

# Glenmore State School Newsletter

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## Thought for the week:

*I look back and see the kids who made it through school - it made a huge difference in their lives, which made me believe in the power of public education and what it can do for individuals and communities and the state.*

**Denise Juneau**

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

The past week has seen some significant achievements by Glenmore students. Deakin Geebung, Chloe Jarrett-Lawton, Rhys Coleman, Janae Jarrett-Lawton and Tara Leabeater were recognised on Friday evening at the annual Darumbal Awards ceremony. **Deakin Geebung was named as the Primary School Student of the Year** – an outstanding achievement and thoroughly deserved. Our Glenmore school community is justifiably proud of Deakin's award. He is a shining example of being a respectful, responsible learner and I wish him every success in the journey he will take after graduating from Glenmore at the end of the year.



The other major news of the past week was the appointment of the permanent Head of Special Education Services appointment at Glenmore. A state-wide selection process was conducted to fill this position. **I am delighted to announce to the school community that Ms Nadine Kelly was the successful applicant and has been appointed as our permanent Head of Special Education Services.** Ms Kelly has led our Special Education Program in an acting capacity for well over a year and her appointment is well deserved.

Last weekend, I attended a gathering of the Class of 1975 from Rockhampton State High School – 40 years since we finished Year 12. Looking back, those 40 years have seemingly flown by. It was a great weekend of socialising and catching up with friends and acquaintances, many of whom I had not seen in that 40 years.

But perhaps the most important part of this event was to recognise the role that Rockhampton State High had played in each of us being where we are now. In that Class of '75, there would have been at least seven OP1's (in today's terms). From the Class of '75 came a university professor, dentist, veterinary surgeon, Assistant Crown Solicitor, 3 school principals, physiotherapists, a secondary school guidance officer, teachers, a number of engineers, professional musicians, a well-known Australian actress and the list goes on. **It is important to recognise the key role that state education played in preparing us for the journey that lay ahead.** State education, particularly in secondary school is sometimes viewed as the poor cousin of private schooling. Nothing could be further from the truth. For example, research clearly shows that state school graduates do better at university than private school graduates with the same end-of-school tertiary entrance score. Research also shows that Queensland state schools are providing quality education for children.

## Class Lists for 2016

We are currently finalising class lists for 2016. This is a complex task in which we consider a range of factors, with the goal of achieving the best outcomes for your children. Information about next year's classes will be released near the end of term.

*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.



**Attendance**

Attendance data for Term 4 continues to be positive. The latest attendance rates are:

- Whole school attendance – 91.2%
- Prep – 88.6%
- Year 1 – 90.4%
- Year 2 – 92.2%
- Year 3 – 92.2%
- Year 4 – 92.5%
- Year 5 – 93.1%
- Year 6 – 89.8%

Our Year 5's are leading the way with their attendance at school and this will set them up well for a successful senior year at Glenmore in 2016. Years 2, 3 and 4 are also "Doing 92". Every day counts until 11 December.

**Mark Dunlop**  
Principal

**PREP 2016**

Prep enrolment interviews are under way and it is great to meet our prospective preppies and families at these interviews. Please contact the school office for enrolment packs for 2016. Once enrolment forms have been returned, we will be able to schedule your enrolment interview. Glenmore's Prep program is second to none and the work our Prep students are producing is quite outstanding. Our students are continually exceeding these already high standards.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS.....**

**Glenmore Standards:**

We now have a number of cuddly koalas on our tree in the office foyer. I need to acknowledge the creative talents of Mrs Sue Michell for these excellent certificates and the variety of koalas for our tree. I also need to acknowledge the many volunteers – both teacher aides and teachers – who spend time helping to laminate and cut out these certificates, leaves, gumnuts and koalas. Glenmore State School has a very special staff – people who rise to the occasion and simply seem to 'appear' when help is required – thank you.

Please note, Friday is our cut-off date for Glenmore Standards – no new recipients from this date. We have over 100 recipients to receive awards over the next three parades!

This week's recipients are as follows:

<b>Gum Leaf</b>	<b>Gum Nut</b>
Isabella Menadue	Jeffery Scutt
Zion Zaro	Allen Bacalso
Thomas Kuhl	Hayley Hall
Hunter Ohl	Jesse Jones
Destiny White	Nuatufi Mann
Shayla White-Murray	Bella Morrell
Jade McCallum	Prateek Poudel
Amethyst Hornung	
Monique Mason	
Jakk Fossey	
<b>Koala Award</b>	
Elexis Riley	Latham Beresford
Ingwa Limbu	Shakaya Warriner
Liam Walmsley	Justine Villanueva
Thu Tran	Charlise Wyvill



**Parenting Article:**

This week's article comes from a guest presenter in **Parenting Ideas website**. Vanessa Hamilton has worked as a Sexual and Reproductive Health Nurse for more than 20 years, provided Sexual Health Education to a variety of groups and individuals for 15 years, and is also mother of 3 children. Vanessa is passionate about empowering the current generation of children with essential information for safe and positive relationship experiences over their lifetime.

[www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au](http://www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au)

**Talking to children about sex: when and how?** By Vanessa Hamilton

**Many of us can struggle with these conversations. Here are practical tips by age range for when, how and what to say when talking to children about sex.**

**What age should parents start talking with children about sexuality?**

Sexuality starts at birth, your conversations have actually already started!

**From 0 - 3 years**

Children have learned (hopefully) the correct names for body parts; they have an awareness of their own gender and some idea of the gender 'roles' that are shaped in our society. They have a natural curiosity about their own and others' bodies. They enjoy nudity, touch and cuddles as a pleasurable experience. They are taking notice of relationships around them and how people speak to each other and speak to them. This is an important time for parents to encourage and develop positive messages about touch with no sense of shame.

