GLEN APLIN
STATE SCHOOL

PARENT HANDBOOK
2017

GLEN APLIN IS A SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SCHOOL
The community of Glen Aplin State School will strive for a responsible, safe, respectful, learning environment that will enable our students to reach their full potential.
CALENDAR FOR 2017
(All dates are subject to change)

Term 1  Monday January 23  Friday March 31
Public Holidays:  Thursday January 26  Australia Day
                    Friday February 3  Stanthorpe Show Holiday

Term 2  Tuesday April 18  Friday June 23
Public Holidays:  Monday April 17  Easter Monday
                    Tuesday April 25  Anzac Day
                    Monday May 1  Labour Day

Term 3  Monday July 10  Friday September 15

Term 4  Tuesday October 3  Friday December 8
Public Holidays  Monday October 2  Queen’s Birthday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR 2017
(All dates are inclusive)

School recommences ..................................................... January 23
Easter Vacation .............................................................. April 3 – April 14
Winter Vacation .............................................................. June 26 – July 7
Spring Vacation .............................................................. September 18 – September 29
Summer Vacation ............................................................ December 11 – January 19, 2018

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2017

Thursday January 19
Friday January 20
Monday October 16
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WELCOME TO GLEN APLIN STATE SCHOOL

The Staff, Students and Parents and Citizens Association join with me in extending to you and your family a very warm and sincere welcome to our school. It is a great school.

We wish you a long and happy association with Glen Aplin State School.

This school offers a primary school education from Prep to year 6. Classes are grouped and taught under a multi-age philosophy. This means children of several ages may be working together to the mutual benefit of each other. All staff co-operate in the class preparation and teaching responsibilities.

Please feel free to come and talk to any staff member at any time. Parents are invited to visit the school frequently throughout the school year to discuss with teachers the progress and development of their children. A formal report card is issued each semester.

We actively encourage parent support in many areas of the curriculum, knowing that all adults have talents and expertise which aid children’s learning. Please notify the school of your willingness to become an active “parent helper”.

Our staff looks forward to working closely with parents for the benefit of the children.

Kindest regards,

[Signature]

Chris Williamson
Principal

VISION

Every student in every classroom striving to improve.

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SCHOOL STAFF 2016

Principal  Mrs Christine Williamson

Class Teachers  Mrs Joanne Willoughby  Prep/1
Mrs Susan Torrisi  2/3
Mrs Julie Beecham  4/5
Mrs Chris Williamson  5/6

Arrangements of classes may change.

Itinerant Teachers
Mrs Jenny Dunn  LOTE (Italian)
Ms Debbie Warren  AVT
Mr Brett Adams  STLD
Ms Jenni Holmstrom  Music
Mr Patrick McCormick  Physical Education

Teacher Aides  Miss Sharee Lawder
Mrs Vivienne Short
Mrs Melanie Zanatta

Admin Officer  Mrs Judi Grimmond

Cleaner  Mrs Rosalie Woods

Groundsperson  Mr Tim Grimmond

*NB: Any of these positions may be subject to change.

School Address

Actual:  Postal:
54 Mt Stirling Road  PO Box 21
Glen Aplin  GLEN APLIN QLD 4381
Phone:  (07) 4685 8333
Fax:  (07) 4685 8300
Mobile:  0407 166 859

(Please use mobile number in the event of a power failure.)
Email:  Principal: principal@glenapliss.eq.edu.au
       Office: admin@glenapliss.eq.edu.au
Website:  www.glenapliss.eq.edu.au
PROFILE OF GLEN APLIN STATE SCHOOL

Glen Aplin State School is located in the Darling Downs South West Region – South, and services the Glen Aplin community and surrounding area. The school is situated just off the New England Highway and is about 12 km south of Stanthorpe in Queensland’s Granite Belt region. The area is well known for the stonefruit, apples, grapes and vegetables it produces. The winemaking industry has been rapidly expanding over recent years with several quality wineries in the Glen Aplin area.

The school staff are committed to providing quality learning programs for all students. Being a small school we promote a multi-age class structure. Class organisation is flexible with whole school and special interest groupings occurring regularly. Teachers share their areas of interest and expertise across all year levels. Glen Aplin State School caters for Prep students in our well equipped Early Education Centre.

Parents are invited to participate in decision making. The P & C meet each month, this date is advertised in the newsletter. Great value is placed upon genuine collaborative decision making. To this end, a School Management Team, consisting of staff and parents, facilitates and coordinates strategic planning within the school. Regular communication is maintained through a comprehensive weekly newsletter, regular student reporting, staff meetings, P & C meetings and committee meetings. Attendance and participation at P & C meetings is welcome and encouraged.

