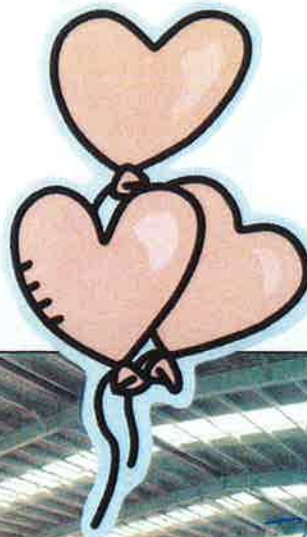


# Glenmore State School Newsletter

## NEWSLETTER NUMBER 12

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Happy Mother's Day

The Mothers from Glenmore State School would like to say a huge  
**THANK YOU**  
to Melissa Frost and her band of helpers for the lovely morning tea today.  
Thank also to our Student Form members for serving the morning tea. It was  
a lovely morning and we are already looking forward to next year.

*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:

*The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom*  
Henry Ward Beecher

The achievements and effect of a school cannot just be measured by academic data and communicated through league tables. This is very true of Glenmore especially over the past week and into the next. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, Year 3 and 5 students in primary schools right across Australia will complete NAPLAN tests. Glenmore's data in NAPLAN has grown markedly each year and in 2015, we recorded several best ever results. Data analysis of practice tests showed that in all the domains in NAPLAN, in Years 3 and 5, there were 111 instances where ONE more correct answer would move students up one band. Our teachers and students have worked very hard leading up to next week's tests and I am confident Glenmore's improvement journey will continue.

Beyond academic testing, last Friday our AFL team won the Final in convincing style. This is at least the second year in a row Glenmore has achieved this feat. Well done Mrs Saunders and her team of boys and girls. Thank you to Mr Hill who assisted on Friday and a special thanks to Mr and Mrs Sutton for their ongoing support of the team on Friday afternoons. Last Thursday, Glenmore runners contested the district cross country at Kalka Shades. Congratulations to Seth James, who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in his age group and earned himself a place in the Rockhampton team.

This Thursday, the fabulous Mothers' Morning Tea will take place, led by Melissa Frost and her team of volunteers and supported by the Glenmore P & C Association. This event has no equal in schools around our district and I'm sure the mums who attend will savour the time out from their busy roles. This event gives our Student Forum the opportunity to serve our school community as they assist with morning tea for the guests.

Also on Thursday, the Glenmore String Ensemble competes in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod. Glenmore has a strong string program led by Mrs Svendsen. I wish them well at the eisteddfod and I am certain they will represent Glenmore to the highest standard.

Mrs Shaw, one of our teacher aides, has rallied a staff team for the Relay for Life. To support the Glenmore team, and the Queensland Cancer Fund, we are having a free dress day for students on Friday 6 May. For a gold coin donation, students can wear "Footy Colours".

These are the things that are the measure of a good school – and as you can see, we do it well at Glenmore!

Attendance remains a focus and we will not rest until we reach the 92% target. Current school-wide data clearly highlights how we have improved this year, with the percentage of students in the four attendance rate categories.

	Less than 85%	85 to 90%	90 to 95%	95% or better
2015	29.4%	11.1%	20.8%	38.7%
2016	22.6%	8.3%	21.3%	47.4%

Current attendance for each year level is:

Year Level	Attendance Rate	Year Level	Attendance Rate
Prep	86.2%	4	89.1%
1	90.2%	5	91.7%
2	91.0%	6	92.0%
3	90.1%		

Every day counts. We CAN do 92.

Mark Dunlop  
Principal

## BREAKING NEWS!!

### Glenmore String Ensemble wins 1<sup>st</sup> place at Rockhampton Eisteddfod



Congratulations to the members of our String Ensemble for taking out 1<sup>st</sup> place in their section at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for the great effort this week

### Prep

Ella Wiersma  
Grace Guy  
Jonothon Goodsall  
Gabriel Booth

### Year 1

Ana Marques Da Silva  
Ellanah March  
Danyil Taylor

### Year 2

Andy Cao  
Laytham Beresford

### Year 3

Joseph Brady  
Tyron Williams

### Year 4

Chantelle Smedley  
Maddyson Currie  
Rhys Coleman

### Year 5

Leandro Arouca  
Charlise Wyvill  
Verna-Mae Catubig

### Year 6

Elijah Gabel  
Victoria Silva de Oliveria

### Library

Scarlett Lye



## RELAY FOR LIFE

A group of Glenmore Staff have decided to get behind the Cancer Society Relay for Life event this year and are entering a team, The Glenmore Girls. We will be 1 of 116 teams taking part in Rockhampton this year, and among 1000 other walkers supporting the Cancer Society. Our enthusiastic team of 8 will start walking next Saturday 14 May at 2 pm and will finish walking 18 hours later at 8 am on the Sunday morning. This year the relay will be located at Colts Rugby Union Oval, Tom Nutley Field, Rockhampton

