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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thought for the week

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default.

J. K. Rowling

During the past week, we have had two significant end-of-year events, both highlighting and celebrating the achievements at Glenmore during 2015. Monday night's Glenmore Celebrates was an outstanding success. The program showcased a broad range of items and talents from classes, special groups our instrumental program students and of course, our staff. Judging by the number of smart phones and iPads being held up during the grand finale, I'm sure that Glenmore is now famous out there in the land of social media! Miss Sims, the leader of the staff performance, is already looking ahead to 2016 to "go one better". I would like to thank our staff for their fabulous effort in preparing students for the night and thank Mrs Lanyon and the organising committee for putting together such a successful event. Thanks also to our Glenmore families for supporting the event and also supporting the P & C BBQ.

On Tuesday morning, we celebrated the academic, sporting and cultural successes of our students this year and also officially farewelled the Year 6 Class of 2015. Our invited guests spoke highly of our Glenmore students, especially so, our Regional Director Ms Kim Fredericks who was highly impressed with both the ceremony and the students' achievements and character. A very significant number of students were recognised for their achievements and that speaks well about the work of our staff. Ceremonies such as this require many, many hours of preparation and planning – from identifying award recipients and inviting special guests to detailing in which seat each award recipient will sit. Mrs Allison, our Head of Curriculum, lead the preparation for this annual ceremony and her meticulous planning, and well-established routines set the Glenmore Awards presentation as the benchmark for primary schools. Mrs Michell, one of our teacher aides also plays a significant role with her team behind the scenes with the preparation of the numerous certificates required for the occasion. Thank you to Mrs Allison, Mrs Michell and staff members who have contributed to the success of the 2016 ceremony.

This term, attendance at Glenmore has shown noticeable improvement. On Tuesday morning, we recognised some 32 students with 100% attendance. That is an outstanding effort on their part. Our Year 5's and 5JS in particular have led the way and this bodes well for our senior classes next year. I expect them to continue to lead the way with attendance at school. Our school-wide target is 92%. I believe that is achievable in 2016. Thank you to the many, many parents who ensure their children are at school each day to make the most of the great teaching at Glenmore. **We CAN do 92!**

This Friday, we will say goodbye to some well-respected staff members. It is with great sadness that I advise the school community that our wonderful Chappy Melissa will be leaving us this year. Her positive influence at Glenmore will be greatly missed, but she will continue her association with our school through P & C. We are currently in the process of selecting a new Chaplain for Glenmore. Also leaving us are Miss Navie and Miss Nishi. Miss Navie is returning to the south-east corner after four years at Glenmore. During these four years, Miss Navie has established herself as an outstanding teacher with our Explicit

Instruction teaching practices and her teaching is shown around the region and indeed Australia by John Fleming. We wish Miss Navie well in the future and she will also be greatly missed at Glenmore. Miss Nishi joined us at the start of 2015 to teach Japanese to our Year 5 and 6 students. Miss Nishi also taught Japanese at Park Avenue SS and Lakes Creek SS. There is no doubt that Miss Nishi is the best Japanese teacher I have worked with. She quickly became a valued staff member at Glenmore, established an amazing rapport with our students and involved herself in our school activities. Miss Nishi also volunteered to our Coles Community Food pick-up each Tuesday which earned her the nickname of the "Bread Lady". We wish Miss Nishi well with her move to Townsville. Mrs Sanderson, a parent of former Glenmore students and one of our casual teacher aides, leaves us this year. Mrs Sanderson has been an asset to our school and I wish her and her family well as they prepare to leave Rockhampton.

In 2016 we will welcome some new staff to Glenmore. Mrs Vicki Beasley joins us to teach Year 1. Mrs Beasley is an experienced lower school teacher who I am sure will be an asset to our school. Mr Stephen Kydd has been transferred from Gracemere SS. He will fill the role of Local Relieving Teacher in 2016 and will also teach 6MO on Fridays. Miss Letitia Knowles will be returning from leave in 2016 and will be working part time with Mrs March on Year 1. Mrs March will also be working in our Special Education Program.

During 2015, our P & C Association has worked tirelessly to support our school and your children. A small but dedicated group have achieved a remarkable outcome with fundraising during 2015. Thank you to our P & C executive for the great work this year – and it is worth noting that our President, Secretary and Treasurer were all new parents to our school! I encourage parents to become involved in 2016. It's a great way to connect with your children's school.

We have come a long way this year at Glenmore. We have risen above the challenges we were faced with during the year and the outcomes of our students continue to forge ahead. Glenmore is very much a school on the move.

On behalf of the Glenmore staff, I wish everyone in our Glenmore community a safe holiday period, a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and look forward to you joining us again in 2016.

