From the Principal

We have hit week 8. This term is just a 9-week term and our last day of term is Thursday. I spent some time last week at a Principal conference and had the great honour of working with 70 other newly appointed principals from all over Queensland. The Minister and the Director General also spoke with us. One of the biggest thoughts I took away from this conference was the importance of keeping our focus on improvement in the front of our mind.

Before School Routines

Students should not be dropped off at a school before 8:15 unless you have met with the principal. There are parents here in the mornings with their children, can I please remind you that those children are not to be on the play equipment or playing soccer until a staff member comes on duty. It is too difficult for us to maintain our duty of care for those students that are not accompanied by an adult. Please keep your child sitting with you until Mrs Granzien or Mrs Lyne comes on duty at 8:30. All other students should be seated in the shelter shed near the office until this time.

Renée Heathwood
Principal

Cross Country

Our school cross-country is on next Thursday morning. Students have been practising the course and will be given a coloured armband for their year level. Successful students that are eligible to move on to the next level will be notified before the end of term. This will take place on the 21st April at Blenheim SS. Mr Gillespie has started a running club on Thursday mornings for any students that wish to work on their fitness.

Teaching & Learning

This year our improvement agenda focus is reading, writing and numeracy. Our students have had their reading levels assessed and will be setting themselves goals for the semester. I have put our targets for the end of semester 1. I will be meeting with teachers next week to look at all students’ data and working on plans to move them forward. Students are being assessed on Narratives this term and I am excited to see their assessment tasks taking form.

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Garage Sale - Saturday 19th March

Over the Easter break the 2 demountable buildings will be removed and the space there will be turfed. This will open our school up and create a clear line of sight to the toilet block. We have some furniture, freezer and other items that are for sale. On the 19th the P&C are holding a garage sale & sausage sizzle. Please come and have a look at the items in the old teacher aide/reading resource room that are for sale and if you can help out with the sausage sizzle that would be fantastic.

Tanks 4 Tender

We also have 2 tanks for sale. We are taking tender for these and this will close by the end of the term. Drop in writing any offers that include price that will be paid and how they will be removed to the office. See the office if you would like any further details.

Prep Parents

Prep transition afternoon tea

We sent home invitations to our prep families to have a celebration afternoon tea get together. The school community would love to spend time with our prep parents and find out what we could do to help children’s transitions to school. Please see your invitation for further details or contact Ms Danni in the office.
Class Awards

Week 6
P/1  1/2  3/4  4/5  5/6
Academic Awards  Marcus  Lucy  Milly  Lucas Y  Chandler
Beehaviour Awards  Conner  Cooper  Tyler  Rylee  Letisha

Week 7
P/1  1/2  3/4  4/5  5/6
Academic Awards  Riley P  Lucas C  Lacey  Ethan  Stevie
Beehaviour Awards  Khloe  Chloe  Hannah  Jordan  Jesse

100 Bees Awards  Kira  Riley D  Decoda  Grace  Heath  Billy  Letisha  Symantha  Jett  Kelsee  Piper  Jack

Principals Award

Week 6
CHELSEA

Week 7
BRIDGETTE
PBL

Our lessons for the next 2 weeks will focus on:

Be Responsible
Be an active learner and show attentive behaviour
Be prepared and willing to learn

Be Respectful
Use manners
Take turns

Staff Profile

Name: Jordanna McDougall
Position: Diverse Learning Teacher
Previous Position: Classroom teacher and Special Education teacher at Brassall State School
Hobbies: Camping, Touch Football and spending time with family!
Favourite Food: Chocolate
Favourite Colour: Orange
Favourite Holiday
Location: The Beach!
Favourite Saying: Let your smile change the world, but don’t let the world change your smile
Favourite Song: Brown Eyed Girl, Van Morrison

Easter

Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday the last week of term we will hold our Easter Bonnet parade in the morning. Students are invited to come in free dress for the day with their creations to enter the parade. Parents are also invited to stay for the parade. It will be held in the undercover area. The P&C will be drawing the Easter Raffle at this event also.

Animals

As individuals at Glenore Grove State School most of us love animals but Education Queensland have a no animals on school property policy so if you are bringing animals to drop off or pick up please wait outside of the school property and away from the gates just incase children or other people don’t share our love of animals.

Bullying No way!

Next Friday is the national day of action. Students are asked to wear orange this day, they will bring home some information and be involved in school activities on this day. Our school aims to create a safe and supportive community for everyone. Families play an important part in helping prevent bullying. Please check out the cards that students bring home with them on Friday for more information.

Mrs McDougall is ready for Bullying, No way Day!!

NO ANIMALS
permitted on school property

Queensland Government

Friday 18 March 2016
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
P&C News

I am pleased to be your P & C President for 2016 and look forward to working with the students, teachers and parents to improve the school environment and activities for another year. I find it so rewarding getting involved with the kids and seeing their faces excited about changes we make at our school.

This year we will continue to focus on the classroom furniture upgrade for all classrooms. Last year the school furnished 3 rooms, and we hope to contribute to the remaining rooms during this year. The children are loving the new chairs and desks, and it has been a very worthwhile venture. Our other focuses will be to again contribute to any excursion travel fees, to keep costs down and make it a little more affordable for parents.

