



# Glenmore State School Newsletter

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### IT'S HEATING UP IN 34RS THIS WEEK DURING HOT MATHS.

HOT Maths is a new approach at Glenmore to teach children critical thinking skills, the importance of team work and how we can learn from mistakes. Children are encouraged to communicate and use hands on materials to learn these Higher Order Thinking skills.

The students entered the 'Zone of Confusion' with Miss Sims and Miss Stegman, when being challenged to solve problems using coloured blocks in various shapes.

### *Quality Learning in a Caring Environment*

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thought for the week:

*"Don't believe everything you read on the Internet just because there's a picture with a quote next to it."*

Abraham Lincoln

Last Friday Day 8 enrolment numbers were finalised. I am pleased to advise that Glenmore's Day 8 enrolment was 435. Our Day 8 enrolment numbers have increased each year since 2013. We have also taken additional enrolments since Friday and are now nearing 440. The great news about the enrolment numbers is that we have currently have 79 Prep students – representing a significant increase. The Day 8 numbers also mean that we are allocated 18 class teachers, an increase over previous years. We currently have 18 class groups and will not need to purchase any shortfall for our 18<sup>th</sup> teacher.

Class numbers are tight in several year levels with the increases this year, particularly in Prep. I am in consultation with DET's facilities staff about the provision of an additional Prep teaching space to cater for the growth. Once these discussions are complete, we will be in a position to make informed decisions about any restructuring of the current classes that may be needed. We will keep parents fully informed about any planned restructure.

During the past week, I have handed out many Gotchas to students who are adhering to our uniform expectations and to students following our before 8.30 routines waiting sensibly at the senior covered area with their school bags prior to the 8.30 bell. **This year, it is a clear expectation that students who arrive at school before 8.30 am go straight to the covered area with their bags.** They are then dismissed to move to their classroom or to play handball or basketball after the 8.30 bell.

On Tuesday, our Year 2 and 4 teachers will be attending the Collins Writing presentation. The Collins Writing program focusses on whole school improvement through writing. The presenters of this program are from Harvard University in the United States. Next Thursday John Fleming returns to Glenmore for his Term 1 visit. He will conduct workshops with class teachers around high expectations for student work and improving our Upper Two Band students' achievement.

*Mark Dunlop*  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Parenting Article:

Over the next two weeks, this section will be about the importance of regularly attending school. Attendance at the start of the year is usually good; however, as the weeks go by, children become tired and then the excuses start.

Part One gives some background information about the need to regularly come to school....

**It's not okay to be away .... nor to be late to school by Michael Grose**

*When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.*

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.

It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet 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.

This 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.

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.

### Bikes and Scooters:

If your child rides a scooter to school IT DOES NOT GO ANY FURTHER INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS THAN THE BIKE RACKS. IT MUST BE LOCKED using a bike lock for security. Helmets need to be locked with the scooter or taken to the classroom or school office for safe keeping.

### Glenmore Chess Club:

Due to the initiative of two of our year 6 boys – William and Cooper – we are endeavouring to operate a Chess Club for years 4 to 6 in the library during first break on Mondays and Thursdays. Depending on the interest, we may open this to younger students later in the year.

Chess is an excellent game to develop strategic thinking and our Guidance Officer, Mr Wilson (Mondays) and our School Chaplain, Chappy Dan (Thursdays) will be facilitating this group.

The school does have five chess sets. However, if you have a chess set at home that is no longer used, we would love you to donate it to the school. We are hoping to fill R room in the library with budding chess champions! Please leave it at the school office.

### Sugar in drinks:

We try to make children's lunches interesting and tempting. We also aim to make them healthy and full of nutrition. The following list may make you re-think just what your child (and you) might be consuming!

- A bottle of lemon iced tea contains the same amount of sugar as six Oreos.
- A large coffee frappe contains the same amount of sugar as three and a half Strawberries and Creme Krispy Creme Donuts.
- A popular bottled green juice (which is mostly fruit) contains the same amount of sugar as three bowls of Froot Loops.
- A 600ml bottle of Powerade sports drink contains the same amount of sugar as 14 red frog lollies.
- A Ribena popper contains the same amount of sugar as two large scoops of cookies and cream ice-cream.
- A 500ml bottle of Vitamin Water contains the same amount of sugar as a Killer Python lolly.
- A small glass of grape juice contains the same amount of sugar as three cinnamon donuts.
- A bottle of no added sugar apple juice contains more sugar than a can of Coke.