Mark Dunlop

Principal

CLASSES FOR 2015

PKB – Mrs Barram
PML – Mrs Lynch
PRB – Mrs Belz
1KM – Miss Knowles / Mrs March
1VB – Mrs Beasley
1/2KP – Miss Patzwald
2CN – Miss Nugent
2SH – Mrs Ho
3LF – Mrs Fuary
3LO – Mrs O'Farrell
3/4RS – Miss Sims
4HD – Mrs Desic
4SO – Miss Oram
5JS – Mrs Saunders
5MK – Mrs McKenzie
5/6VJ – Mrs Jones
6MM – Mrs Mason
6MO – Mrs Ohl



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Glenmore Standards:

As you can see from our wonderful newsletter cover this week, our Glenmore tree has certainly flourished. It is outstanding to see the end result – abundance of leaves, gumnuts and cute koalas. *In fact, the tree has 320 leaves, 203 gumnuts and 40 koalas.*

The response from this new initiative has been overwhelmingly positive. *It is designed to be a journey of self-improvement, not a competition.* Students reflect on their behaviour, attitude and if they are being 'the best they can be'. I would like to thank all parents for their attendance on parades, proudly taking photos and being there to recognise your son's or daughter's efforts. This week's recipients are as follows:

Gum Leaf

Claire Flower
Clayton Lyons
Thomas Sims
Madison Brown
Blanch Russell
Xaine Halliday
Talis Morrell

Gum Nut

Courtney Miller
Xaine Nevin
Tairan Halliday
Usharne Waller
Sophia Doyle
Caitlyn Porter
Riley Stennett
Tyson Saplos
India Donahue
James Doyle

Koala Award

Brody James
Jayden Roberts
Angus Fulton
Jessica Graham
Tony Wang
Seth James
Maddison Pianta
Jade Borley
Emily Shelton
Ysmael Gandia



2015 at Glenmore State School:

2015 has been a test of resilience for all of us. It started with Cyclone Marcia and I know that some of you are still dealing with tradesmen, insurance agents, trying to get things 'back to normal'. We have also had sadness within the staff with loved ones passing, dealing with illness and one of our dearly loved members passing away.

Through all these ups and downs, the staff at Glenmore State School rally – they pick themselves up, brush themselves off and get on with the job of being the best educators they can be for your children. Visiting teachers and Regional Office personnel comment on the quality of our caring staff. It really is a very special place to work.

Everyone at Glenmore matters, everyone at Glenmore is appreciated. From the smiling faces at the school office, the willing cleaners and janitor who ensure we have a clean and safe working place, the exceptional teacher aides, the dedicated teachers right through to the experienced specialist staff – Glenmore State School is a great school. Students at Glenmore State School are proud of their achievements and strive to improve in all they do. Our community supports the school by ensuring their children come to school well dressed and prepared for the school day. All of us have a part to play to ensure we do have a great school.

As we all start to wind down as school ends (only to wind up again with Christmas preparations!) – I wish all of you a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Be safe.....have fun.....spend time with your children.....see you in 2016.

Lauree Lanyon

Deputy Principal

CHAPPY CHAT



Farewell and Merry Christmas Glenmore staff and families.

Yes, it is true, I won't be your Glenmore School Chappy next year ●

The time has come for me to focus on my family and organise the demolition and rebuild of the Frost family

home. YEY! ...no really we are very excited as a family to be moving forward with things since losing our home in June.

Happy thoughts....Let me take this time to tell you that I have been a **very happy chappy** in Glenmore for the past 6 years now.

Caring for you has been easy. You are a wonderful school community, and serving you was something that was put on my heart to do 7 years ago. Believe it or not, you were an answer to my prayer. ●

*It all began.....*My youngest child was going into Prep and I was wondering what I could do to serve others and be a blessing in community so, whilst driving by Glenmore one day I had a random thought (a MR Bean moment) about becoming the Chappy of this school. I didn't know much about Chaplaincy at all, so I Googled...as you do! Completed my application, went for an SU interview not knowing what schools were available. It wasn't until the end of the interview that Scripture Union mentioned that a Glenmore Primary Chappy Postion has just become available, 1 day earlier. "How crazy is that! I squealed inside excitedly!! and said YES to the position straight away!the rest is history.

Even though another will be filling the chappy role awesomely in the new year, I am looking forward to continuing my care for you Glenmore Primary. P&C support and fundraising, tuckshop duty here I come!

You will always have a special place in my heart.

Merry Christmas Glenmore, have a relaxing break, see you in the New Year!

x Happy Chappy (Happy Lis, Aunty Lis, Mrs Frost.)

(PS. I'll go by whatever name makes us both happy.)

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.

