Week 5, Term 1 2016

From the desk of the Principal

I sat down with a group of Year 1 students this week and had a conversation about families. They were all very excited and each one wanted to tell me something about their family and what they were learning, all at the same time of course. We were so engrossed in our conversation; I got into trouble because we weren’t paying attention. Fair enough, so I quietly left.

Our conversation only lasted 5 minutes but it reminded me that in our busy lives, we should stop and spend time more time having conversations that matter with our children. My recommendation is this week – stop and have a five minute conversation with your children about the things that matter to them.

It was great to see so many parents visiting classrooms on meet the teacher evening. Feedback from both teachers and parents was positive and reflected the importance and value of school and home working together. I would like to congratulate the new P&C executive for 2016. I look forward to working with the committee together with all the new P&C members.

Glenwood prides itself on strong, open connections with the families it is serving. We attempt to ensure that the message that is being delivered to the children at home is similar to the one we are delivering in the classrooms. Parents and teachers at our school have a good reputation of working together in the raising of good citizens throughout our community.

Yours in education

Anne Webb, Principal

Wellbeing

Evidence suggests that a small improvement in wellbeing can help people thrive, cope through challenging times and prevent some mental health problems.

CONNECT

• Connect with the people around you.
• Connect with family, friends, colleagues and neighbour.
• Re-connect with those people important to you that you may have drifted apart from.

Think of these as the cornerstones of your life and invest time in developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.
The Glenwood PS Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival was held on Tuesday 9th February and was a huge success thanks to the participation of our enthusiastic students, the assistance of some wonderful parent helpers and of course our dedicated staff. A big thanks is needed to the parents who braved the heat to support the children, we couldn’t do it without you! The students should be commended on their team spirit and it was fantastic to see some students try their very best for those important participation points. We were very fortunate this year that students were able to access the water park, which provided much needed relief from the sun and a lot of fun between events.

We will be sending a team of approximately 18 swimmers to the Fields Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 1st March. We wish them every success as they represent our school. Award winners, age champions and the winning house will be announced next week at the 3-6 assembly.

Ryan Cox, Sports Coordinator

Swim Scheme

Congratulations to all the children who attended Macquarie Fields Pool last week for an intensive swimming program. Children all improved their water confidence and swimming strokes as well as learning water safety and rescue procedures. Well done to all who achieved their certificates which will be handed out during Thursday assemblies.

Lyn Nattrass

Contact Details

It is absolutely vital that we have accurate contact details for families including phone numbers, mail address and email address. If any of your details have changed please use the attached sheet to inform the school office or call the school office to check.
Parking around the School
We appreciate how difficult it is for many parents to find parking around our school especially in the afternoon when picking students up. For the sake of our neighbours please do not park in or across Driveways or on the high side of Balimo Place. Also please be aware that Council traffic wardens often patrol around the school and will book people parking in 'No Stopping Zones'. Thank you for your help in this area.

Learning in Kindergarten
Welcome to our Kindergarten students and families! It has been wonderful seeing our youngest students settle into classroom learning and building new friendships out in the playground.

Premier's Reading Challenge
The Premier's Reading Challenge will begin on Monday 7th March. Our aim this year is to have every student in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 complete the challenge. We would love to see more students in Years 3-6 participate and encourage them to return their permission slips as soon as possible.

Glenwood PS P&C News
Our AGM was held last week as well as our first meeting for 2016. Thank you to those members who were able to make it and welcome to our new members. Congratulations to our committee for 2016. They are:

President – Amelia Parker
Vice President – Amy Andrews
Vice President – Cheryl Wotton
Treasurer – Frederika Parrington
Secretary – Stephen Parker

At the meeting we discussed our new streamlined fundraising activities for the year, our successful application with Community Building Partnership to fund the school’s new sound system as well as starting discussions on the playground project.
P&C Membership

Those of you that could not make our first meeting we will be holding our next evening meeting on Wednesday 16th March.

We will also be holding our first day time meeting after our evening meeting in Week 8. Date yet to be decided. This is for all members and parents who are unable to attend our evening meetings. All that's required to join is a gold coin donation.

Share the Love

We encourage all parents/carers at Glenwood to let us know if you have any suggestions/ideas about fundraising and ways we can improve Glenwood to please let us know. As we are your representatives, we care about what you think! Thank you to our members that have given us some great suggestions already.

Student Insurance

It is with pleasure that the Glenwood Public School P&C has again decided to fund this initiative for 2016. A full description as well as claim forms can be accessed through P&C website under the parent tab. www.glenwoodpandc.com. The contact details for the insurance company are at the bottom of the claim form. Please read the documents carefully as to whether they apply to the incident you wish to claim for.

Please note: You must place your claim with Medicare and/or Private Health fund first before you proceed.

This is a yearly initiative so check the P&C website has commenced funding. At this stage, it is funded until 1st February 2017.

Canteen Update

Thank you to all our current and new volunteers committing to the canteen for another school year. We really appreciate any help you can give us and of course if there are parents that would still like to volunteer, please see the office to put your name down. It could be weekly/fortnightly/monthly or even once a term! You even have the option of being a backup or on call in case our regular volunteers are unable to make it in.

Uniform Room

Our uniform supplier, Fytex/UDesign, has kindly donated library bags for those children who need one. There is a limit of one free bag per child. Should your child need a library bag, please see the uniform room on Monday or Friday morning between 8.30am and 9.30 am.

Amelia Parker
President
Glenwood PS P&C
Coming Up…

School Photo Day

*School Photo Day is the 10th March 2016.*

Students will need to be in full school uniform and black school shoes.

School Photo Day & Selective High School Exam

School Photo Day is on Thursday 10th March. Students attending the Selective High School Exam on this date must return to school promptly as their class photos have been scheduled once they return to school.

Gala Day #2

Friday 18th March

Zone Swimming

Tuesday 1st March
Friday 4th March
## What's the Buzz @ GPS?

### Monday 29th February
- 3-6 Premiers Reading Challenge permission notes to be returned
- Zone swimming notes due

### Tuesday 1st March
- Sing Out Loud Together (SOLT) for 5/6P
- Zone Swimming Heats (8:00am-3:00pm)

### Wednesday 2nd March
- PSSA Gala Day Notes and Money DUE today

### Thursday 3rd March
- 3-6 Assembly @ 2:15pm: 5/6T will be presenting the assembly

### Friday 4th March
- PSSA Gala Day #1
- Zone Swimming Finals (5:20pm – 8:00pm)

## Our Feature Class of the Week: 5/6E!

We have had a fantastic start to 2016. Everyone has settled into our class very quickly and have been spending time getting to know each other.

Our classroom was a blank canvas which was in desperate need of brightening up. We used the 6D’s of problem solving to come up with some great ideas to design our classroom. We have decided to have a technology hub, a quiet area, a variety of different furniture and we have even nearly convinced Mrs Evans to get a class pet.

We are learning about energy this term which we are excited about and are looking forward to making our own projects using equipment like wires, bulbs, solar panels etc. We were amazed to learn that there were many different forms of energy and that energy is needed to make everything move!

A big highlight for us last week was running the first primary assembly for 2016. We made a Who am I? game for the assembly using Keynote on the iPad. This got quite a lot of laughs, especially some of the photos.

### 5/6E Self Portraits

- Joyden
- Anya
- Qwido
- Shagun
## Term 1 2016

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