Welcome back everyone! I sincerely hope you were able to have a good break and managed to stay cool through some of the hotter weather. It was great to see so many keen and eager faces ready to begin the school year.

This year we are continuing to focus on “Every student succeeding every day,” at Glen Aplin State School. We look forward to working with students and parents to further enhance students literacy and numeracy.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations remain: I am safe, I am Responsible, I am Respectful and I am a Learner. We will continue to work with the students throughout the year to teach them what these expectations look like at Glen Aplin State School. Students will receive WOW awards for demonstrating appropriate behaviours to show these expectations in various school settings. A new behaviour matrix will be sent home with students, please take the time to go through this matrix with your child.

Attendance

It is very important and a legal obligation that your child attends school every day that they are able. If your child is away from school due to illness or an unavoidable circumstance could you please contact the school by phone, by 9:30am on the day of absence. If we do not receive notification of the absence a member of staff will contact parents and carers regarding the absence.

We are striving to achieve a 93.5% attendance rate this term.

Medication

If your child requires medication please ensure that it is handed in to the office in the labelled medication box accompanied by a written permission note stating the dose and the time of the dosage. This is a requirement for us to be able to give your child their medication.

Allergies

This year we have a student at our school who is highly allergic to nuts. In order to help us manage this allergy at school and keep this student safe we are asking parents to be mindful when packing students lunches and minimise the number of nut products that are brought to school. Students are also required to wash their hands at the conclusion of each eating time. We thankyou for your cooperation with this.
Early Arrival to school
If there is a reason that your child needs to be at school before 8:00am in the morning could you please contact the school. Teaching staff are generally at school by 8:00am however a teacher aide is not on duty before 8:30am. If your child arrives at school before 8:30am they are required to sit in the under cover area until there is an adult on duty, students are then able to play in the playground and bottom oval. This is to keep your child safe before school.

Communication
The newsletter will come home every week, it is important that you read the newsletter as it contains information that relates to upcoming events and school information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact myself or your students class teacher.

Our staffing this year is as follows;
Jo Willoughby Prep/Year 1.
Susan Torrisi Year 2/3
Julie Beecham 3/4
Chris Williamson 5/6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Alice Bray on Thursday and Friday.

Sport
Interschool sport this term will be softball and cricket. Teams will be chosen in the next two weeks.

Swimming
Swimming lessons have been arranged for Term 1. This term, Prep students will not be undertaking swimming instruction. The cost continues to be $5 per lesson (5 lessons per student) which includes bus transport and pool admission. If you currently hold a pool season pass, students are only charged $12.50 in total. Parents are reminded, swimming is a curriculum activity and students are expected to attend unless a parental note is supplied beforehand. Invoices will be sent home soon.

Prep/Year 1 News
Welcome to the 2017 school year. I have sent out letters with all students about homework for this year, as well as the day they have news each week. I also sent a permission slip for your child to have their photo taken for the paper. Please send this back by the end of this week.

Thank you for sending your child’s books in covered and named. Please ensure all your child’s work tools are all named.

We will be doing art every afternoon this week so the children have a piece of art for the Stanthorpe show.

The Year 1 children will have spelling homework and books to read on Friday. The preps will have books to read. The rest of the homework will go out as we organise it. We are starting our reading with Year 1 this week so if you are able to help out by taking a reading group please come and see me.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or problems. I am looking forward to the coming year and getting to know our new preps.

Jo Willoughby

Important Dates for Term 1
Thursday Jan 25 Australia Day
Friday Feb 2 Stanthorpe Show Public Holiday
Mon Feb 6 World of Maths ($6/child)
Wed Feb 8 GB Swimming Trials
Mon Feb 13 GB Softball Trials
Tues Feb 14 GB Basketball Trials
Tues Feb 21 GB Tennis Trials
Tues March 7 GB Rugby League Trials
Mon March 20 to Thurs March 30 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday March 31 Glen Aplin Cross Country
Chess
On 7th March, the Toowoomba District Primary School’s Individual Chess Championship will be held at the Christian Outreach College. It is a long day from 9.00am - 4.00pm. Various trophies and medallions are awarded at the conclusion of the day. This year we are keen to send some players to compete and learn from this competition, students who went last year enjoyed the experience and the pies! Students will be selected on their abilities shown at 2016 school league and Granite Belt chess level. Participants will be limited to the amount of parent/staff transport we can obtain. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

Thanks,
Judi

Swimming Dates
Years 1 - 3
• Wednesday Feb 8 11 - 11:30
• Thursday Feb 9 11 - 11:30
• Friday Feb 10 11 - 11:30
• Monday Feb 13 11 - 11:30
• Tuesday Feb 14 1:30 - 2

Years 4 - 6
• Wednesday Feb 15 10:30 - 11:30
• Thursday Feb 16 11 - 12
• Monday Feb 20 11 - 12
• Wednesday Feb 22 10:30 - 11:30
• Thursday Feb 23 11 - 12

Keep Up to Date
Download the QSchools app on your iPhone/iPad, Android, Windows phone or Windows PC. Access the latest newsletters, events calendar and emergency notifications. Schools are increasingly communicating with parents using this resource so please sign up!

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL
PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning.

We have started the year with a whole school revision of our school expectations, I am safe, I am Respectful, I am Responsible and I am a learner. All classes have revised what this looks like in each class setting and are currently developing a class expectations board in each room. We are looking forward to seeing each classes expectations boards when completed.

We look forward to another WOW of a year!

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P&C Collection Box — There is a green P&C Collection box in the library. Please use this box for P&C notes and NOT the Red Box. Thank you.

Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday
TBA

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- Fri Mar 31 Glen Aplin Cross Country
- Fri Mar 31 Last day of Term 1
- Tues April 18 First day Term 2
- Tues April 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

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