

## Important Dates

- 01st March Darling Downs Swimming
- 4th and 5th March Lifeline Book Fest at the Showgrounds
- 6th March Milne Bay Challenge for Yr 6
- 09th March Highfields Pioneer Village visit for Yr 2 cost \$15
- 13th March Annual General Meeting Glenvale P & C at 6pm
- 22nd March School Photos
- 23rd March GRAB Day Yr 6
- 24th March Cross Country
- 25th March Yr 6 Leave for Canberra Trip (you are able to start making payments at the office now)
- 30th March Toowoomba Show Holiday
- 31st GRAB Day Prep to Yr 5
- 31st March Yr 6 Canberra Trip return 7am
- 31st March end Term one
- 14th April Good Friday
- 18th April Term 2 Commences

## Principal's Message

### Congratulations to the student leaders for 2017

Congratulations to the Prep and Platinum student leaders for 2017.

On Monday we held another special assembly to award badges to our Prep and Platinum student leaders for the 2017 school year. A special visitor, Councillor Chris Tait presented the badges to our students. Our Year 6 cohort has started the year very well as the senior students in the school and we look forward to a great year of them leading the whole student cohort.



## Ensuring our students are safe - managing unexplained absence from school

Commencing this week we have introduced a text messaging system to inform parents if their child is absent from school and the absence is unexplained. Please make sure we have your correct details.

All primary and high schools are required to introduce a same day absence notification system in 2017 to try to ensure our students are safe. An automated text message system will be used to inform parents in the morning of a child's unexplained absence from school. If a parent has forgotten to inform the school then a simple reply text will enable the school to record an explained absence. Every day counts for a student's learning and we look forward to maintaining the excellent attendance rate of the Glenvale students. Commencing this week we are introducing a text messaging system to inform parents if their child is absent from school and the absence is unexplained.

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### Details of unexplained absence process

A new roll marking system called "ID Attend" has started at Glenvale SS. This new system will send a text to your mobile at 10am each day if your child is absent that day. The text number is 0427 077 182 (text only - please don't ring this number). You can simply reply to the text with your Child's Name and Class and reason for being away eg. Ernie Smith 5V -sick. This reply is then noted on our system to explain your child's absence. All absence information will now go through the school office. Please update your details so we have the correct number. This means in addition to the texts (preferred method) you may call the absence line (4659 2160), drop a note or visit our school office. Your child's teacher will direct all absence information to the office. It is a requirement of the department that all absences are explained and we hope that this system will make this process easier for all families. Remember "Every day Counts".

## Ensuring our students are safe - managing unauthorized traffic on the school grounds

Recently at school there have been a number of parents entering the school grounds to drop off or pick up their child. I understand that parking is an issue at our school but having too many cars on the school grounds creates a risk issue for students. Parents are asked not to enter the school grounds in a vehicle unless they have explicit permission for a medical reason from the office or they are using and accessing the Outside School Hours Care service.

To prevent risk to students the entrance to the road around the back of the school will have the gate locked at busy times and will also be monitored by a staff member at other times. Once again, I understand the frustration that traffic and parking can cause for parents but I am prioritizing the students' safety.

## Cross Country Training

With the school cross country approaching on March 24 there will be cross country training on the oval each morning at 8.45am. All students are welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity to practice for cross country and just a healthy way to start the day. PE Teacher. Mark Dorge

## Instrumental Music

A reminder to all instrumental music students that lessons have commenced for the year;

Yr 4 student's lessons will be held on Mondays

Yr 5 and 6 student's lessons will be held on Tuesdays

School band has also commenced and will rehearse on Monday and Tuesday mornings before school, in the hall starting at 8.00am, this will only involve year 5 and 6 students.

School band will also rehearse during 1st break on a Monday and Tuesday for additional practice.

I look forward to a wonderful year of music making!

Mr Lanzafame

Tuckshop News -

Sweet chilli Koala popcorn only \$1

Did you know we stock gluten free warps and chicken nuggets?

If your child has any dietary requirements, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Paddle Pops are coming!

\$1.50 for this term only - chocolate, rainbow and banana

## Community News

Council Plant Vouchers

If you have a spare voucher, could you send it into the school?

We are able to put all the vouchers together towards larger plants for our gardens.

Thank you



This is your free plant voucher! It is worth two free plants to you, or as your donation to a local community group.

To take advantage of the offer, present this voucher at your local collection point. Council's collection points and their opening times are listed on the reverse of this voucher.

Toowoomba Regional Council offers two free plants per year to every residential/rural property. These free plants are provided to grow inside your property line. Please note that footpath plantings are not permitted.

Please bring your own bag or box

Council also allows you to redeem previously unused vouchers, or to save and redeem this voucher at one of our next programs if conditions are considered too dry for plantings in your area at this time.

## Lifeline Bookfest

The Chronicle Lifeline Bookfest is on again March 4 and 5 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds Saturday from 8.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Be there to find a bargain - "Books for Life" Enquiries 1300 991 443

## Job Vacancy

### Cleaner Vacancy

Gabbinbar State School

A permanent cleaner is required for 24.25 hours per week. Application packages are available from the Gabbinbar State School Office.

### Closing Date is 24 February 2017

The successful applicant will be subject to a "Working With Children Check" and may be subject to a probation period of up to three months.

All Enquiries to Gabbinbar State School on 4631 5222.

Applications will remain current for 12 months

## Toowoomba Dance Factory

### DANCE FACTORY TOOWOOMBA

Did you miss out on enrolling in your favorite dance class for 2017? That's OK, we weren't ready either! Dance Factory Toowoomba is the new kid on the block, and we are now taking enrolments for term 2, 2017.

We specialize in Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary and Tap for all abilities, ages 2+. To check out our brand new timetable and register your interest, email [learn@dancefactory.net.au](mailto:learn@dancefactory.net.au) or contact Steph on 0422 801 154!

## Crossing Safety

### Pedestrian Responsibilities

Do you wait behind the line for the supervisor to open the crossing?

Do you wait for the supervisor to blow the whistle twice before crossing?

Do you know that one blast of the whistle requires you to take immediate direction from the supervisor?  
if you answered "yes" to the above questions you are doing the right thing.

### Driver Responsibilities

Do you drive slowly enough through the school zones, so you can stop safely if required?

Do you plan to stop when you see a pedestrian is on or waiting to enter the crossing?

Do you wait until all pedestrians and crossing supervisor have reached the kerbside before driving on?  
if you answered "yes" to the above question you are doing the right thing.

## Found

A pedometer - Aussie Fit. We have it here in the office for you.