

Glenmore State School Newsletter

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Thought for the week:

"If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships - the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace."

--Franklin D. Roosevelt (32nd President of the United States; 1882-1945)

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

2016 CLASS PLACEMENTS

We are about to enter the final two weeks of the 2015 school year, a time when we celebrate the Glenmore's successes and farewell another cohort of Year 6 students as they make the move to high school. Key occasions include the Year 6 dinner and dance at Old Glenmore Homestead (a well-established Glenmore tradition); the Glenmore Celebrates evening and our annual Awards Ceremony.

This week, we welcomed staff and students from St Brendan's College to work with our students to create a contemporary dance. They will conduct a second workshop prior to "Glenmore Celebrates" to fine-tune the performance. This has been a wonderful partnership and the St Brendan's students have been excellent role models for our Glenmore kids.

Attendance

Attendance has been a major focus this year and will continue to be in 2016. An attendance rate of 92% is our short-term goal. In her recent communication to Principals, Deputy Director General Patrea Walton reinforced the importance of attendance right up to the last day of school.

Historically attendance levels in the last week of Term 4 decline to around 80%. This equates to approximately one in five students missing school each day of the final week of the year. The lowest rate of attendance continues to be on the last day of Term 4 where attendance rates drop to around 60%.

Ms Walton reinforced that fact that while it is a busy time of year for everyone and we are all ready for a break (both the students and staff), it is important that clear expectations about attendance are communicated to parents.

We are not "winding down" at Glenmore in the last two weeks of term. My expectation is that learning will continue right to the last day and that students' attendance continues to meet the school's expectations to the last day.

The latest attendance data for Term 4 is:

- Whole school attendance – 92.2%
- Prep – 90%
- Year 1 – 91.5%
- Year 2 – 93.1%
- Year 3 – 93.1%
- Year 4 – 93.4%
- Year 5 – 93.9%
- Year 6 – 90.9%

Our Year 5's are still setting the standard with their attendance at school. Every day counts until 11 December.

SCHOOL UNIFORM STANDARD FOR 2016 – BLACK SHOES

A school's uniform sets the tone and reflects the pride students have in their school. It is the first thing that members of the public notice about students. At Glenmore, students wear our uniform consistently. It is seldom that a student comes to school not in uniform. In 2016, I want to raise the bar with the uniform standard in relation to shoes. Our uniform standard includes BLACK SHOES. Many of our students do wear black shoes and I thank parents for their support in this regard. When purchasing shoes for school for 2016, please ensure they are black, in keeping with our uniform policy. Students may want trendy coloured shoes, but these are not part of our Glenmore uniform. Thank you in advance for helping us to "raise the bar" in 2016 with our uniform standard.

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.

Mark Dunlop

Principal

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

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Great state. Great opportunity.



Glenmore Standards:

We are on the home run now – recipients have been tracked and checked against the school process for determining the outcomes. These have been very successful and all recipients will receive their relevant award by the end of the school year. This week's recipients are as follows:

Gum Leaf

Seth Williams
 Luke Miller
 Jesse Taylor
 Joshua Scandlyn
 Millie Taylor
 Lachlan Boyce
 Bradley Bailey

Gum Nut

Quennie Mamaril
 Tyrick Smallwood
 Grace-Elly Crawford
 Hudson Doble
 Sally Harmswoth
 Myah Dow
 Tullen Broszat
 Izabelle Howell
 Dusty-Lee Heinemann
 Leanna Brill
 Barbara Adams
 Rhys Coleman
 Ashlee Russell
 Connor McLaughlan

Koala Award

Alex Buchanan
 Justice Burnell
 Mikayla Bills
 Mikayla Wyvill
 Abbey Guy
 Sienna Lyons
 Keisha Jenkinson
 Matthew Orteza
 Haylee Burrows
 Joshua O'Brien
 Juliana Agbisit



Week 7 - Koala Award Winners



Week 7 – Gum Leaf Award Winners



Week 7 Gum Nut Winners

Parenting article:

Well known Parent expert, Michael Carr-Gregg has some very sound advice for parents about the recent happenings in our world. Please read this article....

Terrorist events in Europe in recent days have reverberated around the world. Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms and onto our devices via the media over the last few weeks, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as terror attacks. In reality we can't do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society?

Here are some ideas:

- 1. Reassure children that they are safe.** The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don't understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.
 - 2. Explain what happened.** Sounds obvious but it's important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what's happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.
 - 3. Be available.** Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.
 - 4. Help children process** what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.
 - 5. Support children's concerns for others.** They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.
 - 6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear.** Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.
 - 7. Avoid keeping the television on** all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitising to others.
 - 8. Be aware of your own actions.** Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.
- Children's worlds can be affected in ways that we can't even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children's needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

Glenmore Celebrates 2015:

Not many sleeps now until you will enjoy this wonderful event! Classes are busy practising and adding the final touches to their items. You should see the progress the finale has made – you should see how.....oops!.....sorry.....can't say anymore....you will have to wait!!

**See you at 6.30pm on Monday 7
 December at Mike Maher Centre.**

Lauree Lanyon
 Deputy Principal

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported Book Fair this year. We raised over \$4300, which means we have been able to select over \$800 worth of books for the library and purchase eight new "Maker" kits to add to our Makerspace.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their great effort.

Prep	Year 4
Hunter Ohl	Jacob Aberdein
Myiesha Lammermore	Tori Dakin
Nathaniel Schumaker	Year 5
Year 1	Peter Crane
Jayden Wiersma	Amelia Jones
Blake James	Tyler New
Year 2	Year 6
Zajae Lyons	Tristian Howell
Jet Constable	Geovana Santos-Silva
Izzabelle Howell	LIBRARY
Year 3	Chloe Jarrett-Lawton
Lucas De Oliveira Elias	LOTE
James Doyle	Lachlan Miller
	SEP
	Wyatt Hewitt

THE FIVE STAR SERVICES CLUB

Once again, The Five Star Services Club has supported our school by giving a donation of \$1500-00. Glenmore School students benefit greatly from this continuing support and the whole School Community (Staff, Parents and Students) would like to say



In 2016 we are going to use these funds to strengthen our Instrumental Music program.

P & C PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

WIN A \$5 TUCKSHOP VOUCHER!

Do you know the answer to this puzzle?

You answer me, although I never ask you questions.

What am I?

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.

- 2 DECEMBER – FAMILYCONNECT MEETING
- 4 DECEMBER – YEAR 6 DANCE
- 7 DECEMBER – GLENMORE CELEBRATES 2015
- 8 DECEMBER – AWARDS CEREMONY
- 9 DECEMBER – REPORT CARDS SENT HOME
- 11 DECEMBER – LAST SCHOOL DAY FOR 2015

P&C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

Please note: Our Uniform shop will be opening on 20, 21 & 22 January from 9am – 1pm.

Raffle Tickets due back to school by Wednesday 2 December.

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.



A sample of our raffle prizes

Tuckshop News

With only 2 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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to the students celebrating their birthday this week.



Tredee Armstrong, Bailey Hartog, Jayden Roberts, Dylan Close, Clayton Lyons

You're invited to... **familyconnect** Recreation Support

A special opportunity for families at Glenmore State School...

Fun... playing together!

Faith... exploring life together!

Food... eating together

Meeting every Wednesday!

Term 4

5:30 - 6:30 pm

(in Covered area near Tuckshop)

FREE! Meal to share together

...activities that promote connection!

For more details, contact: Ross Wardill Ph 4926 9669

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

Now meeting every Wednesday this term!