From the Principal

Our day 8 numbers were 140 students, so classes will remain the same with 6 teachers.

We have had a busy start to the term, with many new families attending our school. Our Assistant Regional Direction Peter Baker, who has supported the school for the last 2 years is leaving us to return to Vietnam. His last visit will be Tuesday this week & we would like to thank him for his hard work and support of GGSS.

Our school Facebook page is still under construction and as soon as the Department has it set up for us I will inform parents. This page will be a public page, not a closed group, that is open to all Facebook members.

Our 2017 school leaders were selected last week. I am sure they will represent our school well and make us all so proud.

Captains - Chandler & Josh
Vice Captains - Evelyn & Conner

House Captains:
Loongana - Liam & Sienna Z
Mathong - Stevie & Connor S
Birrewell - Lucas Y & Piper

Class Captains
Py/1 - Aiden B & Lindsey
1/2 - Claudia & Bridgette
3 - Dylan N & Chloe P-J
4 - Heath & Sahra
5/6A - Brielle & Tamati
5/6B - Elijah & Deegan

Teaching and Learning

I have met with teachers this week to look at our curriculum and learning intentions for the term.

Each teacher has set targets for their classes to achieve. You can see what our start of year reading data looks like. Our school priority is reading and we start the
year with 52% of children at our school already reading at an age appropriate level. Intervention groups have started to work with some students and teachers are teaching strategies in classes to support all students. If your child is in an intervention group they will bring home a letter this week with more information of their programs. All students have set reading goals this week and our first data collection will be in Week 5.

Home readers will start this week from Prep to Yr 4. I have included a detailed letter in your child’s folder. We are only changing books once a week, so your child will have enough for a week in their folders.

**Techno Talk with Mrs Freemantle**

**Technology Excursion**

We are very excited to announce that we will be going on our very first Technology (hopefully one of many) excursion this term.

**Where:** The Mac/Apple Store Brisbane

**When:** 14th March 2017, between 9:30am and 11:00am.

**Who:** 12 students only, ranging from Year 3 to 6.

**What:** Two expert Apple facilitators will be engaging Glenore Grove Techies using Apple’s new coding program and a robotics challenge!

**How:** Students in years 3 to 6 will apply to go on the excursion.

**What to do now:** The application forms will be sent home in week 4. Once chosen, permission forms and relevant transport information will be sent out. PLUS, Apple is giving each participant a free Apple T-Shirt, so keep T-shirt sizes in mind. We are planning to 1 of these per term at least. Students need to consistently be displaying school wide expectations.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our PBL team meets twice a term and we would love some parent representatives on this team. Our meeting dates for this term are Wednesdays 22/2 & 29/3 at 7:30 am and we meet in the staffroom.

**Lesson Focus**

**Week 4**

Be Responsible
All Settings - Follow Directions; Be in the Right Place at the Right Time; Use the High Five; Be Water Wise

**Week 5**

Be Safe
All settings - Keep hands, feet and objects to self; Straight there, Straight Back.

Each week on Assembly we recognise those students that have displayed appropriate behaviour and academic success with certificates and badges.

Well done to our Week 3 recipients!

**Principal Award - Stacia**

**Behaviour** - Charleigh J, Bailey, Seth, Milly & Dylan

**Academic** - Ben, Bridgette, CJ, Adyn, Ella & Conner

**Chappy Corner**

Welcome back to our lovely school for wonderful 2017, or if you are just joining us this year - Welcome! I hope you had an enjoyable break. This year I will be at school every Thursday and every second Friday. I look forward to seeing you around!
I would just like to explain the role of a Chaplain (Chappy) at school - it is to serve and support the school community; the staff, students and families. It is to make school experience even more positive and to enhance the wellbeing of students by building positive relationships and learning new skills through games, conversations and programs.

I wish you all a wonderful week to come!
Chappy Christina

P&C News
Executive Committee
The first meeting was held for the year and we would like to thank all the parents who came and joined the 2017 P&C. If you couldn’t make the first meeting but would still like to join, please feel free to come to the next meeting on Monday the 6th of March at 4.30 in the Library. We also have some new names as part of the executive committee.

