

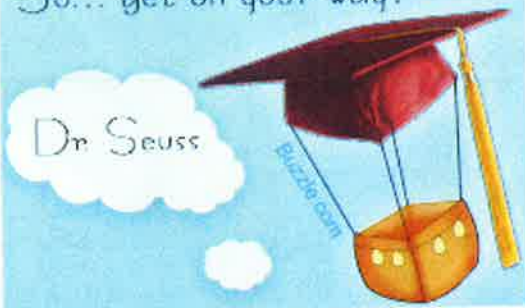
Glenmore State School Newsletter

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Thought for the week:

You're off to great places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

On Wednesday night our instrumental students performed a short concert for their families. This concert demonstrated the progress they have made during 2015 and was a wonderful way to finish their year of music. I was particularly impressed by the increased numbers of students who took part and the great response of their families in attending the concert. A strong instrumental music program is an integral part of a school and it is my goal to see our program continue to grow. Thank you to our music teachers Miss Goodsall, Mrs Svendsen and Mr McCabe for the work they do with our music program.

Preparations are well in hand for our important end-of-year events. The highlight for 2015 will be the Glenmore Celebrates night this coming Monday. The planning for this began prior to the beginning of the school year. I need to acknowledge the work of Mrs Lanyon, our Deputy Principal, in leading the organisation of this end-of-year occasion. Mrs Lanyon saw the need to revamp this event and has worked tirelessly with a dedicated committee throughout the year to achieve this goal. Also playing key role is Mrs Baker, one of our teacher aides, with her expertise in the Performing Arts. Mrs Baker and Mr Domic were instrumental in developing the relationship with St Brendan's College, who have worked with our students to create some contemporary indigenous dance. The level of engagement by our students has been outstanding and we are hoping to continue this connection with St. Brendan's in 2016.

With a little over a week left of the school year, I want to reinforce our two school rules:

- Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Follow the teacher's instructions immediately

Our high expectations around student behaviour remain right to the last day of school. That's the way we do things at Glenmore.

Last Monday I had discussions by phone with Deputy Director General Jeff Hunt about classrooms at Glenmore and our built capacity. On Wednesday, infrastructure staff visited Glenmore to review the school's built capacity. This involved an inspection of every building, measuring rooms and noting the current use of rooms. It is important that this data be accurate and up-to-date to reflect the current situation with Glenmore's enrolment capacity.

Attendance

The latest attendance data for Term 4 is:

- Whole school attendance – 90.0%
- Prep – 87.6%
- Year 1 – 89.5%
- Year 2 – 90.9%
- Year 3 – 91.3%
- Year 4 – 91.4%
- Year 5 – 91.1%
- Year 6 – 87.3%

Attendance has declined slightly this week. Holidays begin in 11 December. Our expectation is that students are at school to the end of term. Every day counts right up to 11 December.

This Wednesday was the last Family Connect evening for the year. The team from the Baptist church have provided wonderful support for our families through this program. This term has been particularly successful and we are looking forward to continuing in 2016. I would also like to thank the Glenmore families who have been part of these weekly events – your participation adds to the success of the program.

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.



Glenmore Standards:

We are almost there! Due to the number of recipients, we will have a final parade on Wednesday 9 December as well as our Friday parade this week. NO PARADE ON FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER. This week's recipients:

Gum Leaf

- Kade Constable
- Peter Brady
- Dwayne Donnelly
- Hope-Sheree Crawford
- Brenda Dos Santos Freitas
- Christian Bugg
- Jaylyn Pails

Gum Nut

- Shearna Barsah
- Zackeriah Dickinson
- Alyssa Isla
- Emmuella Sauer
- Meadow Russell
- Nikkiah Ishmail
- Telia Brady
- Jahnt'e Brady
- Jessica Spencer
- Kathleen Walker

Koala Award

- Henry Burgess
- Scarlett Lye
- Dave Butac
- Le-Zanda Tilberoo
- Shova Yadav
- Sheridan Sutton
- Hau Doan
- Karl Butac
- Victoria Silva de Oliveira
- Franz Bongco
- Stephanie Balbuena



WEEK 8 - Gum Nut, Koala and Gum Leaf Winners



PARENTING ARTICLE:

Our final article for the year is timely for this coming Christmas season – I know it is supposed to be all about peace and goodwill; but somehow sibling rivalry and disagreements about gifts can sometimes get in the way! This situation can be compounded when, for whatever reason, the family dynamics means the holidays need to be spent staying with one parent for a time and then the other. Please read this article about negotiation skills with your children – it may give you some ideas to ride out the 'silly season'....

