Thought for the week:

*Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.*

Bob Beauprez

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**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

Yesterday (Thursday), our Assistant Regional Director Mr David Roach, visited Glenmore to discuss our improvement over the last two years, the priorities for 2015, a range of school data and to visit classrooms and talk to children and teachers about their work. Our previous ARD, Mr Paul Wood, will be supervising secondary schools in 2015.

On Wednesday afternoon, I attended a session for Principals about preparation for NAPLAN. For our Year 3 and Year 5 classes, NAPLAN preparation will be a high priority for the next three months. We are currently analysing data from practice tests, as well as reading and mathematics tests completed in Term 4 last year, to identify specific areas on which to focus. The well-established Glenmore writing program, with writing hour each Friday, is underway in all classes from Years 1 to 6. Reading hour has commenced and each day from Monday to Thursday – 9 to 10 am for Years 1, 2, 3 and 10 to 11 am for Years 4, 5, 6 – students undertake reading lessons focusing on a particular skill. Some students may be concentrating on fluency, some on accuracy, some may be extending their inferential comprehension and some may be working on their sight words. Writing and reading hours are not negotiable at Glenmore. These lessons are quarantined on the timetable so that there are no interruptions during that time. The focus on Mathematics this year will see similar timetabling logistics employed.

Now that Week 3 is all but complete, class work is in full swing. In English and Mathematics, lessons follow a clearly defined procedure.

This includes the lesson intent, success criteria (what students need to be able to do by the end of the lesson), the “I Do” (the teacher demonstrates), “We Do” (teacher and students do the work together) and “You Do” sections of the lesson and “ploughback” (revising the key points of the lesson). It is in the “You Do” part of the lesson that students complete tasks themselves and where differentiation for the range abilities takes place. These practices are firmly entrenched at Glenmore.

Last week I outlined the importance of attendance. Very clearly, the law states that children must attend school. Of course, genuine illness is an acceptable excuse for absence, whereas birthdays, grandparents visiting, going fishing or shopping are not. In cases where students do not want to come to school, allowing them to stay home does not address the problem, and often, once they are actually at school, their day goes well. The benchmark for attendance at primary school is a minimum of 92%. That is equivalent to eight days absent each semester. The bottom line is that greater absence levels than that affect student achievement. Parents are often unaware of what days off here and there add up to over the year. It is not uncommon in primary schools nowadays to have students with attendance rates of 50% or less – meaning when they leave in Year 6, they have had the equivalent of a Year 3 education. At the awards ceremony last year, we recognised some students who had 100% attendance for three years in a row – simply outstanding! How many days absent did your child or children have in 2014?

Interschool sport commenced this Friday and over 100 Glenmore students from Years 4 to 6 heading off to play Soccer, AFL, Softball and Teeball. This is a fantastic response to the sporting opportunities offered this term. I look forward to hearing reports of the Glenmore Standards being upheld on the sporting field each Friday afternoon.

Regards

Mark Dunlop
A/ Principal

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**Quality Learning in a Caring Environment**

*All parents are invited to attend monthly P&C Association meetings*

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NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY.....

Over the last two weeks, I have explained the introduction of ‘Glenmore Standards’ and gave detail of the five standards expected at all times. This week, I’d like to describe how all students will be able to achieve success.

Students weekly reflect on their behaviour during the week – if they believe they have tried to be the best Glenmore Student they can be in a certain standard (e.g. I wear my school uniform with pride) – they tick this standard for the week (Preps discuss with teachers). Only standards achieved are completed – focus is on the positive aspects of the standards. As part of their self-reflection, they consider how they can achieve one of the standards that were left blank during the week. In discussion with teachers, students begin to realise that it is a journey of gradually filling in the standards achieved. Each student will have a different journey – some longer, some shorter – all important lessons to build emotional resilience in students. The key is not to give up, to be the best you can be, you must persevere!

Teachers can guide students to achieve these standards by providing support where required – for example, if the student struggles with getting ready for the day, a checklist may be placed on the desk to help the student check off the gear needed for the start of the day.

Next week, I will introduce to our ‘Grove of Glenmore Standards’!

KINDERCAN'S TRANSITION STATEMENTS

If you had a child in kindy in 2014, your kindergarten may have given you a ‘Transition Statement’. This is a document that gives parents an indication of how your child participated during the kindergarten program. These statements are very useful to your child’s current Prep teacher. If you have a transition statement, please bring it to your child’s Prep teacher. With parent permission, the teacher will then organise a copy for the school to keep.

Please note, not all kindergartens use these transition statements.

WAITING FOR CHILDREN

If you arrive before the 3.00pm bell, please wait in one of our covered areas. Waiting outside and/or looking through windows into the classroom is not acceptable. Noise outside the room and seeing faces in the window can be distracting to the class. Getting ready for home is a very busy time in classes and it is expected that this time is not disturbed. Once the bell rings, you are welcome to make your way to the relevant classroom.

