We will begin listing our award recipients in our week three newsletter!

**Important Dates**

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**Students of the Week:**
- P/1 - We will begin listing our award recipients in our week three newsletter!

**Our School Rules:**
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

**Our Five Keys to Success:**
- Resilience
- Getting Along
- Organisation
- Persistence
- Confidence

**Our High Five Strategy:**
1. Ignore
2. Talk Friendly
3. Talk Firmly
4. Walk Away
5. Report

**From The Principal**

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to 2017! We are so excited to have everyone back at school and eager to learn. I hope you all had a refreshing break and had time with family and friends over the festive season. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Prep students and their families to Glenwood State School. I saw a lot of nervous faces, including parents, on the first day back but with confidence and persistence we had a wonderful day. I am sure there were some very tired Prep students on Monday night! I would also like to welcome our new students and their parents we have in years one to six. Although these students have been to school before, it can still be a nervous time. Welcome back to our existing students and their parents as you continue your education with our wonderful school. Our newsletter is jam packed with important news, so please read the below messages carefully.

**Our School Routine**

A reminder to all parents and carers that we start school at 8:45am. We ask that students arrive from 8:30am and assemble up at the green shed until their teachers collect them. No students are allowed down at the classrooms until their teachers take them down in the morning at 8:45am. We begin the day with a fruit snack, toilet, washing hands and a drink so that we are ready to tackle the learning for the day. Please find below what the rest of our day looks like.

9am - Roll Marking, Behaviour Expectations, learning begins promptly
10am - Healthy snack from lunch box, toilet, wash hands, drink
11am - First Play
11:20am - First Break Eating Time
11:40am - Students line up under green shed to go back to class, toilet, wash hands, drink
11:45am - Begin middle session
1:15pm - Second Break Play
1:30pm - Second Break Eating
1:45pm - Students line up under green shed to go back to class, toilet, wash hands, drink, begin afternoon session
2:40pm - Pack-Up bell rings
2:45pm - Home Time - Bus students line up on pathway leading up to tuckshop: Car students line up outside office with Mrs Bradford.

Parents, if you are collecting your child by car we ask that you come in and walk with your child back to your vehicle. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and assists with ensuring the safety of all our students.
Glenwood School Priorities

I hope most of you in the Glenwood/Gunalda/Theebine area received a flyer from our school outlining our 2017 school priorities. In case you are not in these areas or you didn't receive one, please find the flyer below. We are committed to ensuring our students get the best education, every day and their reading skills advance throughout the year. We want to work closer with the community in delivering this great education to all students.

Our 2017 Priorities includes:
1. Reading
2. Community Partnerships

We will deliver enhanced results in these areas by:
- Emphasising regular school attendance – every student, everyday = better chance of success!
- Abolishing our library to ensure that the very best resources and engages all students in the enjoyment of reading
- Explicitly teaching reading comprehension skills every day in all classrooms
- Providing individualised support for students in the classroom and one-on-one intervention for identified students
- Directing school funding towards more human resources to support student learning
- Ensuring all staff are well trained in the teaching of reading and all other key learning areas in the Australian Curriculum
- Encouraging parent and community participation in the school through a range of events in 2017
- Clearly communicating whole school behaviour expectations as well as consistent rewards and consequences
- Establishing a well populated committee to support our centenary celebrations in 2018

Our new teachers and class allocations for 2017

I would like to welcome Ms Samantha Heathcote and Ms Jeanette Brookhouse to our school as our new teachers. I hope everyone will make them feel welcome and that their time here is enriching and enjoyable. Please find below a list of our teachers and teacher aides and their class allocations. Day 8 numbers will be finalised on Thursday, February 2 when all our human resources are locked in according to student enrolments. Any changes will be communicated promptly.

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Our new behaviour plan

During the holidays, I reviewed the Responsible Behaviour Plan for students and modified some of our practices throughout the whole school. This is to ensure we are consistent and have common language in all classrooms and consistent language in the playground. Parents are welcome to request a copy of our new behaviour plan or download it from our school website. The major changes have been, new behaviour charts in all classrooms, the introduction of “Class Dojo” as a rewards system across the school, a focus five keys to success each day of the school week and the students receiving pegs from teachers at play time for displaying the focus key. These pegs are then taken back to the classroom teacher for “Class Dojo” points. I look forward to these new practices becoming routine throughout the school.

I am confident that 2017 will be a great year in student learning and collaborative community events.

Mr Tim Loughland
Principal
Prep / Yr 1 News – Ms Samantha Heathcote

Hello and welcome to 2017, I hope everyone had a great end of year and are enjoying the start of the new one. My name is Ms Samantha Heathcote and I am the Prep/1 teacher this year. I have been teaching in and around Gympie for the last 8 years in many roles including both classroom and support, I am also a mum of 3 young children and am very well aware of the challenges we have to go through as parents. With my experience as both a parent and a teacher I am sure I will be able to teach and guide all students through the beginnings of their education journey.

As I am only new to the school I will be looking forward to meeting all of the students and parents, especially my Preps and year 1s! Please feel free to come say hello and introduce yourself and if you would like to have a chat about your child please make an appointment. I am always happy to discuss the needs of every student.