Parents using kids as bargaining chips

By Michael Grose

It's been said that children are the unwitting victims of a breakdown between partners, but it doesn't take a separation for kids to be caught up in their parents' disputes.

In particular, kids of all ages can be impacted by games of one-upmanship that can be played out even when parents are together.

It happens when one parent criticises the other parent's child-rearing either verbally or non-verbally: a raised eyebrow can send a strong message. This type of criticism creates doubt and uncertainty in children.

It happens when one parent intentionally overindulges children by buying them toys, gadgets and clothes or granting them excessive freedom out of spite. Competitiveness and disloyalty cause confusion and unhappiness in children.

It happens when a parent withholds affection and attention to children to punish their partner for some transgressions they may have committed. Callousness leads to feelings of unhappiness and guilt in children.

Consistency is the greatest gift parents can give

Kids crave consistency from their parents. They love to be able to predict how their parents will raise them as this puts them in control, which is vital for their healthy development. When they grow up in a predictable, caring environment they are more likely to take the learning risks necessary to grow and develop. In unstable, unpredictable environments kids either go into their shells to keep safe or they rebel. Consistency requires parents to use predictable routines, to stick to a known set of rules and to act always in their children's best interests when raising them.

Avoid negative partnership spill over

Families have many relationships within them. Parents have relationships with children as individuals and as a group. Children also have relationships with each other and with each parent, if there are two. Parents also have a relationship with each other, which can be compromised when there is family breakdown. The challenge for parents is to prevent a breakdown in their relationship impacting on their other relationships including each person's relationship with children. Positive parent relationships also have a positive effect on children's learning and wellbeing. Conversely, anecdotal evidence suggests that the spill over to children from their parents' negative relationships is significant indeed in terms of negatively impacting children's learning and their wellbeing.

Kids are mood detectives

If two parents are in dispute there is an absolute imperative for the parents to keep the breakdown or conflict between themselves and to minimise the negative spill over to children. Inevitably, children will experience a tension if it exists between couples no matter how well their parents try to keep a dispute private. Kids are mood detectives. They're generally better than we think at picking up the nuances of relationship tensions.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS.....cont

Stick to the business of parenting

It helps if parents in dispute can stick to the business of parenting and don't confuse it with the business of partnering. If a parent isn't getting along with a partner, then this is a problem to be worked out between them. Acting in the best interests of children means that we separate the partnering from the parenting when it comes to childrearing. This means that parents may have to compromise about many issues ranging from the straightforward, such as bedtimes, to more complex issues such as how best to manage children's behaviour. Giving some ground to the other parent maybe problematic when relationships are troubled, but it's not impossible. Plenty of separated couples do so successfully by consciously putting their children's best interest before their own.

Putting aside differences in children's best interests

Relationship breakdown can bring out the worst and the best in people. It brings out the worst when parents put their individual interest before their children's, particularly when they interact with each other. Parents show their best side when they don't let emotions rule their heads when they are in dispute with their partner. That means refraining from using kids as bargaining chips when interacting with their partner or ex-partner. Instead they stick to the business of parenting and make decisions in the very best interests of their children rather than their own interests. That's the adult thing to do.



Glenmore Celebrates 2015:

Only four more sleeps to go!! We have started our formal rehearsals at the Mike Maher Centre to ensure our performances on Monday night are the best they can be! It is a wonderful event for the Glenmore community and an excellent way for your child/ren to demonstrate some talents that you may not know they have – please make the time to come to Glenmore Celebrates 2015. By the way, I have heard on the grapevine that the top secret finale gave a well-known Glenmore identity a sneak preview of the performance....word isit was.....AWESOME!!

