From the Principal

Thanks to all those students that came along and marched in the ANZAC parade. It was a terrific turn out with about 40 students there and all 4 school captains. Thanks to the parents and staff members who also came along.

Welcome to all our new families to GGSS this term.

I would also like to acknowledge the amazing support of the staff last week as I was away with my son in hospital. He had his appendix out in an emergency surgery – he is home and well on the mend.

Thanks for all your patience and understanding as all the work is going on around our school. The students have been so well behaved and safe during this time. Congratulations to Josh and Rylee with their success at Cross Country last week. Best wishes at the next level.

We have been successful in an application for a WiFi upgrade at our school. We have to only pay for 50% of this upgrade and it should be completed in the coming 2 terms.

Teaching & Learning

Last week students completed a writing on demand persuasive task. This task gives our teachers information to teach this text type this term.

Year 3 & 5 students have NAPLAN testing in Week 5. This occurs on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. On Friday we will do any make ups needed for students that were away. Please see the schedule below. NAPLAN testing information is used to help our school identify areas that we are teaching well and other areas we can focus on for improvements. Last year our results showed great improvements particularly with our Year 5 students. Please ensure students have had a good breakfast before school and arrive on time for these tests. Year 3 students will be completing these with Mrs Cubis in her room and Year 5 students will be with Mrs McDougall in the DLC next door.

Remaining Year 4 students from 3/4 will be upstairs with Mrs Waskitt or Mrs Bridge during testing time. For any further NAPLAN info check out the website - www.nap.edu.au

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Students will have their reading levels checked in Week 5 – I can’t wait to see improvements and they are also excited to see how much closer they have gotten to their goals.

School Photos

School photos are booked for 25th May – Payment envelopes will be sent home soon.

Attendance

Our current attendance rate for the year so far is 91%. This is an improvement on last year of 3% - which is excellent - lets keep it up.

Year 2s have the best attendance with Year 1s & 6s a very close second. Boys and girls are neck to neck with attendance – 90.6% - Boys to 90% - Girls.
PBL

Our lesson focus for week 4 is to Bee responsible in eating areas – by putting all rubbish in the bin.
Week 5 is to Bee Safe in toilets – by washing hands and going in pairs.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 11th at 7:30 am if any parents are interested in joining our team please let me know.

Thank you P&C

Thanks to our P&C members for their hard work this term. They have provided the school with the wreath for ANZAC day & supported the cost of our camp this year by paying for the bus.

This week they are running a mothers’ day stall this week and have submitted a grant application last week. They are an amazingly generous group of people that work hard to fundraise for our school and are always around to lend a hand.

If you would like to become a member of this dynamic team and support your school we are meeting again Monday 9th May at 4:30 and welcome new members.

Chappy’s Corner

A big thank you for the great enthusiasm about the Chappy Train. It is so sweet to see the willingness of children, and of course their families, to support Chaplaincy at Glenore Grove. Thank you all!

Also the Grove Grind – a coffee, cake and getting to know you time will be happening each Friday morning. Please don’t be shy! Come and say Hi! Even though we all have our own, individual life-walk, we all experience similar trials and challenges and it is good to share and support each other.

Hope to see you there!

‘Friends are people who walk into your life by accident, but stay on purpose.’

Have a wonderful week,
Chappy
Christina

P&C News

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C holds a Mother’s day stall every year to spoil all the beautiful and amazing mums we have. This year it is being held on Thursday and Friday mornings on the 5th and 6th of May. Any gifts that you would like to donate to the stall would be really appreciated. Amy has also been busy purchasing some absolutely beautiful gifts that I’m sure you will all love! Gifts range from $1 up to about $15. The kids have so much fun shopping for their mums. Last year the kids had so much fun shopping, that we nearly ran out of gifts so this year we have made sure we have a good supply.

Shereen Birch
Secretary

“Children learn best when they like their teacher and they think their teacher likes them.”
-Gordon Neufeld
House Keeping

New Look Website
Check out the new look Glenore Grove State School Website at https://glengrovss.eq.edu.au/
This is where you will find information for parents and teachers including handbooks, learning tools and operational information - like uniform prices and sizes, consent forms for school activities and student enrolment forms, plus heaps more.