Key early developmental factors in childhood sexuality include children's sense of self and ownership over their bodies. Respect and privacy discussions should start at this age.

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS continued

### School age

Most children are interested in how babies are made even if they have never spoken to you about it. They want to know where they came from. It is a perfect time to start discussions about how the egg and sperm get together, pregnancy and birth. Many children will be aware of some connection between sex, pleasure, secrecy and privacy. They will have overheard stories, talked about it in the playground and many will have received sexuality messages from advertising and TV. Your child should have a healthy understanding of conception & pregnancy by age 9 (at the latest!).

**8 years onwards** children need to know about the changes ahead for them as they transform from child to adult. Sex is not for children, so discussions around changing to an adult can eventually include when and how adults might engage in intimate experiences. These discussions are a good time to discuss the role of intimate connections, i.e. sexual intercourse, respect, consent, decision-making and pleasure are all important themes you should cover during some of your conversations.

Don't avoid the topic, look for and use teachable moments: "Oh seeing that pregnant woman reminds me that I want to talk to you about the amazing way that babies are made, what do you know about this already?"

### Glenmore Celebrates 2015:

Practices are in full swing! Most of you should now have received a note about your child's item and if there are any costume requirements. The top secret finale is starting to take shape .....there will be colour.....there will be laughs.....it will be fun.....it's.....Sorry, you have to be there!!!

### Lauree Lanyon

Deputy Principal

## BOOK FAIR IS ON NOW!!

### Scholastic Book Fair "Under the Sea"

Remember that Book Fair is currently being held in the school library. Come in and check out the great books, pens, posters and other items that are on sale. Book Fair is open before school from 8am- 9am and 2.30pm- 3.30pm. Friday is the last day!



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their great effort.

### Prep

Courtney Miller  
Peter Brady  
Dave Butac

### Year 1

Sarah Riley  
Kaidence Owen

### Year 2

Jesse Taylor  
Jasmine Mullins

### Year 3

Matthew Orteza  
Masar Awad  
Jakk Fossey

### Year 4

Jade Borley  
Allen Vegara

### Year 5

Portia Foley

### Year 6

Isabelle Heise  
Gemma Smith

### LIBRARY

Nikkiah Ishmail

### LOTE

Ana-Lea Elliott



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPORT

Friday afternoon interschool sport is finished for 2015. We would like to say a huge



to all the staff and volunteer parents who helped this year. Mr McArthur works tirelessly to make sure Friday sport runs smoothly and our staff give up their lunch time to coach the teams.

Thank you also to the students who turn up to training an always compete to the best of their ability, displaying our Glenmore pride.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the students celebrating their birthday this week.

Haylee Burrows, Guilherme Silva,  
Chantelle Smedley, Shakaya Warriner,  
Mitchell Miller, Heidie Good, Emmuella Sauer



## P & C PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

WIN A \$5 TUCKSHOP VOUCHER!

### Do you know the answer to this puzzle?

The girls will have one, the boys never do  
Count to thirty-five before you'll see two.

It is found in life, but never in death

It's part of the air, but never the breath.

Not in the future, present or the past

Just once with a priest, a rabbi is last.

It's a bit silly, all meant just for fun

If you keep looking, you'll see twenty-one.

Write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class and drop it in to the school office.

If your answer matches Mr Dunlop's answer you will go into the draw to win a \$5 Tuckshop voucher on next Friday's parade.

## P&C NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

### Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all the families that have sold their raffle tickets already. If you would like to sell more tickets, extra books are available from the school office.

### Tuckshop News

With only 3 weeks of school left the Tuckshop will be running low on stock. When filling out your child's order please choose more than one option and mark as option 1 and option 2.

Reminder that the tuckshop will be closed for stocktake on the last Thursday and Friday of term.

### Volunteers Needed

We need your help!!

We need helpers to set up the BBQ on the afternoon of for the Glenmore Celebrates 2015. We will need help from 1pm so if you could come a little early to pick you child up from school and give us an hour or two it would be appreciated. If you able to assist please leave your name with the ladies at the school office.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



25 NOVEMBER – GET SET FOR 7 AT GSHS

25 NOVEMBER - ROBOGALS FOR INVITED STUDENTS

2 DECEMBER – STEM ELP FOR INVITED YEAR 5 STUDENTS 3.30 – 5.30

4 DECEMBER – YEAR 6 DANCE

7 DECEMBER – GLENMORE CELEBRATES 2015 (6.30pm)

8 DECEMBER – AWARDS CEREMONY (9-11am)

9 DECEMBER – REPORT CARDS TO BE SENT HOME

11 DECEMBER – LAST SCHOOL DAY FOR 2015

**You're invited to...** →  
A special opportunity for families  
at Glenmore State School...

**family**  **connect**  
Rockhampton Baptist

Fun... playing together!  
Faith... exploring life together!  
Food... eating together

**FREE!** Meal to share together

**Meeting every Wednesday!**  
Term 4  
5:30 - 6:30 pm  
In Covered area near Tuckshop

**...activities that promote connection!**

For more details, contact: **Ross Wardill** Ph 4926 9669

Please note: Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Now meeting every Wednesday this term!**

Providing opportunities for families to connect!



Glenmore C&K Community Kindergarten is currently taking enrolments for 2017 and further. If you would like to come into the centre and fill out a waiting list form or you can go onto the C&K website and fill in an online waitlist.

New enrolments for each year will be offered a place in term 3 of the year before.

If you have any questions or would like to come and see the kindergarten please feel free to drop in or give us a call on 4928 5913

*Please note: We have a waiting list for 2016 as our enrolments are currently full*