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 has been sent home today 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.

**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.
Newsletters
This newsletter is also available in email format. Attached is a form for you to fill in and return to school with your email address if you wish to receive it electronically. If you chose to receive it electronically last year this method will continue this year. Last week every family received a paper copy of the newsletter.

Absence from School
If your child is away from school any day, please contact our staff before 9:30am that day to provide an explanation. Parents will be phoned if an explanation has not been received as this is now a legal requirement.

Arriving/Leaving School
Children who arrive late or leave early throughout the school day are required to be signed out by their parent in the purple register in the office. If they return during the day, they need to be signed back in. A late arrival is any time later than 8.55am and an early departure is anytime earlier than 2.55pm. This is to keep our children safe, especially during emergency situations.

Cricket
Our team has a bye the first week (10th Feb). On the 17th Feb we will be playing Greenlands 2 at Glen Aplin. We would appreciate if a cricketing parent would be able to do a stocktake of all our cricket equipment so that we can order new items before this date. We would also welcome any coaching of our team.

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. Students must wear a rashie/swim top. The school provides sunscreen but if your child is allergic to particular brands, please send your preferred type with them to school. Invoices have been sent home to every family today. If your child does not attend a swimming lesson, you will receive a credit for this date.

World of Maths Activity
As part of this semester’s work, we have proposed World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school on Monday 6th February. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations through hands-on activities and games.

Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various maths principles which are part of their curriculum this term.

Parents are welcome to attend free of charge to help out with our teams, particularly our younger students and enjoy the day.

9.00am-10.00am: Prep to Year 2
10.00am-11.00am: Years 3 and 4
12.00pm-1.30pm: Years 5 and 6

The cost is $6 per child or $15 for a family of three and has been included on the statement sent home today.

Making the Grade Photos
Thank you to those parents with students in Prep and Year 1 who have already returned their permission and/or money for this Warwick Daily News photograph special. The photographer will be coming 10.45am Thursday 2nd February, so please return your forms if you haven’t already done so.

Prep/Year 1 News
I am still waiting for some students to bring back the photograph permission slips for the paper. Please send them in tomorrow. I have sent out a second slip in case the first has been lost.

We have started our reading activities, so if you are able to help it would be fantastic. Come and see me.

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This term we will be doing a unit called “Living Things” in Science. We will be looking at the needs of living things. If your child finds any insects, frogs or have any pets that are children safe and easy to bring in we would love to see them in the next couple of weeks.

We are talking about recount this term and will be recounting events from their holidays. If you have any holiday pictures we would love to look at these. If you cannot print them you can bring them in on a memory stick and we can put them up on the projector.

This week I will be sending a homework sheet home for the prep students on the letter we are learning that week. The year 1 students will get their sight words that they need to revisit, before moving on with their sheets.

Jo Willoughby

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

Chess

By now, some of our keener players have already expressed an interest in attending the Toowoomba Individual Chess Champion on 7th March. More information will be sent home to parents shortly.

Thanks,
Judi

Checkmate in 1 move—White to move

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL

I am Safe - Walking on the concrete

Walking on the concrete areas is a really good way of staying safe at school. This week we are focussing on being safe around the school.

We also have a new WOW reward card beginning this week for everyone!
Please ask your child about it - it is very exciting!

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Payment of School Invoices

Invoices and statements will be issued by the school on a regular basis. These will be given to the eldest child in the family to take home. The school and P&C subsidises most activities that students take part in and we try to keep costs down. So that we are able to keep our own accounts balanced, we appreciate if parents can pay invoices before the date of the activity.

How to pay

- Look at your statement. The last figure in the balance column on your right will be the total amount you owe. Amounts for each invoice are listed above if you wish to pay separately. You are welcome to pay a lump sum ahead of time thus having a credit on your school account. The oldest invoice on your statement will be paid first.
- Send cash or cheque to school in sealed envelope with your child’s name on it. Child puts envelope in red collection box in library first up when arriving at school. A receipt is issued and sent home with your child during that day or soon after.
- Electronically - School staff can help you do this on a school computer if you require.
  - Use your credit card to pay by Bpoint. Details on your statement. Make sure you put in Customer Reference and Invoice numbers or your payment will not be linked to your child. Payments can take 3 days or more to show up on school bank account.
  - Direct debit from your account into school account on the internet. Our BSB is 064-431 and account number is 00090309. Please use your child’s name as a reference.
  - Centrepay through Centrelink direct from your Centrelink online account. Minimum payment of $10 per transaction which can be started and stopped by you when you want to. Please see the school for deduction forms.

Planning your Payment

- If you are unable to pay the full amount owing before the date of the activity, please contact Judi or Chris as soon as you realise this. If we have not received any information from you, your child does not have permission to take part in the activity and administrative time is spent phoning on the morning of the event.
- A payment plan can be set up so you pay across the term or year on a regular basis with small amounts. This can be done by cash, cheque or any other form of payment.
- Keep up to date with what payments are due by requesting your balance from the school office and looking at the events listed in the school newsletter/website that may incur a charge.

All school money goes into the red locked box.
All P&C money (eg, raffles) goes into the green locked box.
Both are in the library.
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Prep and Year 1 hard at work already!
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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.

School Banking Update: For any new families or students interested in starting the school banking program this is the time to consider it. There are over 40 students already benefitting from this. A small display of just some of the prizes this year is in the library now. Contact Lucy Low 46834197 or 0448327956 for more information. P&C receive a commission from all the deposits made and this really adds up. School banking starting this Thursday the 2nd February.

Next P&C Meeting

TBA

Important Dates

- Thurs Feb 2 Making the Grade Photos (P/1)
- Fri Feb 3 Stanthorpe Show HOLIDAY
- Mon Feb 6 World of Maths
- 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
- Tues March 7 Toowoomba Individual Chess Championship
- Mon March 20 to Thurs March 30 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 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