Countdown to 11 December:

Please note the following information:

Monday 7 December :

Formal whole school rehearsal for Glenmore Celebrates, please ensure your child comes to school for this important final rehearsal. **There is a special extra practice for Strings and Concert Band – these students are to meet outside the music room on Monday morning – Strings at 8.20am and Concert Band at 8.45am.**

- BBQ at Mike Maher Centre – 5.15pm start. Steak burgers, sausages on bread, soft drink and water on sale.
- Glenmore Celebrates 2015 – doors open at 6.15pm. Performance starts promptly at 6.30pm. If your child is in more than one item, there are designated change rooms in the hall. Staff will be supervising these rooms so that costumes can be safely left in the room. Please ensure the costumes/bags are named. Glenmore students who are performing on the night **MUST** sit in their class groups under teacher supervision.

Tuesday 8 December:

Glenmore Awards Ceremony – this starts promptly at 9.00am in the Mike Maher Centre. Parents, please be seated by 8.50am. All students are required to be dressed in their full school uniform.

Wednesday 9 December:

- Last parade for 2015.
- Report cards should be sent home at the end of the school day. This envelope will also include 2016 class allocation and School Information Booklet (one for each family).

Thursday 10 December:

Party Day at Glenmore State School – P&C will provide a sausage sizzle and watermelon for all students. Prep to year 2 students will receive this food at first break. Years 3 to 6 will receive this food at second break. **Please remember the tuckshop is not open and you will need to provide lunch for one of the breaks. If you do not wish your child to participate in the P&C sausage sizzle, please supply lunches for both breaks.**

Friday 11 December:

Clean Up day – all used and any left-over equipment is sent home (this will start to happen in the last week), classes are re-organised, tidy boxes cleaned etc. If there is a need, furniture will also be moved.

Lauree Lanyon

Deputy Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2016

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

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It is important that all students commencing Prep in 2016 have had enrolment interviews prior to the commencement of the school year. 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..

RAFFLE TICKETS DUE BACK NOW!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for their great effort.

Prep

Xaine Nevin
Tyleisha Tilberoo
Scarlett Lye

Year 1

Sarah Riley

Year 2

Jaylyn Pails
Kaida Howard

Year 3

Shova Yadav
Declan Lye
India Donahue

Year 4

Lashay Sauer
Allirah Richards

Year 5

Psalmoi Gristwood
Jazzmn Williams

Year 6

Kayla Foley
Xaine Halliday
James Ingui

LOTE

Tristian Howell

SEP

Hayley Hall

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have any old school uniforms that your children have grown out of or if you are replacing uniforms please consider donating the old uniforms to the school uniform pool. We always have a need for spare uniforms.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

This is the summer of Lost Worlds exploration

Discover underwater worlds alternative universes, lost places hidden realms and times gone by as you dive into the worlds of science fiction, historical fiction and fantasy fiction
Check out the range of free activities online and at your local library go in the draw to win great prizes

Wednesday 16 December
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Adventure Scavenger Hunt
Rockhampton Regional Library
Using the Encyclopaedia Britannica Library online resource. Find the answers to six mysterious questions.
go in the draw to win a mini iPad

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 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.

REMINDER – TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 10 AND FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy birthday to the students celebrating their birthday this week.

Ashlee Russell, Zaria Morrell, Tredee Armstrong, Rylie Green-Hermann, Star Rumpf, Dexta Smith, Zajae Lyons, Harmony Hayes

GIARDIASIS

We have had a report from a parent the one of our students has contracted Giardiasis.

Giardiasis is an intestinal infection that may be contracted from drinking contaminated water, or from close personal contact with infected persons. Giardiasis infects a variety of vertebrates including mammals, reptiles and birds. It is a major cause of diarrhoea in humans and has been suspected of causing diarrhoea in farm animals.

More information on the symptoms and treatment of Giardiasis is available on the Queensland Government website.

Capras Christmas Clinic
Junior Clinic for all 5-12 year olds
@ Browne Park, Rockhampton
Saturday 12th December

Every child receives:

- #CQ Capras Handball
- #CQ NRL Bid Stress ball
- #CQ NRL Bid Wristband
- #QLD Origin Poster
- #CQ Capras Water Bottle
- #NRL Bag

\$30

Raffle Prizes
Sausage sizzle
Santa Clause Presents
Canteen Open

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