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.

Absences
Please contact the absence line 5466 6160 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 3pm 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.

No Hat no Play
What does no hat no play really mean - GGSS is a sun safe school, if a students does not have a hat they are to stay in the Under Cover Area or the Library at playtimes out of the Sun - it does not mean the students are not allowed to play.

Naming Student Items
Please check that your childrens belongings have a name on them, especially hats, coming into winter please label all jumpers too, it helps us to return items to the correct owner.

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. Please no publisher files.

Step Up in to Education

Step up into Education starts Wednesday Morning at 9am in the DLC, lower C Block. If you know of a friend or family member with children starting Prep in 2017 or 2018 the GGSS Step up into Education program will give them a great head start.

This week we will be meeting new friends, playing Finger Gym activities like free the Super Hero, Woolly Noodles, Octopus Legs and the Hungry Catipillar plus outside on the new astro turf shaded area we will jump like frogs, play catch, balance on the wobble boards and have a lot of fun.
For more information and to secure your place please contact Mrs McDougall or Ms Danni
Email: admin@glengrovss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 5411 1666

German News

Hello everyone,

It has been a busy term already with students completing their first project. We have begun our school based Tipp Kick competition, which this year will occur during German lessons. It will be a hotly contested competition.

Students are beginning work on their new units with Year 5 students learning about family and how to talk about their own families. The Year 6 students are revising family vocabulary with a unit looking at migration and change. I am looking forward to the learning that will occur during these units.

Alles beste,

Frau Chapman
German Teacher
Parenting ideas

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Don't threaten, bribe or deal — breathe & act

Five great discipline habits to add to your parenting repertoire.

Getting kids to cooperate is tricky. One method doesn’t necessarily fit all children so as a parent or teacher it helps to have a broad repertoire of responses to draw on when kids are less than perfect or you want more cooperative behaviour.

Disciplining a child can also make many parents feel decidedly uncomfortable, as it doesn’t generally fit an idealised picture of parenting that many of us may have. Discipline is about helping kids stay safe, become social and also be savvy and astute when they interact with others, which makes discipline a positive and very necessary part of the parenting process.

Bad discipline habits

Unfortunately, it’s easy as a parent to develop bad habits to get cooperation from kids. For instance, it can be easier to offer a simple bribe such as “I let you use my iPad for 10 minutes if you can be quiet in the back seat of the car”, rather than battle with kids for their cooperation.

This type of bribe can work wonders to get some peace and quiet and is infinitely better than engaging in a slanging match while you’re driving. Well, it may seem that way!

However, it’s easy for both parents and kids to become hooked on bribes. As a parent you can easily fall for the trap of offering a bribe to induce good behaviour because it often works. A child learns to cooperate on his terms and soon learns to think, “What’s in this for me?” Soon kids learn to wheel and deal to get better terms so today’s ‘quick 10 minutes on an iPad’ becomes tomorrow’s shiny new piece of technology bought in return for cooperation. Bribery and dealing almost always escalates in scale. The stakes rarely get smaller.

Similarly, idle threats of withdrawing co-operation if a child won’t behave well soon fall on deaf ears as kids have a built-in radar for knowing if a threat is real or not. "If you continue to argue with your sister I’ll cancel your birthday" is the sort of threat that many of us have made in desperation just to get some peace and harmony at home. Again, threatening all types of dastardly consequences can become a habit, particularly when we don’t have many other options at our disposal to get better cooperation.

Most of us will default to our lowest level of skill when we are tired, stressed or under pressure. When a child yells, “I hate you! You never listen to anything I say” just when you’re trying to get her to bed you’re likely to return fire in spades.

“What do you mean I never listen to you! I always listen to you. You never…” and away you go chastising a child in a way that only exacerbates her lack of cooperation.

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Don't threaten, bribe or deal - breathe and act...

**Good discipline habits**
So it helps to develop some good discipline habits instead so that when we do become stressed or tired they are so ingrained in us that they become second nature.