Scary stuff? You can see why there are drinks you should give up. Don't be fooled by 'clever' marketing labels claiming to be sugar free or all natural. Always check the nutritional labels on the back.

*Lauree Lanyon*  
Deputy Principal



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Congratulations to the following students for the great effort this week*

### Prep

Rihanna Dobbs  
Lincoln Cleland  
Taylor Barsah

### Year 1

Lachlan Warriner  
Henry Burgess  
Lilian Pointing

### Year 2

Dakota Draper  
Harmony Hayes

### Year 3

Sienna Lyons  
Tyron Halliday

### Year 4

Jakk Fossey  
Jeniqua Sauer  
Satchen Stubbs

### Year 5

Ashlee Stennings  
Hope Little

### Year 6

Cameron Price  
Alexis Walmsley  
Matthew Adams

### LIBRARY

Zajae Lyons

## GLENMORE PLAYGROUP

### Glenmore Playgroup

**Starts next Friday 19 February**

**Sign on Friday 12 February**

**1:30pm - 3pm at S Block**

**Free playgroup membership**

**Bring your child (birth to 4 years)**



EVERY FRIDAY  
1PM TO 3PM

PLAYING  
TOGETHER

MAKE FRIENDS

CRAFTS

Healthy Snack provided

(Limited places)

STORIES



Playgroup  
QUEENSLAND

## SPORTS DRAW

**AFL** - All games will be conducted at Kele Park (Entry Via Millewa St West Rockhampton) 12:15 for a 12:30 start to games

Glenmore	Game 1 - vs Mount Archer
	Game 2 - The Hall

### SOCCER

Year 6	vs Mt Archer @ Elizabeth Park 1 - 1.35pm
Mixed A	vs Crescent Lagoon @ Glenmore - 12.40pm
Mixed B	vs RGS Red @ Glenmore - 1.35pm

**OZ TAG** - All games played at Saleyards Park

Boys	vs St Joseph PA Maroon - Field 2 - 1.35pm
Girls	vs Berserker - Field 4 - Field 4 - 1.35pm
Mixed	vs Berserker - Field 5 - 1.35pm



**Friday afternoon interschool sports fees are due by 4 March 2016. The cost is \$30.00 for this sport season that runs until the end of May. Payment plans can be arranged by contacting our Business Services Manager**

on 4923 0666.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Michael Salmon to visit Glenmore

Michael Salmon is an Australian author who will be visiting Glenmore on Wednesday, 2 March to speak with our Year 2 and 3 students. Michael, who has written and illustrated over 175 books, will present an hour long session that is interactive and entertaining, while focusing on helping students develop their own creativity.

Michael will share with the students how he developed his ideas for his books, including *Bobo My Superdog*, *The Chocolate Vampire* and *The Monster who ate Australia*. Following his show Michael will have a number of items for sale and be available for book signings:

Activity fun book - \$3  
Activity sticker book - \$5  
Chapter book - \$10  
Picture story books - \$8- \$10  
Large format flap books - \$20  
If you would like to purchase an item, money can be sent to the library. You can find out more about Michael Salmon at <http://www.michaelsalmon.com.au/>



### Book Club

**Reminder: Book Club Issue One is due back to school on 17 February.** Orders need to be placed into an envelope with your child's name and class written on the front. The envelopes can be handed into the office.

## P&C PRESIDENT'S BLOG

### Seeking....

The Glenmore P&C Committee is seeking a well organised, enthusiastic, can-do person to fill a recent vacancy of Secretary. If you would like to get involved and give your child a **"voice"**, then send your details to [panc@glenmoress.eq.edu.au](mailto:panc@glenmoress.eq.edu.au) or come along to our next on the 15th February - meeting at 6pm in the administration building. Remember! you don't have to be at every meeting to get involved with the P&C, so either send your details to the above email, or pick up a membership form in the administration office. Everyone is welcome, so get involved and "find your voice".