If you come out on the day, please pop over to our marquee and say hi. You can support our team by purchasing some goodies from our table or alternatively, you can make a donation to our team total online @ <http://www.relayforlife.org.au/>

Hope to see you there

The Glenmore Girls



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Glenmore Standards:

Students proudly received their Gum Leaf award last Friday and our tree in the office foyer has finally started to sprout! This week's recipients are as follows:

- Taylor Barsah
- Franz Bongco
- Portia Foley
- Jacob Howell
- Ysmael Gandia
- Elijah Gabel
- Ryan Brookman
- Jasmine Mullins
- Jemima James
- Sienna Lyons
- Cailie Rigg
- Cassidy Findlay
- Alexandra Millan
- Malcolm Darkin
- Dakota Draper
- Andy Cao
- Le-Zanda Tilberoo
- Kahlia George
- Baraa Awad
- Charlie Taylor
- Joel Hall

### NAPLAN – Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May, Thursday 12 May

Parents of year 3 and 5 students have now received a letter about this Nation-wide test or have completed a form exempting or withdrawing your child for specific reasons. These forms need to be received by Monday 9 May.

Year 3 and 5 students are invited to have a NAPLAN breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.15am at L block.

It is very important that students are well rested and arrive on time for school on these days.

### Parenting Article

This Sunday is a very special day – it's Mothers' Day! It was a delight to watch the excitement and care the students showed when selecting their gifts for mum this week. Mothers are incredible, enjoy this article from a male's perspective.....

### Mother of all jobs

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### Michael Grose

#### *As an ex-house dad, I take my hat off to mothers.*

When I was busy at work I would often think about what my wife must be doing. I used to conjure up an image of her playing happily with my three-year-old son in the sandpit at the local playgroup while the other two children slept peacefully nearby. With these images at the front of my mind I thought motherhood sure beat working for a living.

Many years ago I discovered how far from the truth my notion of motherhood really was when my wife and I swapped roles. I must confess that two of the children were at school so I had it easier than my partner but it was as close as I could get.

The first thing I learned was that while I may be the primary carer I could never be a substitute mother to my children. Take sickness or illness for example. When one of the kids was off-colour, had a cut or bruise or just needed some tender loving care they headed straight for their mother. Dad may do in the meantime, but I was a pale imitation of the real thing, their mum, when it comes to dispensing comfort. I could give them just as good a hug as any female. It is just that their mum was well ... their mum. It is as simple as that.

I also learned there are some things that fathers can't do as well as mothers. In my case it was fixing my daughters' hair. The first

time I put my youngest daughter's hair in a plait she cried. Not from pain, just the embarrassment of being seen in public with a hair-do that looked like a piece of knotty, old rope. It became accepted in my house that 'dads don't do hair'.

I soon appreciated the unique skills that mothers develop if they are to survive the rigours of parenting on a daily basis. In particular, mothers seem to have the uncanny knack of doing three jobs at once while dealing with noisy or whining children.

### Multi-task masters

Anyone who can cut a round of sandwiches, prepare breakfast for a family, find a missing pair of socks for tiny feet while making sure everyone is on track, has my vote. I have trouble getting myself dressed in the morning, let alone worrying about anyone else.

There is no place in a mother's repertoire for tunnel-vision or focusing on one task at a time. These are luxuries reserved for the workplace, not the family home. The fact that kids are noisy, demanding and often unpredictable means anyone who spends a fair time in their vicinity must be flexible, patient and able to keep cool under extraordinary pressure. Qualities I still don't possess.

Take cooking for example. The job of preparing a decent meal wasn't too hard. I could – and still can – usually produce something quite edible with a minimum of fuss. However, rarely did I have the chance to cook in isolation. There was always a child interrupting, asking for help or just wanting to chat. Not to mention fitting cooking around bathing, hearing kids read or picking them up from sports practice.

An increasing number of mothers do full-time paid work then come home for their second shift of parenting. Any mention to these mothers of my trials with the juggling act, simply evokes a shoulder shrug and a 'welcome to the real world' look.

If anyone says that motherhood is not like real work, send them my way. After many years of being the primary parent to my children – usually the preserve of women – I can really set them straight. It's hard yakka that largely goes unrewarded.

Happy Mother's Day!



Lauree Lanyon  
Deputy Principal

## P&C PRESIDENT'S BLOG

### Mother's Day 2016

Thank you to all those that helped out at our Mothers' Day stall yesterday. I hope all are happy with your child's gift purchases. The P&C every year put in a generous amount of effort so that all our children have a chance to thank their mothers in their own special way.

### Coming up on the agenda....

- Winter Pie drive
- Fun-run in term 3
- new signage for our McLaughlin Street and Farm Street entrances.

Things to think about are the next P&C general meeting to be held on **Monday 9th May, 6pm** at the school's Administration building - all are welcome to attend.

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