Thank you to the parents who attended our first P & C Association meeting for 2015. Being part of our P & C is a great way to establish close links with the school. Research has shown that students whose parents are actively engaged with their education do better and are happier at school. Volunteering a small amount of time helps not only your own children, but all children in the school community. Attending P & C functions provides an opportunity to network with the Principal, teachers and other parents. Funds raised by P & C have a lasting positive effect on the school. P & C membership is free. Even if you are unable to attend the monthly P & C meetings, you may have other skills (e.g. grant application writing) that can be used behind the scenes. The next P & C meeting is on Monday 9 March starting at 6.30 pm. This is also the Annual General Meeting of the association. It would be great to see some of our new parents involved with our P & C in some way.

Teachers have scheduled parent information sessions over the next couple of weeks. These are good opportunities to gain an insight into what your child will be doing this year and the routines and expectations the teacher has for their class. You may even have the opportunity to participate in a rapid recall routine or lesson warm-up! At Glenmore, our teachers are in regular contact with parents over the course of the year, either informally or formally at parent interview time. Teachers are always available to discuss any concerns that arise, but do not always have time there and then for these conversations. Just as you would make an appointment to see your doctor or dentist, the best way to ensure an effective conversation with your child’s teacher is to make an appointment. For urgent matters, we would endeavour to talk with you within 24 hours. Mrs Lanyon and I aim to address parent concerns on the same day, but depending on the circumstances and whether we need to talk to other staff to gather details, it may be the following day that we contact you about our action on the matter.

Attendance is a major focus for 2015. So far, our overall school attendance for 2015 is 92.4%. Remember, the absolute minimum before learning is compromised is 92%. Individual year level attendance rates for 2015 are: Prep – 92.46%, Year 1 – 93.32%, Year 2 – 89.91%, Year 3 – 92.63%, Year 4 – 92.17%, Year 5 – 94.05%, Year 6 – 90.58%. Well done to our Year 5’s for leading the way with attendance. The best attendance by class to date is 5JS with 96.9% followed by Prep ML 94.48% and 5MK 94.41%. EVERY DAY COUNTS FOR GLENMORE KIDS.

Last Friday, the first block of interschool sport began. Over 100 students headed off to play soccer, t-ball, softball and AFL – the largest numbers of participants since I started work at Glenmore. Finally, after two years, on a level playing field where no other schools have Year 7 students, our Glenmore kids came back winners in most games. The buzz among the students said it all. Our Year 5 students, many of whom had played interschool sport as Year 4s last year, clearly showed the skills they had developed in 2014 and were a cut above the opposition. I think we are in for a good year of sport in 2015. Go Glenmore!

Regards

Mark Dunlop
A/Principal
NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY ....

By now you are aware of the Glenmore Standards - a journey of self-improvement aimed to build resilience in children so that they can be the best student they can be at Glenmore State School. During their self-reflection process, students begin to collect a number of standards - when they achieve eight weeks (this does not have to be consecutively) of all the standards - they are recognised for this achievement.

During this term our office foyer display area will be transformed into 'Glenmore's Grove of Standards'. A gum tree will start to develop - the trunk and branches will gradually become covered with gum leaves (8 weeks of standards), gum nuts (16 weeks) and koalas (32 weeks). The display area will also have the Glenmore Standards so that the school community understands and recognises the journey students are undertaking.

Throughout the school year, students will be announced on parade as they achieve their 'gum leaf', 'gumnut' or 'koala'. Staff are busily organising templates for these as well as designing extra-special certificates (thanks to Mrs Sue Michell) so that the students can have a sense of achievement and pride in their journey.

It is an exciting development at Glenmore to move away from external treaties and develop skills for students to intrinsically become the best person they can be in all aspects of their life.

CAR PARKS

Car parks are for cars not pedestrians. Please do not walk your child or allow your child to walk through the car parks at school. This is not a safe practice. Drivers are not expecting to see children in the car park. Car parks at Glenmore State School are for staff and service vehicles ONLY. Parents need to use the off street parking and should not be entering school grounds in a vehicle. All pedestrians must use the small gates intended for this purpose.

TALKING TO CLASS TEACHERS

It is important to have open communication with your class teacher. Please remember that teachers are very busy before and after school. Before school, teachers are getting ready for the day and after school, there is often a staff or cohort meeting and/or a PD workshop they need to attend. If you wish to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment that is convenient for both of you. This can be done by calling the office 49230666 or sending a note to the teacher so that a time can be arranged.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Students who arrive at school before 8.30am must sit in the under covered area near the tuckshop. They are not permitted to go and play on the oval, playground etc - these areas are unsupervised before school. Once the 8.30am bell rings, students can take their bags to the classroom - if the room is open, students stay in the room and get ready for the day. If the teacher is unavailable, they need to return to the under covered area until the 8.50am bell.

Please be aware that as soon as the 8.50am bell rings, the school day begins. Teachers begin teaching and students start learning at 8.50am. All students should be at school by 8.45am each day in time for the 8.55am start.