We have a few fundraising ideas already in development for the year, but we would love to hear some fresh fundraising ideas and concepts you may have. I am around the school & carpark almost every day, so please do not hesitate to come and tell me any fundraising options you would like to see happening.

We also have plans to get a new uniform design underway this year, with the possibility of incorporating another (darker) colour to try to make them a little more stain friendly. We would value any input you may have regarding this, so please feel free to come to one of our meetings to get involved. A survey will be coming home in the coming weeks regarding this. We will also have a few events and working bees happening over the course of the year, and we will be putting this information in the newsletters and on the school facebook page throughout the year. Many hands make light work, so if you are available to help us on any occasion, (even for 15 minutes!) it would be greatly appreciated.

You don’t have to be an official P & C Member to get involved, help and have your say!

Thank you,

Amy Zischke

Attendance

Our attendance has dropped a little this fortnight.

Tuesdays seem to be the days that we have the lowest attendance the last couple of weeks. Our girls also have the greatest attendance rate over this term, but the boys are they group that have had one day of 100% attendance.

Our year 1 students have the highest attendance on 95.5% for the term. There will be a year level prize at the end of the term also.

100% Attendance

We have 9 days left of term. Any student that is here for each of those 9 days will take home a special prize on Thursday. Remember we have our 100% attendance pizza lunch on Wednesday 23rd at First break. Remember every day counts!
House Keeping

Office Hours
The school office is open from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm 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.

Absences
Please contact the absence line 5466 6170 with your child’s name, class and reason for absence. Our office sends out an SMS if we are unsure as to where your child is.

Late Student Pickup
If you are late collecting your child from school, from 3 pm the students will be in the school office. The office will endeavour to call you.

Student Devices/Toys
If your child brings electronic devices to school, please remind them they need to be signed in and kept in the office where they are safe, devices in school bags can go missing. Toys should be left at home.

Bpoint Payments
Bpoint is a way of paying for school invoices for things like excursions and swimming. You can do it from home and receive a receipt instantly, with out sending money with Students. The school will send you an invoice and you can pay the invoice in total or partially with any Visa, Master Card or Visa Debit or Mastercard Debit Cards. You can find your Customer Reference Number and Invoice Number on your invoice.

FREE Fun for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Would you like free games and free activities to play and take home?
Would your 3 or 4 year old like to make new friends?
Are you free Wednesday mornings from 9 am in May?

For more information please contact Ms Danni or Mrs McDougall.

Email: admin@glengrovss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 5411 1666

Glenore Grove Great School

QSchools App

Stay in touch with the QSchools app. The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the DETE apps page.

Head Lice

Detecting and treating head lice is the responsibility of families. Our school supports families in the role in a number of ways as demonstrated in the Managing head lice at home package. If you would like a copy of this entire package please contact the office or visit our website. Please ensure you let the school know if you have treated head lice so we can inform other parents to check their children.

Here are some suggestions from the package:

Facts about head lice:
- Head lice are tiny insects. They don’t have wings so they can’t fly. Head lice have strong claws and swing from hair to hair — they can’t jump.
- Head lice can only survive on human heads. They live on the hair and suck blood from the scalp. Head lice must feed every 6 hours of the day to avoid dehydration.
- Head lice can only spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact.
- Anyone can get head lice — they have no preference for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age. 
- Scratching is not a reliable sign of head lice.

Treating head lice:
- Conditioner and combing is the most effective way of finding head lice.
- It is also the most effective way of treating head lice, particularly mild conditions.
- The condition stuns the lice so they can be easily removed.
- It is cheap and avoids the use of chemicals — no insecticide will kill the eggs so using conditioner and combing every 2 days removes young lice.
- For further instructions see the package.
- What about the house & personal belongings?
- Hats
- Sharing hats presents no risk. It doesn’t increase the chance of getting head lice.
- Researchers examined hats worn by 1000 school children and found no head lice even when head lice were found on the children’s heads.
- Bed linen
- the pillow cases of people with head lice are a very low risk in spreading head lice. Any head lice found on pillow cases will die within 6 to 24 hours.

Community News

EXCITING CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

March – July 2016

Queensland Running 2016 Cross Country season commences on Saturday 5th March at Crete Park, Mitchelton. The season runs from March through to the end of July and is open to all students preparing for the school, district and regional cross country competitions.

Our competition includes distances ranging from 3000/4000 metres (intermediate events) up to 4000, 6000 and 9000 metre events. These races can be completed as a single race or as part of a series depending on their comfort level.

The races are conducted at various parks in and around Brisbane, including Chermside, Kangaroo Point, Sandgate, and Yeeronga, to name a few.

For those unable to run, but still wishing to participate, a 5000 metre non-competitive walk is programmed each week. Take your own time as a wander through one of these beautiful parks. It is a popular event for families and a lot of fun is had.

