

Glenmore State School Newsletter

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Thought for the week:

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done.
There are thousands to prophesy failure.
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you
But just buckle in, with a bit of a grin;
Just take off your coat and go to it.
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That cannot be done--and you'll do it!*

Edgar A. Guest

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I start this week's newsletter on a note of sadness, communicating to the Glenmore School Community the recent passing of Ivy Dawson. Ivy Dawson had a long and significant association with our school. Ivy was the mother of a young Glenmore boy, Kevin Dawson. Kevie was born in 1959 and died in 1971, aged 12 years. Kevie loved his sport, particularly cricket. In his memory, each year at our Awards Ceremony the Kevie Dawson Sportsperson of the Year shield and the Kevie Dawson Cricketer of the Year shield are awarded to deserving students. These awards have always been presented by Ivy Dawson, with the exception of 2014, when ill health prevented Ivy from attending our ceremony. On behalf of our entire school community, I wish to extend our condolences to Ivy's family. Ivy's passing is indeed a loss for us at Glenmore. Ivy Dawson's memory and that of Kevie, will continue long into the future through the Kevie Dawson awards.

Yesterday, the 2015 NAPLAN results were released and we have much to celebrate at Glenmore. I am very proud of what our students have achieved and the great work our staff have done though the teaching practices we have embedded at Glenmore. The highlights this year, which are many, are listed below:

Year 3

- Numeracy – exceeding like schools and matching the State and Nation
- Spelling – matching like schools, State and Nation
- Writing – matching like schools and State
- Grammar and punctuation – matching like schools and State
- Reading – matching like schools
- Highest mean scores ever for Glenmore Year 3 in Reading, Grammar & Punctuation
- A significant improvement in Numeracy-up 32 mean points from 2013 / 2014
- Significant improvement across the board in the number of students in the top 20%

Year 5

- Significant improvement from 2014 in every area of NAPLAN
- Writing – exceeded like schools and close to State
- Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Numeracy – matched like schools
- Significant reduction in the percentage of students in the bottom 20% in all areas
- Matching the nation with the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the National Minimum standard in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy

The students moving up through the school are setting new benchmarks for achievement at Glenmore. This is the new "normal" for our kids and it's very exciting to see. And we're not there yet - watch us continue to build on this solid foundation.

In the coming week we will be sending letters home to families to acknowledge students' efforts in Semester 1. Academic achievement, effort and behaviour, where students have received high ratings, will be the areas of focus for these letters. We will also be sending home letters detailing your child's attendance during Semester 1, against our attendance benchmarks. Remember, every day counts for Glenmore kids.

Last Friday marked the first Step into Prep session at Glenmore. We welcomed parents, grandparents and our prospective Prep students to morning of activities with Mrs Barram and Mrs Michell. I was fortunate to be able to visit the group and I am looking forward to some story reading that I have been recruited for, in a future session. This program will help these pre-preppies to be ready for their start at school next year.

The Baptist Church provides wonderful support to our school and this commitment is very much appreciated by our students and families. Members of the church run our Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and support our students through the Kids' Hope program. I cannot speak highly enough of the positive influence our Kids' Hope mentors have on the students with whom they work. Yesterday evening, we commenced the Family Connect activity here at school. Families enjoyed a meal and some fun activities together with some of our Kids' Hope mentors and other church families. We plan to make this a regular activity for our Glenmore families.

Mark Dunlop

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 ...

I look forward to each Friday's parade. It is simply lovely to see the students proudly walk up to receive their Gum Leaf or Gum Nut certificate and then to be privileged to observe the love and pride in the faces of the attending parents. There is a definite community atmosphere present at these parades – thank you for the wonderful support.

This week's participants are as follows:

Gum Nut

Nyillarnie Meredith
Le-Zanda Tilberoo
Stephanie Balbuena
Ysmael Gandia
Fleu Reeves

Gum Leaf

Cloe Spring
Courtney Hallows
Elannah March
Carlos Ribeiro
Tiahana Bryant

Beau Daley
Suzanne Agudo
Hudson Doblo
Barbara Adams
Haylee Burrows



Gum Leaf & Gum Nut recipients



Life Education

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting -

Glenmore State Primary School

From Tuesday 25th August to Wednesday 2nd Sept 2015

Notes have been sent home with information about this program. All of the sessions are tailored to the appropriate year level. Teachers select sessions that relate to concepts in the year level. Life education provides information and skills needed to ensure a healthy lifestyle. Harold the Giraffe is popular with all year levels and the sessions are always engaging and excellently presented. Permission slips, together with the \$6 required to attend these sessions, can be taken to the office. Please remember, Life Education is offering a parent information session – this can be useful if you are a parent with your first child starting school and you wish to find out more about this worthwhile educational venture. The slip stating the time of the parent information session is on the same form as the permission slip – this can also be taken to the office. If you have not received this parent letter, please collect one from the school office.

Foot Health

A healthy body is essential to be able to fully participate in life. Our feet are often a forgotten part of our overall health. Correct walking stride and posture is essential to ensuring the skeleton correctly develops. According to research, year 2 is the ideal age to identify existing or potential podiatric issues, through gross motor skill assessment, foot posture, gait observations and current footwear.

Glenmore State School has been given an opportunity for our year 2 students to have an assessment carried out by a qualified podiatrist. The podiatrist would observe the normal scheduled physical education lesson. The school has decided that this is an excellent opportunity for parents with year 2 children to receive feedback about their child's foot health.

