

# Glenmore State School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thought for the week:

*It is inevitable that some defeat will enter even the most victorious life. The human spirit is never finished when it is defeated... it is finished when it surrenders.*

*Ben Stein*

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The events of the past week have tried and tested the resilience of all of us, far beyond the Glenmore school community. Our thoughts are with those people in our community who have suffered hardship as a result of Cyclone Marcia. I grew up here and apart from the years of country service in the early part of my career, have spent the last 30 years in Rockhampton. We have certainly never experienced the disruption of the past week. There are resources available in cases where children and families are experiencing after effects from the cyclone. Our support staff at school are ready and able to help. Fortunately, Glenmore school avoided damage to buildings – just a couple of sections of guttering, shade sails over the Junior and Senior adventure playgrounds and a whirly bird. There was, however, a huge amount of debris scattered around buildings and large trees had toppled over on the oval. To look at the front lawn and gardens of the school now, you would hardly know that a cyclone had been through.

I wish to sincerely thank the large number of people who have pitched in to get Glenmore back to normal. Barry Thompson, from BAS, coordinated the initial assessment and response from Friday evening. Cameron James and his team of tree loppers worked in oppressive conditions over the weekend to cut and remove all major debris from around buildings and paths, and to stack it on the oval ready for chipping. On Monday morning, Major Edward Mosby and a fully equipped team of soldiers arrived to complete the clean-up. This was a source of great excitement among the small group of children at school that day. The Pattel family also arrived and set about clearing the many branches from the staff car park. Many of our own Glenmore teachers and

teacher aides, together with husbands / partners pitched in to clean up the remaining leaf litter and twigs, and mow around the front of the school and between buildings. Mr Roder and Mr Snow completed a large amount of hand mowing to put the finishing touches to the clean-up. The front of our school is looking better than ever.

I must also recognise the assistance of our Glenmore parents who made the decision for their children to stay at home after the cyclone, even though school was officially open. This assisted greatly in enabling us to complete the clean-up and did not place students in the hot humid conditions in classrooms, with no electricity. Students will not be disadvantaged on their attendance records during this period. I speak for all our staff in saying we will be glad when Glenmore has power and learning is back to normal. On Wednesday, we had our Term 1 visit with John Fleming. John is passionate about Glenmore and what we can achieve. John conducted staff workshops for P – 2, Years 3 and 4, 5 and 6 cohorts, concluding with a whole staff session. All our teachers and teacher aides were able to interact with John and have their questions answered. This is something we have not been able to facilitate during previous visits and it was hugely beneficial. Our work with John is the key to the success of Glenmore teachers and students over the last two years. Every visit gives us direction for the next stage of the improvement journey and teachers will be putting John's suggestions into practice immediately, to further improve the impact of our teaching.

On Thursday and Friday this week, I will be in Brisbane at the State Principals' Conference. The timing is not great in our current circumstances, but I am in no way abandoning Glenmore for a couple of days somewhere where they have electricity, though I will say it will be good not to worry about how I will keep my Principal's laptop and school mobile charged for the essential communication we have needed since the cyclone. In my absence, Mrs Lanyon will be in charge, ably assisted by Mrs Allison (Thursday) and Ms Kelly (Friday).

Regards

*Mark Dunlop*

A/ Principal

*Quality Learning in a Caring Environment*

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

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Great state. Great opportunity.



## NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY ....

To say it has been an interesting week would be an understatement!

Over the last few weeks I have been discussing our Glenmore Standards and how they are designed to build resilience. Everyone's resilience has certainly been tested this week and I hope you are all safe and well.

Mark has already mentioned the immense effort that has occurred this week to get Glenmore up and ready once again. As the proverb says 'Every cloud has a silver lining' and I'd just like to mention the following:

collaboration of staff – helping each other, talking together, co-operating at every request

teacher aides – supporting each other, sorting art supplies, first aid supplies, resources

teachers – planning, marking, organising rooms

office staff – holding the fort, co-ordinating visiting contractors, keeping it altogether (supplying hot water!)

you - the parent community – showing patience, care and respect for your children and our staff

Thank you.

### School Access

As a risk and safety requirement, due to fallen trees and branches, access to the school is only through Gates 6 & 8 on Farm Street. Other pedestrian gates will remain locked until it is deemed safe to walk across ovals. Your co-operation is appreciated in this instance.

*Lauree Lanyon*

A/Deputy Principal

## 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*

## SPORTS FEES DATE EXTENDED

Due to cyclone we are extending the date due for Sports fees. Sports fees will now be due by Friday 27 March.



Cost is \$30.00 this covers all transport costs and team registration for this season.

Please note: We have EFTPOS facilities for your convenience.

## TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM NEWS

### TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Reminder – Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

Monday 02	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 03	CARMEN DAVIDSON
Wednesday 04	HELP NEEDED
Thursday 05	HELP NEEDED
Friday 06	MARLENE GRANSHAW

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



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

Tavida Brown, William Russell, Tran Thu, Dusty-Lee Heinemann

## CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The P&C is holding a Chocolate Drive. 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 4923 0666.

## SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive rewards program that encourages student to get into the habit of saving regularly.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS FRIDAY**

## CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

We have registered with The Morning Bulletin to win a classroom makeover. Please cut out the tokens each day and drop them in to the collection box in the office.





**CYCLONE  
MARCIA CAME**



**THEN...  
An army of people  
came to help us**

**THANK  
YOU**

**WOW  
LOOK AT  
US NOW!**