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter clothes are starting to appear in shops so it is a good reminder about getting suitable gear for students to wear in the cooler months. The tuckshop does have a Glenmore Jacket - this can be purchased through the uniform shop. As part of our raised expectations for uniforms this year, only school colours are acceptable at school. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, dark green sloppy joes/jumpers are readily available at many stores. If you wish your child to wear track pants on cold days, please be aware that these must be the school colours as well - dark green for girls (stockings and leggings should be dark green) and grey or dark green for boys. Please ensure your child wears shorts under the track pants or brings shorts or skirt to change. This is because Rockhampton’s winter is seldom cold enough to warrant wearing track pants all day (especially when they run around at play time). Any other coloured/branded jumpers and/or track pants will not be considered appropriate to wear to school.

Leeane Longon
A/Deputy Principal

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the following students celebrating their birthday this week:

Ella Spring, Isabelle Heise, Jamelila Grimshaw, Jay-Dee Dobbs, Christian Bugg, Emma-Sue Ingui

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
Ella Spring
James Von Senden
Ana Marques Da Silva

Year 1
Edward Toby-Hixon
Iziah Barsah

Year 2
Sophia Doyle

Year 3
Cooper Millian
Levi Quinn
Liam Walmsley

Year 4
Maddison Planta
Dimity Richardson

Year 5
Arienwyn Jones
Stephanie Balbuena

Year 6
Bernadette Catubig
Lily Wang

LIBRARY

Henry Burgess
LOT

Xaine Halliday
Renee Stennett

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The P&C is holding a Chocolate Drive. Chocolates will be sent home next Monday. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and your participation would be greatly appreciated. Chocolates will sell for $1 each. If you do not wish your family to participate please inform the school office on 49230666.
**BUZ is the Word.**

Here at Glenmore Primary we encourage all our students to become Champion Learners, Exceptionally Responsible and Unbelievably Respectful. Our school is a Build Up Zone - B.U.Z. For the Build Up Zone to effectively work we need all our students to become Butzastic! Let me tell you what that means - A Butzastic person is a person who uses positive, helpful words when they are talking about themselves AND when talking to others.

A long time ago when I was a little girl in pigtails with heaps of freckles, my teacher taught me saying that helped me stop and Think before I said anything. It went like this - “If you haven’t anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all.”

For 101 things to say that will Build Up others at school and at home, go check out the BUZ words poster at H Block computer lab.

Fantasmagorical Glenmore students!! Together we can all get this school BUZZING!!!

Chappy 😊

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**SPORTS DRAW**

**No school sport this week due to severe weather conditions**

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.

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**SPORT REPORT**

**BOYS SOCCER PLAYED FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2015**

Year 5 Game: Glenmore 6 Berserker St 0
The Year 4’s and 5’s playing in this team opened up with a bang. Four first half goals with two in the second half saw Glenmore to a comprehensive win.

Up front where there was some outstanding team work, Curtis Williams and Zavier Hermann shone with Scott Johnston and Seth James working hard in the mid-field. Our backs lead by Xander Brookman and Leandro Arouca shut down every Berserker attack.

Great start boys, keep working hard at training.


Year 6 Game: Glenmore 6 Berserker St 0
Not to be out done by the first team, the Year 5’s and 6’s playing in this competition cracked 6 first half goals!

Sayaer Silva Paiva and Umanega Budathakori were very damaging up front. Our forwards received great ball from our mid-field were Peter Crane, Riley Green-Hermann and Gustavo Almeida lead the way.

Keep up the great team work and more goals will come.


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**A MUSIC NOTE**

**STRING NOTES**
Welcome back to all continuing string players and a special welcome to all our new string players who have joined the program for 2015.
We have started lessons and all the students have been getting back into playing through revision of work from 2014 so you should be hearing lots of practising going on at home. If not, please encourage and assist the students with organising their time so that they can fit in practice for a short time at least 4 times a week.

Each student should have filled out an enrolment form for 2015 and brought it back to school signed by a parent so if you have not seen one please let the school know so that I can have another copy sent home. Students hiring a school instrument should also have completed a loan agreement form and returned it to the school as this form is essential for the use of school equipment.

The school string ensemble will start rehearsing on Thursday morning 26 February in the music studio in F block starting at 8 am. Students who are required to attend will receive a letter regarding these rehearsals.

Should you wish to contact me to discuss how your child is progressing or any other aspects of the Instrumental Music programme, please let the school know and I will call when I am next at the school.

Looking forward to a wonderful year with everyone.

Anne Svendsen (String Teacher)

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**TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM NEWS**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

| Monday 23 | HELP NEEDED |
| Tuesday 24 | CARMEN DAVIDSON |
| Wednesday 25 | HELP NEEDED |
| Thursday 26 | HELP NEEDED |
| Friday 27 | MARLENE GRANSHAW |

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

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Aussie Hoops – Rockhampton Basketball
Who: Grade 4, 5, 2 Boys & Girls
Where: Hegvold Stadium
When: Fri 4.00pm-5.30pm starting Fri 27th Feb
Cost: $77.00 (7 Weeks + Player Pack)

Aussie Hoops is a 7 week learn to play Basketball program where you all learn the FUNdamentals of the game through a series of modified drills and games. On top of the 7 weeks of expert coaching you’ll get a basketball, training singlet, and backpack. To register simply head to www.aussiehoops.com.au and type 4700 in the locator, or call Matt Neason on 4922 5544.

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**REMINDER**
P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE STARTS MONDAY

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**SIGN ON DAY**

Sat 21 Feb 8.30am – 12pm
U7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, Women, Men
Stenlake Park, 20 McLaughlin St
Wayne 0412 170 787

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