President: Amy Zischke
Secretary: Sheree Birch
Treasurer: Michelle Norman
Uniform Convenor: Rachel Benfer
Fundraising Co-ordinator: Wendy Perkins

Fundraising
Our first fundraiser for the year will be our Easter raffle. Each child will be bringing home a book of tickets in the coming weeks and more information will be available soon.

Uniform News
Red unisex microfibre shorts sizes 3 - 16 were $15 now $7
Red girls skorts sizes 4 - 16 were $17 now $8
Red Basket Ball unisex shorts sizes 4 - 12 were $10 now $5 (limited numbers)
Red & Yellow unisex polos sizes 4 - 16 were $20 now $10

Other uniform news.
- There are a large number of 2nd hand red & yellow uniforms available if anyone is interested.
- Decision was made at P&C meeting 6th Feb to go with Navy bottoms for the winter dress code when the new polo shirts are worn.
  i.e. - Navy track pants, leggings or tights.
- The red jumpers will stay for now.
- The red track pants or bottoms can still be worn with the red & yellow polos.
- New style reversible Navy hats one size fits all with students house colours have been ordered we are expecting them early next term.

Housekeeping
Office Hours
The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm Monday to Friday, if you need us outside of these hours please call and leave a message, we will return your call as soon as possible.

Staff contact
If you wish to discuss issues with your child’s teacher please make a time before or after class. Please try not to take up time as learning starts, this means that students are missing learning time and classes become unsettled. Staff email addresses are available in the Parent Handbook for your use also

Absences
Please contact the absence line 5466 6160 with your child’s name, class and reason for absence. Our office sends out an SMS for unexplained absences.

Late Student Pickup
If you are late collecting your child from school, from 3pm the students will be in the school office. Please contact the office ahead of time if you know you are running late.

**Naming Student Items**

Please check that your children's belongings have a name on them, especially hats.

**School Newsletter**

If you would like to promote a community event in this newsletter please email admin@glengrovss.eq.edu.au by Wednesday of even weeks.

**Parking, Drop off & Pickup time**

Parents use the Hall carpark to drop off and pick up students. We ask that parent reverse into these spaces for the safety of all our children. If you are bringing your children into school before 8:25 they are to wait under the covered area near the office. There is no playing until the staff member on duty brings students to the undercover area. All students must have a hat to play in the mornings. In the afternoons there is a staff member on duty. Students are not to leave the grounds into the carpark without their parent/carer. Students are also not permitted to play on the equipment unless a parent is with them supervising. This is a safety issue that can make pick up time difficult to supervise and for the safety of all our students we ask you to support this. Please don’t park at the front in the bus lane or drive into school grounds.

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**Community News**

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**GLENORE GROVE SCOUT GROUP**

**SIGN ON DAY**

**25 FEBRUARY 2017**

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**We don't grow when things are easy. We grow when we face challenges.**

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**The Crafters Expo**

**Saturday 11 March 9am – 3pm**

Grantham Butter Factory

THE CRAFTERS EXPO will be held at the Grantham Butter Factory on 11 March. It’s your chance to experience a variety of crafters running workshops, view craft demonstrations, listen to guest speakers and browse craft stalls.


**FOOD**: Morning tea and lunch will be available from our Coffee Shop.

**CRAFTS ON SHOW**: quilting, wood craft, jewellery making, lapidary, sewing, porcelain dolls, card making, tie-dyed, block printing, Japanese embroidery, photography, rug making, beadwork, fabric and lace journals, papercraft

**GUEST SPEAKERS**: Art Therapy & Soap making

**ENTRY FEE**: $5. (Workshops are priced by the presenters. See website.)

**ENQUIRIES**: Marlene Charles/Lorelle St Clair: [rotary.expo@rotary933.org](mailto:rotary.expo@rotary933.org)

All profits will be donated by the Rotary Nomads to our major beneficiaries, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Cancer Council.

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**FREE BINGO**

Mulgowie Hotel

**Thursday 16th February**

6.30pm-8.00pm

$12.00 Meals Available.