Glen Aplin is a well resourced school. Facilities include a multi-purpose all-weather tennis court, two ovals, a cricket pitch, a netball court, large sandpit, cubby house and an ‘Ausplay’ adventure playground. The tennis court, cricket pitch and playground have been resurfaced in 2007 and an additional amenities block was installed in 2009. In 2010, B Block was refurbished into a spacious art room and kitchen area. A new library and undercover area was completed in 2011. Parents assist the development of the school by volunteering to help with classroom support, gardening, tuckshop, working bees and fund raising. In 2012 we celebrated our 125th anniversary.

The school actively promotes learning technology resulting in increasing competence by students and staff with WiFi available in every classroom.

Glen Aplin State School organises focused excursions to enhance school programmes. Students also participate in the Granite Belt Maths Challenge, as well as local Q.C.W.A exhibitions, lecturette, chess, art competitions, Optiminds and National Curriculum competitions.

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ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Regular and punctual attendance is necessary for any level of success at school. A sick child is not able to give of their best and should be kept at home to ensure a speedy recovery. Children who are absent due to illness for more than three days require a doctor’s certificate.

If a student is absent for any reason, parents are required to telephone the school office by 9.30am on the day of the absence. If a student arrives late or leaves early, parents need to sign in/out in the Late Register at the office.

ACCIDENTS / ILLNESS

At Glen Aplin School we endeavour to provide a safe physical environment. Despite this, accidents can occur within the school playground from time to time. Minor injuries are treated at the school and recorded in the accident register.

In the event of a serious injury, parents are contacted and further medical advice is sought. An Ambulance will be called if the injury is deemed serious enough. Please ensure the school is advised of any change of the families contact details.

ADMISSION AND TRANSFER

Education Department Regulations provide that:

a) Children born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 are eligible to attend Prep in 2016.

b) From 2008, children needed to be six by 30 June the year they enrol in Year 1, however in 2015, this was extended to turn six by 31 July

Some proof of birth date is required upon enrolment. This may take the form of a Birth Certificate or an Extract. Students transferring from another school that is not a state school, require a Certificate of Transfer.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Parents are advised that a Playground Supervisor is NOT provided on an organised basis before 8:30 am. It is strongly recommended that children DO NOT arrive at school before 8:15 am.

BICYCLES

Children riding their bikes to school are encouraged to observe all the rules of road safety. Bike racks are located beside B Block.
BUS TRANSPORT

A school bus is provided for those children who live in the traditional catchment area of the school. This area is west to the Emu Swamp area/Mt Stirling Road, east to Kerridges Road and north to Thorndale and Collins Roads. Transport is free to eligible students, beyond a certain distance from the school. Bus transport is also available between Stanthorpe & Glen Aplin. Please contact the office for further information.

CODE OF CONDUCT: POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PLAN

For learning to effectively take place, children need to be aware that a certain standard of behaviour needs to be adhered to.

During 2014, Glen Aplin School implemented the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) scheme initiated by the Qld Department of Education. PBL is a whole-school framework which helps schools to create positive learning environments. This is achieved by developing proactive systems to define, teach, and support appropriate student behaviours. Our school has a PBL team with representatives from staff, P&C and parents.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Mission Statement: The community of Glen Aplin State School will strive for a responsible, safe, respectful, learning environment that will enable our students to reach their full potential.

Our School Expectations are:
I am Safe
I am Responsible
I am Respectful
I am a Learner

Our PBL team in conjunction with all parents and staff have developed our Expectations Matrix.

Students are given WOW positive recognition awards on a free and frequent basis to encourage affirmation in practise of our four behavioural expectations. There are various rewards/recognition given to children when they reach 25, 50, 75, etc WOWs.