We have very reasonable rates to run and they include as many events as you would like to run over the season. 10 years and under run for $3.00 for the afternoon, $4.00 for 11 to 17 years and $5.00 for adults. If you register for the season for the cost of $12.00, you run the $1 less each afternoon and you save your first day for free.

We also have family registrations or individual entries can pay up front for the season.

It is a great family activity where mums and dads can run with their children.

If you have any enquiries, please check out our website: www.queenslandrunning.com.au or call 0410 118 377.
Parenting Ideas Insights

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Teasing V Bullying

When speaking with parents when I present at schools, or engaging with them via our social media, bullying is always a hot topic. A recent Facebook post had one of our biggest engagement rates ever. It begged the question: “What is bullying? Do we mix it up with teasing and other forms of mean behaviour?”

It’s an important topic that needs clarification.

Bullying is a term that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people it’s associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40 per cent of people have experienced bullying in the past. It’s something that we don’t want to happen to our kids.

But I fear it’s being overused at the moment and confused with teasing and rudeness.

Teasing refers to thoughtless behaviour and thoughtless words. Kids often do rude things to each other without thinking their actions through. Examples include breaking wind in a child’s direction, joking about the colour of a child’s hair in front of others, failing to share possessions and neglecting to acknowledge someone.

Rudeness is usually about selfishness and thoughtlessness. Taken on their own many rude behaviours can be seen as an element of bullying but when looked at in context they are more about thoughtlessness, lack of consideration and poor manners rather than a deliberate attempt to hurt someone.

Teasing refers to annoying, hurtful behaviour that is used to get a reaction from someone else. Teasing can be persistent in nature, but not always. It’s generally an attempt to get under a person’s skin. It can involve name-calling; it can be personal and hurtful in nature. It can also infringe on another person’s rights. But generally teasing doesn’t have the key ingredients that make up bullying.

Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person or group by another. It involves three elements – intent to hurt or harm; power imbalance; and repetition over time. It takes many forms and guises including physical aggression; verbal abuse; emotional aggression (or blackmail); intimidation; harassment and exclusion.

The new cyber-dimension to bullying has moved the goalpost for many kids. In the past children and young people could escape bullying behaviours by being at home. Cyber-bullying means that children can’t escape bullies like they once could.

Why the distinction? I hear the term bullying missed a great deal in the media and when talking with parents. We run the risk of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” Syndrome where we become so desensitised to the term that we (or teachers) ignore it when children really are the victims of bullying. We also run the risk of failing to skill our kids up to manage rudeness and teasing if we categorise every awful behaviour that kids experience as bullying.

Our ability to be discerning about bullying is as important as the action we take when we are sure that our child is on the receiving end of bullying behaviour. These actions include: dealing with feelings; providing emotional coping skills; getting others involved; building up a child’s support networks; and building self-confidence that can take a battering. Bullying needs to be taken seriously. But we also need to be discerning about bullying behaviours.

Michael Grose

**The School Buzz**

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**LOCKYER VALLEY SKATEBOARDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

**WORKSHOPS**

- **8 APRIL**
  - 10AM - 12PM: Laidley Helidon
  - 2PM - 4PM
- **7 MAY**
  - 10AM - 12PM: Kensington Grove Forest Hill
  - 2PM - 4PM
- **25 JUNE**
  - 10AM - 12PM: Murphys Creek Withcott
  - 2PM - 4PM

**COMPETITION**

- **6 AUGUST**
  - 10AM - 1PM: Gatton Lake Apex Drive/Western Drive

All sessions are FREE

Register Online at [http://australianskateboarding.com](http://australianskateboarding.com)

- **BYO** skateboard and helmet OR borrow (FREEx) on the day
- Friendly, experienced, professional coaches
- Parents encouraged to stay and watch your kids develop new skills
- MORE INFO - [youth@lvc.qld.gov.au](mailto:youth@lvc.qld.gov.au) or 1300 005 872

an initiative of Lockyer Valley Regional Council

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**Save the Date**

**This Week**

- Assembly – Monday
- Grip Leadership training – Tuesday 15th
- Prep afternoon tea – Wednesday 16th 2pm
- Cross country – Thursday 17th 9am
- Bullying No Way - Wear Orange to support the day - Friday 18th

**Next Week**

- Assembly – Monday
- Triple P Parenting - in the DLC next to Mrs Cubis. Monday 21st 9am
- 100% attendance pizza party – Wednesday 23rd
- Easter bonnet parade and Last day of Term 1 – Thursday 24th 9am

**Next Term**

Term 2 Starts

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**ROSEWOOD MARKETS**

**SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2016**

**EASTER BONNET/ SAINT PATRICK’S DAY**

Prizes for the best decorated hat with either theme. Judging at 10am.

Stalls include plants, hats, toys, soap, craft, bric a brac, vegies, plants, birds, guinea pigs, plants, garden gnomes, furniture, horse shoes, plants, cakes, biscuits, pet toys & coats, jewellery, medicinal herbs, great coffee, educational toys, collectables, fresh food and GREAT ATMOSPHERE.

Tell your friends and neighbours. All children who mention this flyer to us at the markets will receive a free ice block. Especially if you see it in your school Newsletter.