## FAMILY CONNECT

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

**familyconnect**

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

Activities that promote Connection!

**This week! Serving free Pizza for Tea!**

Re-commencing...

Wednesday, 17th February  
5:30 - 6:30 pm

For more details, contact:

Ross or Sharon Wardill

Ph 0438876274 or 49269669

Under covered shelter on edge of the oval!



Please note: Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian! Providing opportunities for families to connect!

If you would like more details on the Family Connect activities please contact Ross or Sharon on 0438 872 674 or 4926 9669.

Family friendly sport - you'll love it!

Celebrating  
30 years  
1988 to  
2018



### "Valentines Day"

### "I Love Hockey" Sign-On

(Sign-on fee - Seniors \$100, Juniors \$50)  
(to be credited to seasons fees)

When? : Sunday Feb. 14  
Where? : Church Park  
Glenmore Road  
Nth. Rockhampton  
What time? : 3.00 to 7.00pm

Join in the family  
"I love Hockey" afternoon  
(Free sausage sizzle from 4.30pm)

**INFORMATION from**

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or [marfaweeny@prinus.com.au](mailto:marfaweeny@prinus.com.au)

# TRIVIA NIGHT

fundraising for school chaplaincy

Where: Rockhampton State  
High School - Hall  
Campbell Street

When: 20th  
February

Time: 6pm Sausage Sizzle  
6:30pm Trivia begins!

Cost: \$10 per person  
Max 8 people per team

Round Prizes  
Supper & hot drinks provided  
Sausage sizzle and cold drinks for sale

Bookings Essential  
email [jamesh2@chappy.org.au](mailto:jamesh2@chappy.org.au)  
or text 0409 384 392



REMINDER  
P&C MEETING  
MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY  
6.00PM  
A BLOCK  
ALL WELCOME

## NERIMBERA FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN ON DAY



When: Sunday 14th February 10am-2pm

Where: Pilbeam Park (Off Lakes Creek Road)

Contact: Angela 0408738476

Ricky: 0438182815

Squirts to Seniors, All Abilities Welcome.

### NFC 2016 Junior Training Kit

Through the generosity of our sponsors EVERY junior player who signs on for the 2016 season at Nerimbera FC will receive for FREE a junior training kit!



## GRADE 1-2 UB MINI BALL COMPETITION



The UB Mini Ball is a 7 week competition for Grade 1-2 students.

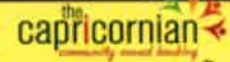
- All Teams train together on Tues afternoons under the guidance of RBI Development Manager Matt Neason (Tues 5.15pm-6.15pm)
- Players are put into teams (not signed to clubs)
- Teams play modified 4 on 4 games on Friday afternoons (Fri 4.00pm-5.00pm)

WHEN: PROGRAM STARTS TUES 9TH & FRI 12TH FEB  
TIME: TUES 5.15-6.15PM, FRI 4.00-5.00PM  
COST: \$66.00

Register at [www.rockhamptonbasketball.com.au](http://www.rockhamptonbasketball.com.au) by clicking on the icon in the top right hand corner.

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## GRADE 3-6



Aussie Hoops is the official Learn2Play program for Basketball Australia. Learn the skills of the game through a series of specially designed games created with the sole purpose of maximising fun.

WHEN: TUES 9TH FEB-TUES 22ND APRIL  
TIME: 4.00PM-5.00PM  
COST: \$77.00

WHAT YOU GET

- 7 WEEKS OF EXPERT BASKETBALL COACHING
- AN AUSSIE HOOPS PLAYER PACK (THE BAG, BALL, & TRAINING CRISKEY)
- PLUS MEMORabilia FROM OUR JUNIOR SPONSOR THE CAPRICORNIAN

Register at [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au) by entering 4700 in the post code locator.

Both programs are headed up by RBI Development Manager Matt Neason with assistance from our Rockets & Cyclones athletes. For further information please contact Matt on 07 4922 5544.