When behaviours contravene the Expectations, staff undertake a re-teaching process which may involve prompting the student to consider their actions in relation to the expectations, providing the student with choices to resolve their behaviour and conferring with the student in the Thinking Area, ie, time out. Major behavioural issues are managed in consultation with the Principal.
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<td>Sit on my chair</td>
<td>Use the left side of the table</td>
<td>Eat my own food</td>
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<td>Wear full brimmed hat outside</td>
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<td>I am Respectful</td>
<td>Wear my full school uniform</td>
<td>Speak in turn in groups</td>
<td>Move quietly around the school</td>
<td>Sit quietly after bell rings</td>
<td>Grow everyone privacy and personal space</td>
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<td>I am Responsible</td>
<td>Look after ALL my belongings</td>
<td>Be ready at my desk</td>
<td>Keep all belongings in my school bag if present (including hat)</td>
<td>Put Executive bus when leaving eating area</td>
<td>Go, Flush, Wash, Dry, Turn taps off</td>
<td>Return equipment when I am no longer using it</td>
<td>Line up if you see your parents or a teacher and listen for instructions from the teacher to get on the next bus when parents have arrived</td>
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<td>I am a Learner</td>
<td>Be the best I can be</td>
<td>Tallow teachers to teach and assist me to learn</td>
<td>Wait quietly for my next class</td>
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<td>Before starting a game, work out sessions, players and who and when</td>
<td>Walk straight to a sitting area and sit down inside or in front of bus shelter</td>
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CONSENT FORMS

Upon enrolment, parents will be asked to complete a consent form for known events such as Arts Council, sporting and cultural events. Events which children are participating in are advertised in the weekly newsletter well in advance of the actual date. If you do not want your children to participate, please contact the school.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

We endeavour to keep an up-to-date list of parents’ home, work, mobile and other emergency contact phone numbers.

PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY CHANGES IMMEDIATELY.

CURRICULUM

Children are offered the full range of curriculum subjects as determined by Education Queensland. This includes English, Maths, History, Science, Art, Geography, Civics and Citizenship (yr3+), Economics and Business (yr5+), Music and Physical Education. Human Relationships Education and Technology are integrated into the curriculum. Italian is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) taught in this district from Year 5.

DENTAL SERVICES

Every 18 months or so, the school dentist will visit the school. This is a free service provided by the Health Department. All children are encouraged to attend. Parents are encouraged to be present when any work is done on children’s teeth.

DEPARTURE

Once students have arrived at school, they are generally not permitted to leave school before the usual afternoon dismissal time, unless authority is first provided by a parent. A staff member will be on duty each afternoon to supervise the departure of students. Students are to sit in the bus shelter while waiting for parents or the school bus to arrive. It is expected that all students will proceed home directly after dismissal.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Students are not permitted to bring to school equipment such as Mobile Phones, iPods and other electronic equipment. If any equipment is required for use in the classroom, parents will be contacted by staff and a secure storage point at school will be arranged.

ENROLMENT

Glen Aplin is an Enrolment Managed School which means we must give priority to families in our catchment area when accepting enrolments as our school capacity is 80% or higher. Any families outside this area are encouraged to apply to the principal for details of vacancies.
EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In the event of fire, natural disaster or emergency affecting our school, a sequence of evacuative procedures has been established. Such procedures to be followed during an emergency are well documented, appear in list form on the wall of each room and are practised at least once per term. Our major consideration is for the safety and welfare of the children by ensuring a prompt exit accompanied by close supervision. Should power or landline phone contact be disconnected the school’s mobile phone will be the main point of contact. The number is **0407 166 859**. Emergency messages will also be sent out via the QSchools Ap available to download free of charge.

EXCURSIONS

Periodically the school organises excursions to enhance our student’s exposure to other learning environments. The upper school students go on a camp and a whole school excursion is arranged on an annual basis.

HOMEWORK

Homework gives parents the opportunity to gain insights into the work their children are doing at school. Regular homework helps students establish study habit necessary for secondary school. A small amount of homework is expected of students each night.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Listed below are common medical conditions and the current policy on attendance at school. Generally if a child is ill they should not come to school for their own good, but also to reduce the risk of the illness spreading.

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<td>Chicken Pox</td>
<td>Return 5 days after rash appears unless heavily scabbed</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis</td>
<td>Excluded until discharge ceases</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Diarrhoea and/or vomiting</td>
<td>Return 24hrs after the last upset</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Glandular Fever</td>
<td>Return on doctor’s advice</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Hand, foot and mouth disease</td>
<td>Exclude until all blisters have dried</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Head Lice</td>
<td>Return to school after appropriate treatment has been given</td>
<td>May need to be treated</td>
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<td>Influenza and influenza-type symptoms</td>
<td>Exclude until well</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Measles</td>
<td>Exclusion for at least 4 days from the appearance of the rash.</td>
<td>No excluded</td>
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<td>Meningitis</td>
<td>Exclude until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.</td>
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<td>Mumps</td>
<td>Exclude for 9 days after onset of swelling</td>
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<td>Ringworm, Scabies</td>
<td>Readmit day after when appropriate treatment has commenced</td>
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School Sores (Impetigo) May return if appropriate treatment has been received for at least 24 hours and sores are covered with water tight dressings Not excluded
Streptococcal sore throat (incl scarlet fever) Exclude until well and has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours Not excluded
Whooping Cough Exclude until received 5 days of treatment or 21 days from onset of coughing. Unvaccinated contacts may be excluded

LOST PROPERTY

PARENTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED. Children will be encouraged to look after their belongings and be responsible for their own things. In the event that belongings are found, they will be returned to the owner where possible, or placed in lost property located on B Block verandah.

