they are our Glenmore kids.

As Term 1 proceeds, we will update parents and students on some new initiatives for 2015. One of these is a complete revamp of our Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, brought about by the fact that some 300+ of our students qualified for these awards in 2014. It is time to raise the bar in relation to the “Glenmore Standard”.

Mrs Lanyon and I look forward to talking with parents as the term progresses. The decisions we make will always have our students’ best interests at heart. I thank you in advance for working with us as we continue the journey of 2013 and 2014.

Mark Dunlop
A/Principal

Welcome everyone to the start of our school year at 2015. Welcome back to all our existing families and a special welcome to the many new families who have joined the Glenmore community this year.

My name is Lauree Lanyon and I am Acting Deputy for Semester One this year. It is a privilege to act in this position and I am excited to help oversee the continued excellent growth Glenmore State School has experienced over the last two years. I have been a staff member at this school for a very, very long time (in fact Mr McArthur is the only existing staff member who has been at the school longer than me)! During this time I have taught most year levels. In recent years I was the Literacy Coach mentoring and guiding class teachers and in the last two years I held the position of Learning Support teacher. Mrs Karen Harris is currently replacing me in the Learning Support role.

As Deputy, I am involved with all year levels and all students. I am in charge of Prep to Year 2 levels to ensure our expectations continue to increase and students continue to make excellent progress in relation to the Australia Curriculum’s achievement standards. I believe the Prep to Year 2 area is the ‘engine room’ of a school. If a school can ‘get it right’ in these levels, the rest of the school also improves. I also continue to be heavily involved in learning support, student needs and the behaviour committee at the school.

I look forward to working with all staff, the P&C and welcome parents to discuss any matters with me.

Lauree Lanyon
A/Deputy Principal

Eating nutritious food at school is essential to help children maintain their focus in the classroom. We have two eating times at Glenmore. At first break, students are closely supervised to ensure they eat their healthy food first. Some examples of healthy foods suitable for this break include the following: sandwiches, filled wraps, fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese and yoghurt. This ensures that ALL children are eating nutritious items BEFORE they eat their treats. As the second eating break is shorter, this is the break designed to have their treat (if desired). Please ensure your child’s lunch follows these sensible guidelines.

BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

We have a PRAISE committee at this school. PRAISE stands for Positive Reinforcement And Intensive Social Education. Over the past years, we have consistently raised expectations in relation to students’ behaviour. This has been so successful that last year over 300 of our students received an ‘A’ or ‘B’ for behaviour on their report card. Such success indicates that it is now time to raise our expectations once again.

Research indicates that to create lasting change in behaviour, there must be an intrinsic component to any program. We have many extrinsic rewards at Glenmore State School – Student of the Week, Glenmore Great, Rising Star, Flying High, Gotchas as well as teachers’ stickers, prize box and certificates. Due to the excellent behaviour of most of our students, it is felt it is now time to introduce an intrinsic aspect to the school’s behaviour systems.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be explaining this new system in more detail. Today, I will give a brief overview. Based on the school’s teaching matrix of behaviour expectations, we have designed a set of ‘Glenmore Standards – to be the best you can be’!

In all aspects of your life, you need to be the best you can be. At Glenmore State School, we want students to be the best Glenmore student they can be in every aspect of school life. Through class discussion and self-reflection, students will learn resilience – it takes effort and time to succeed – and that each person is different and each child’s journey along the ‘standards’ will be different. It is aimed to encourage self-improvement.

More details next week.....

Friendly Reminder

No hat
No outside play!
BOOK CLUB ISSUE ONE

Book Club orders are due back at school on 18 February. Orders need to be placed into an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly written on the front. Correct money will be greatly appreciated. No late orders will be accepted. Not every student will receive a Book Club brochure this year, so if you miss out and would like one please come to the library.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following student celebrating their birthday this week:
Angelique Doyle, Esther Fisher, Kiara Backo, Tiahana Bryant, Leanna Brill, Chance Acheson

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

If your details change (eg. Home address, phone number, custody details or workplace) keep us informed. In emergency situations we need to be able to contact you. Your assistance with keeping our records current is essential.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Can you spare a couple of hours in the morning? We are in urgent need of help in the Tuckshop. If you are able to help please call in and see Julie. Keep an eye out for new tuckshop menu coming home soon.

‘PEACH’ PROGRAM

FREE healthy lifestyle program for families – places still available
Families can still register for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH – Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – starting in February.
The free program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age. The program is great fun for kids and helps parents make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life.
If you would like more information about the PEACH program or to register please contact free ca 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

2015 SCHOOL DAY TIMETABLE

8.50 am – Bell to move to class
8.55 am – Morning session starts
11.00 am – First lunch eating time (covered areas)
11.15 – First lunch play
11.45 am – Middle session starts
1.15 pm – Second lunch eating time (covered areas)
1.25 pm – Second lunch play
1.45 pm – Afternoon session starts
3.00 pm – School finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FRENCHVILLE ROVERS HOCKEY CLUB SIGN ON
SUNDAY 1 FEB 9.00AM – 12 NOON
We will be taking registrations for all interested players in all age groups.
For all enquiries please contact Julie 0421 389 048 or Joseph 0422 865 168

FRENCHVILLE SCORPIANS SOFTBALL CLUB – looking for players for the 2015 season. We are looking for players for T-ball or open women’s and men’s divisions. Come along and give it a try. We are a family friendly club with quality coaches. For more information please call Selena 0458 169 003 or Kylie 0437 060 212.

FRENCHVILLE BLAST CRICKET for FRENCHVILLE FALCONS (Under 10’s)
Rockhampton Cricket Ground - UNDER LIGHTS !!!
Starts Friday 6 February, 2015 - 6.00 to 8.00 pm
All equipment supplied; Qualified Coaches
COST is ONLY $25 for 8 week program
CONTACT Peter Wells from Queensland Cricket at peterw@oldcricket.com.au - 0407 034 164

FRENCHVILLE NETBALL CLUB SIGN ON
SUNDAY 1 FEB 9.00AM – 1.00PM & WEDNESDAY 4 FEB 3.30PM – 7.00PM
Frenchville Sports Club function room
New and old players welcome
8 year old to Seniors
Affordable fees – For more information phone Trudy 0419 331 392

JUNIOR OZTAG
Season Information
When: Our season starts Monday 9 Feb. We will play 7 rounds over 7 weeks and then the final 3 rounds will be played as a “Super Sunday” on 29 March. This means the season will be finished before the Easter break.
Time: Games will be played from 4pm-6pm. They are 30 minute games. We play the younger kids first.
Who: Girls and boys aged 5-15. We generally separate the teams into girls and boys, however some teams do nominate as a mixed team.
Cost: $80 registration, $25 Oz tag shorts – NO GAME FEES
Sign On: You can sign up online via the link on our webpage www.rockhamptonoztag.com or come along to our sign on day – Wednesday 4 Feb 3.30pm – 5.30 at Saleyards park.

BLUEBIRDS SOFTBALL SIGN ON DAY
7 February and 28 February 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Bluebirds Sports Club
Season runs from March to September.
Men, women, girls and boys all welcome.
For more information call Julie on 0417 639 619 or Tracy 0418 183 051.

ROCKHAMPTON JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAY
Rockhampton Touch Assoc is holding their annual Development Day for Juniors interested in learning more about Touch Footy. This event is open to every child from the ages 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are.
Date: Sunday 8 Feb
Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm (8.30am arrival for registration please)
Bring: Hat and water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen
Cost: FREE

NERIMBERA FOOTBALL CLUB
2015 SIGN ON DAY
SUNDAY 1 FEB – 10.00AM – 2.00PM
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