Lauree Langon
A/Deputy Principal

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

In recent times our office staff have had increased requests to pass on messages to students about early collection, afternoon pick up arrangements and appointments. Messages during class time can be disruptive to learning. You can help us to ensure smooth and uninterrupted learning by making arrangements before school. If a genuine emergency arises, please phone the office on 4923 0666.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday this week:
Elannah March, Ruth Brown, Kaine Broszat, Madison Brown, Rhys Wood, Melissa Kleidon, Monique Mason, William Mason

P&C AGM

Parents and Citizens Committee
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Glenmore State School P&C Association
When: 9 March 2014 – 6.30pm
Where: Glenmore State School's Staff Room

An ordinary meeting will follow the AGM.

All welcome – keen to meet our many new families.

Belonging to the P&C is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in the school. Any questions, please contact the office 49230666.

Light refreshments will be provided

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for the great effort this week:

Prep
Courtney Miller
Lincoln Alderson
Lilian Pointing

Year 1
Le-Zanda Tilbero
Blake James
Clayton Lyons

Year 2
Riyam Gautham
Dawn Ingui

Year 3
Carole Hirst
Zane Rankin
Eliza Jones

Year 4
Jade Borley
Allen Vegara

Year 5
Carissia Smith
Juliana Agbisit
Carys Watten

Year 6
Gemma Smith
Gulherme Silva

LIBRARY
Hau Doan

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. 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.

PLAYGROUP

GLENMORE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

When: Every Tuesday
Where: 5 Block, Room 2, Glenmore State School
Time: 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Age: 0-5 years

Educational Games and Activities

ALL WELCOME!

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Glenmore State School on 4923 0666
TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM NEWS
This year we are raising our expectations of the school uniform.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

| Monday 16  | HELP NEEDED |
| Tuesday 17 | CARMEN DAVIDSON |
| Wednesday 18 | HELP NEEDED |
| Thursday 19 | HELP NEEDED |
| Friday 20  | MARLENE GRANSHAW |

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

SPORTS DRAW
All games will be conducted at Kele Park (Entry Via Milieuw St West
Rockhampton) 12:15 for a 12:30 start to games

| Glenmore | Game 1 – vs The Hall SS |
| Glenmore | Game 2 – vs Allenstown Yellow |

SOCCER - BOYS
Glenmore Snr vs Berserker @ Glenmore - 1.35pm
Glenmore Jnr vs Berserker @ Glenmore - 12.40pm
Glenmore Girls vs Berserker @ McLeod Park 2 – 12.40pm

SOFTBALL/TEEBALL
Softball vs St Joseph’s PA1 @ Western Park 5
Teeball vs Sy Mary’s @ Kele Park 8

This sport season runs from Friday 13 February to Friday 1 May. Sports fees are due by Friday 27 February. Cost is $30.00 this covers all transport costs and team registration for this season.

Please note: We have EFTPOS facilities for your convenience.

WANTED
Wanted to buy – Second hand uniforms size 6 or 8 panel shirts and size 4 shorts. Please phone 0459 492 880.

Wanted – Plastic bags
If you have any plastic shopping bags we can always use them at school

MORNING BULLETIN PREP PHOTOS
Each year the Morning Bulletin does a special feature: My First Year of School. The photographers will be here on Wednesday 18 February to take pictures of our prep classes. We ask that parents ensure that their children are in full uniform on the day.

Remember only students with media permission are allowed to be photographed. If you unsure if you have filled out the media permission form, please check with the office.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION
Glenmore State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing to school with any relevant information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Confirmation/Eucharist Programme. An information night for the Confirmation/Eucharist programme will be held on Tuesday 24 February at 7.00pm in the Holy Family Catholic Church Hall. Children do not have to be there but at least one parent/carer must attend. Families who participated in our 2014 Oenance pregramme should receive a letter in the mail. For further information, please contact the Parish office on 4928 2800 or berylmsgs@gmail.com

Come along and try Hockey. Park Avenue Brothers sign oon Feb 13 from 3.30 at 161 Glenmore Road, or attend Get into Hockey, a come and try day Saturday 28 at Kalka Sheds, Water Street 9-11am, with fun games and a sausage sizzle.


Rockhampton Regional Library – Library Lovers’
13 February 10am – 11.30am
White Gloves Tour
Rockhampton Regional Library History Centre
14 February – 10am-11am
Saturday Storytime
Rockhampton Regional Library

REMINDER
SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS
FRIDAY

Getting to school safely.

ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET
WALK ON FOOTPATHS
LOOK FOR CARS
COMING OUT OF DRIVEWAYS