Please note, Education Queensland cannot show preference for any service over others that are available. This opportunity is optional and in no way implies that further investigation must be followed. Within the next couple of weeks, year 2 students will bring home a permission letter. At this time, parents can decide whether their child will participate.

This week's parenting article by expert Michael Grose...

It's not okay to be away...nor to be late to school

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time.

School absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools – and much of it is parent-condoned. It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children. That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences. Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

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As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go to school today because Aunty is coming to visit!" Nice try. But the answer should be "No!"

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day. Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

Lauree Lanyon

Deputy Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their great effort.

Prep

Thomas Kuhl
Peter Brady
Mystanna Booth

Year 1

Jayden Roberts
Mikayla Bills

Year 2

Zajae Lyons
Tyson Leahy
Jesse Taylor

Year 3

Annaleese Hermann
Alex Conrad
Caitlin Rose

Year 4

Corbin Lyons

Year 5

Joshua O'Brien
Juliana Agbisit

Year 6

Hailie Riordan
Kaine Broszat
Baileigh Bryant
LOTE
Ian Armstrong



3LO's COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



As part of 3LO's community connections this year, we will be collecting old, clean towels for distribution to the Alma Street Veterinary Clinic.

These towels are an important part of an animal's after surgery care and the Clinic staff are very appreciative of any donations received. If you have any old towels you would like to donate please drop them into the school office.

SPORTS DRAW – Friday 31 July

Rugby League

Year 6	vs Mt. Archer at Brosnan Oval 2 (Emmaus) 12:45pm
Year 5	vs RGS at Brosnan Oval 2 (Emmaus) 1:45pm

Netball – All games played at Jardine Park

Snr C	vs St Anthony's on Court 6 @ 1.10pm
Snr D	vs St Parkhurst on Court 2 @ 12.30pm
Jnr E	vs Mt Archer on Court G13 @ 1.10pm

Hockey – All games played at Kalka Shades

Glenmore 1	vs Frenchville on Grass 3 @ 1.00pm vs Heights College 3 on Grass 3 @ 1.40pm
Glenmore 2	vs Crescent Lagoon 2 on Grass 2 @ 1.20pm vs St Joseph's Wandal 3 on Grass 1 @ 2.00pm
Glenmore 3	vs RGGs on Grass 3 @ 1.40pm vs Heights College 1 on Grass 1 @ 1.40pm
Glenmore 4	vs St Joseph's Wandal 5 on Grass 1 @ 1.20pm vs St Joseph's Wandal 1 on Turf 4 @ 2.00pm

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy birthday to the students celebrating their birthday this week.

Tairan Halliday, Jayden Rigg, Jacob Schumacher, Telia Brady, Luke Graham, Jock Crawford, Psalmoi Gristwood, Chase Russell, Kane Sutton and Levi Maclean.

CHORAL FESTIVAL

Education Queensland's Choral Festival has become a major highlight of the musical calendar in this region. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to participate in a concert in a professional venue with a professional conductor. The 2015 Choral Festival will be on Monday 14 September and will feature a special guest conductor, Paul Jarman. Students from Years 4 to 6 are eligible to participate in the Choral Festival and we have 40 students showing interest in attending.

Rehearsals for the next few weeks are Tuesday mornings at 8.00am.

P&C NEWS

SPOT YOUR DATE OF BIRTH TO WIN A \$5 TUCKSHOP VOUCHER!
If you find YOUR own full date of birth printed in this newsletter you are a WINNER!

Simply phone the school office on 4923 0666 before 3pm on Monday 10 August and you will receive a \$5 tuckshop voucher.

Note: One date of birth has been selected and hidden/printed in small font in this edition. Competition open to students of Glenmore State School only.

We only had 1 winner last newsletter so this week we are putting in three hidden dates of birth! ☺

Reminder - Tuckshop is closed Friday mornings during parade.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

Our tuckshop is in desperate need of helpers on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you can spare time in the mornings from 9-11am it would be greatly appreciated. If you able to help please pop in and see Julie in the tuckshop or phone 4923 0628.

NEXT P & C MEETING MONDAY 10 AUGUST 6PM STAFF ROOM

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



Keep collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers and drop them into the school office.

C & K COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

Glenmore C & K Community Kindergarten is now taking enrolments for 2016.

Feel free to come in a fill out a waiting list form or this can also be done via our website www.candk.asn.au and state Glenmore as your preferred centre.



INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA

Tori Dakin will represent Glenmore State School again this year. We wish her success at this Gymkhana.



ALTON DOWNS PONY CLUB INC. IS PROUD TO HOST THE 2015

SADDLEWORLD OPEN INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA SUNDAY 16th August, 2015

VENUE; ALTON DOWNS PONY CLUB, WAROULA ROAD, ALTON DOWNS

DATE; SUNDAY, 16th August, 2015

TIME; GEAR CHECK 8.30am, (Riders who don't check in at Gear Check do not ride)

ENTRY FEE; \$15 PER RIDER

NOMINATIONS CLOSE; MONDAY 10th August, 2015

PROGRAM

The competition will be conducted in Levels from Prep – Year 12.

These will be divided into groups depending on nominations and is subject to change.

One person from each school is responsible for the collection of fees and presents the correct nominations money to the Treasurer before 8.30am on the day.

For more information, please see the school's office staff.