**Here are five good discipline habits to develop:**

1. **Avoid the first impulse so you don’t overreact**
   A good rule of thumb is to stop yourself from reacting when children misbehave. As much of children’s poor behaviour is purposeful, in that it keeps parents busy with them or is designed to let parents know that in fact you can make a child do anything they want to do, your impulsive reactions reinforce the behaviour. At times stopping and doing nothing is better than saying something you regret later on or can’t follow through with.

2. **Step away and take a breath to gain control**
   When you feel annoyed, angry or hurt by a child’s misbehaviour temporarily step away from the situation and take a few deep breaths before you speak or act. This meta-moment will not only buy you time but will quickly calm you down and change your thinking, putting you back in control. Better self-management helps you respond more effectively when kids misbehave.

3. **Lower your voice to be heard**
   Do you typically repeat yourself or raise your voice when your children ignore your request for better behaviour or even cooperation. If so you are training your kids to ignore you. Try lowering your voice rather than raising to be heard. This has the double effect of being easier to hear as well as carrying a greater sense of authority.

4. **Move toward them to be noticed**
   Moving into children’s space to deliver a message is usually more effective than issuing an order across a lounge room when you are competing with a screen for attention. It does require effort but the results in terms of getting cooperation is generally worth it.

5. **Use a consequence to teach**
   Not all children respond positively to consequences. Very sensitive children can take consequences personally so use them sparingly with more sensitive kids. Sometimes a change in the tone of your voice is enough for these children. But generally reasonable consequences that have a relationship to children’s misdemeanours and that are respectfully delivered are effective in teaching children to behave responsibly. The trick is to deliver them like a neutral cop – cool, calm and with not too many words.
   Good habits are best developed in low or no stress situations so if you’d like to add any of these ideas to your parenting repertoire start putting them into practice in every day interactions with your children, so that they become second nature when you really need some cooperation from your kids.

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16th January, 2016.

The Principal

Dear Sir / Madam,

In conjunction with the 2016 Laidley Spring Festival, the Laidley Garden Club is organizing a Poster Competition for Primary and Secondary students. The students of your school are invited to take part.

The theme is "We are Australian". There will be first, second and third prizes in each section. Laidley Better Business, is sponsoring the competition by donating the prize money. Some of the posters will be displayed in shop windows as a way of advertising the festival and the winners will be displayed at the Flower Show.

The posters are to be left with Heather King at 29 William Street, Laidley, before the 1st of August. The first prize will be awarded $50.00, second prize $30.00 and third prize $20.00, in each category.

Yours sincerely,

Heather King
Convenor – "Flowers and Orchid Show"
Laidley Garden Club Inc.

Conditions of Entry

1. The poster must be the work of the student who entered it.
2. Size of the poster to be 30 cm x 40 cm.
3. On any medium with any medium.
4. The theme is "We are Australian".
5. Each poster must include the words:
   Laidley Garden Club; Laidley Cultural Centre; 8th, 9th, 10th September, 2016.
6. Name, age and school of the one who created the poster, to be attached to the rear of the poster.
7. All posters are to be left at 29 William Street, Laidley, before the 1st of August.

File: Laidley Garden Club Poster Competition 1.
Laidley Combined Churches Dinner

Friday 13th May at Laidley Cultural Centre
6pm for a 6.30 meal
Theme: Children are our Future
Tickets: Families $40
        Adults $18
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        Primary Sch Students $10
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Lockyer Valley Skateboarding Championships 2016

Workshops
8 April 2016 10am - 12pm 1pm - 4pm
7 May 2016 10am - 12pm 1pm - 4pm
25 June 2016 10am - 12pm 1pm - 4pm

Competition 6 August 2016

Register Online at http://australiaskateboarding.com

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Weekly Events

Week 4
Monday - Public Holiday
Wednesday - Step Up into Education
Thursday - Mothers’ Day Stall
Friday - Mothers’ Day Stall

Week 5
Updated Reading Levels
Monday - Parade 8:45, lots of awards
P&C Meeting 4:30 pm
Tuesday - NAPLAN
Wednesday -
PBL meeting 7:30 am
Step Up into Education.
NAPLAN
Thursday - NAPLAN