This year is going to be fun and exciting as we explore reading and investigate the world around us through education. I hope that everyone is as exciting as I am about all of the new adventures we will have in and out of our classroom!

Look forward to seeing you all in the next few weeks,
Samantha

Yr 1/2 News – Mrs Michelle Hanson and Ms Peta Milne

Welcome back to the start of our school year and a very warm welcome to our new students in the Yr 1/2 class; Elly, Conna and Kade. Mrs Hanson will be teaching the Yr 1/2 class Monday -Thursday and Ms Milne will be teaching the class on Fridays. We (Ms Milne and Mrs Hanson), have worked together team teaching previously, and we are looking forward to sharing in the education of this amazing group of students. This year is already shaping up to be an exciting and productive year of learning.

Reading continues to be a propriety learning focus in 2017. Students will be encouraged daily to - READ, READ, READ!!! They will be engaged in reading activities every day at school and we recommend daily reading at home also. Making connections, along with literal and implied meaning are our current reading comprehension focuses (for this week and it will continue in week 2 and 3 also). Students will participate in a variety of activities which require them to make connections-text to self (own experiences), text to text and text to the real world. They will also explore texts, looking for meaning that is found directly in the text (literal meaning) and identifying what the author is trying to convey, without directly stating it (implied meaning).

Homework is handed out each Monday and is to be returned on Fridays. Homework for this week included; a reading comprehension sheet (double sided; one side for this week and one for next week, both having our reading comprehension foci) and a ‘Fry Words’ (sight words) activity sheet. Home readers will be handed out to students with a homework folder on Monday of next week.

Library borrowing is on Tuesdays. Please encourage your child to return their books, so they can borrow a new book each week.

Yours in Education,
Mrs Hanson and Ms Milne

Year 3/4 News – Ms Jeannie Brookhouse

Hi, and welcome back to school. I am Jeannie Brookhouse and I’m glad to be starting the year teaching grade 3/4 at Glenwood SS. I have lived at Curra with my husband for 9 years while teaching in the local area. I am passionate about the science of teaching and methodologies available. I look forward to working with your children and meeting you in the coming year. Please make an appointment to have a chat.

Grade 3/4 have welcomed four new students, Zoe, Lupita, Holly and Darcy. We send a warm welcome to them and their families. The classroom has been bustling and busy as we begin our new routines. This year our focus is learning to read and reading to learn. Homework begins on Monday and please return each Friday. Wednesdays will be our library borrowing time and this is a great opportunity to read at home.

Mrs Brookhouse
Week three........ We are well on our way into preparation for assessments in week five. Students are looking at reading comprehension by learning about short stories for English. We have begun learning math strategies and are about to start refreshing and learning about prime/composite numbers and how to find them, factors of numbers to 99, multiples of numbers and what are the common factors and common multiples for mathematics. For science we will be engaging in animal adaptation and what makes bread go mouldy. Students will be creating a working document on the school computers based around science and presenting to the class for technology.

Future Leaders in our grade six cohort are amazing, great work to those people who every day try their best and help others selflessly. 2017 Leaders, “YOU ROCK!”

Behaviour is still my key focus in and out of the classroom and I have high expectations on all my students. I encourage all students to come and see me if they have a problem, before acting out towards anyone aggressively. The results are not worth it!

Let’s make 2017 the best school year and aim to be the best class in the school 😊

Mrs Cook

EXTRA MESSAGES

Parents needing to contact school
Parents are reminded that if they need to contact the school they should always ring the school on 54888333 and leave a message if there is no one available to answer their call.
Their message will be picked up before the end of the school day and passed on where necessary.
Please don’t text or email the school with messages as this isn’t a reliable way to have a message passed on. You may however text absences to the school mobile should you need to, please be sure to leave a reason for the absence as well.
Thank you for cooperation with this.

Fruit Break
Fruit break is very popular with our students here and we thank Miss Bradford for buying and cutting up the various pieces of fruit each day. Thanks also to the P&C for paying for the fruit & veggies.
If you have any surplus fruit or veg in your garden suitable for fruit break, please send it along, we'd love to share it among our students at fruit break.
Perhaps you see things on special that might be suitable; a bag of carrots, some cucumbers or apples, any donations gratefully received to help reduce the cost of our daily fruit break.
Thanks for your support with this.

Glenwood Bus News
Welcome back to GSS for 2017. Hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and New Year!
Our regular bus will be back, as it is still under minor repairs, we are borrowing another from the same fleet. You will see the coach back soon ready for another year.
The committee will be holding the AGM at the Glenwood community hall on Pepper Road during the later half of February, I am still confirming dates and times, a notice will go out approximately 2 weeks before.
If anyone is interested in bus extensions of service, other bus matters/ issues they need to address, or you just want to join in now is your moment, at the AGM, or at least it’s a good start to get the ball rolling.
So, let’s have a fantastic year ahead and please remind the children to be safe, stay seated, keep voices down so the driver can concentrate on the destination ahead and deliver the kids safely to their stops and school.
Thanks, Heather Shaw. Bus Committee Secretary.