MEDICATION

If medication is to be administered during school hours, A NOTE FROM PARENTS IS REQUIRED WHICH INDICATES SPECIFIC TIMES AND QUANTITIES TO BE TAKEN. The medication should be labelled from a doctor and include the child’s name. A record is kept on all occasions when medication is administered at the school.

N.B.
- Medication which is not accompanied by a written note detailing the above information will NOT be administered by school staff.
- All medication brought to school is to be handed to the child’s teacher in the morning for secure storage.
- School staff are unable to administer medication such as aspirin and other analgesics.
- Asthma puffers are not permitted at school except in special circumstances agreed with staff. Please contact staff if your child requires regular access to his/her puffer. This can easily be arranged.

PARENTAL or GUARDIAN ACCESS TO CHILDREN

In the interests of child protection the office must be informed of any change of routine in the collection of children from school. In cases where there are legal proceedings, staff are unable to provide visitor access to students unless proper authorisation is received.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The membership of this Association is open to all parents and citizens of this district. The Association has been most active in the past years and has provided the school and students with many excellent and modern teaching aids, sporting facilities and equipment, a fine library, computer equipment and a bus shelter. It is hoped that you will give active, constructive support to this worthwhile organisation and its functions during the year. You

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will be most welcome at the meetings usually held once a month. Meetings are announced in the weekly school newsletter.

**PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION**

To ensure the playground is a safe, supportive place, our staff supervise the playground during lunchtime and second break.

Children have 15 minutes supervised eating time each break. During first break, children are generally free to play their own games.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

Registered community volunteers provide religious instruction each Friday from 10.30 to 11.00 am. Prep students do not attend RI under Education Queensland guidelines and RI is not compulsory for any other students. Students without parental permission to undertake RI, will be supervised in a class environment completing school work and revision.

**REPORTING TO PARENTS**

**Written Reports**

Formal report cards are emailed to parents at the end of each semester. A printed copy of the report card is available from the office if needed. Regular communication with parents will occur through newsletters and parent meetings if needed. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress please contact the school to make an appointment.

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY**

A formal document known as the ‘Triennial School Review’ is prepared every 3 years. This document is written in consultation with school parents and community members and establishes a focus for programs that the school will strive to maintain over this period. An Operational Plan is prepared for each year. A report on the plan is then given at the end of each year.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The P&C operates a school banking scheme where students can open accounts through the Commonwealth Bank and deposit regular amounts at school. The P&C receives financial incentives for each deposit made and students also are eligible for prize draws, etc. Banking day is Thursday and bank books should be placed in the box in the library.

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

Chaplaincy Services provide spiritual, ethical and personal support to school communities. Scripture Union Qld Chaplains provide positive adult role models for students. Chaplains are present in schools at the invitation of the Principal, in consultation with the local community, and with the support of the P&C Association. Chasely Paech has commenced
the role of Chaplain in our school from Term 4 2012 and currently comes to the school Monday afternoons and all day Wednesday.

The Chaplaincy Service is available to everyone in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs. Involvement with the Chaplain is entirely voluntary and students choose whether or not they want to be part of the activities that are offered. Parents will be consulted if their child wishes to be involved in ongoing one-to-one meetings with the Chaplain or in any programme or group involving spiritual or ethical content. Parents have the right to refuse permission for their child to be involved in any Chaplaincy activity or event.

Please contact the school office if you wish to make an appointment to see the Chaplain.

**SCHOOL CHARGES**

Periodically the school takes part in activities that incur a charge for students. At the beginning of each term, an invoice is sent out to each family detailing all the activities occurring during that period, to the best of our knowledge. If there is any difficulty with payments, parents are encouraged to phone the Principal to make arrangements. All money coming to school should be placed in the red collection box on the library desk as soon as the student arrives at school. Money that is relating to P&C fundraising activities, eg bookclub and raffles, is to be placed in the *green* P&C box in the library.

**SCHOOL SPORT**

We believe that the athletics season should give all children the opportunity to participate and to develop new skills, while allowing students with special athletic abilities to attend representative carnivals.

An interhouse athletics carnival is held during second term. All students are encouraged to take part in all events. Ribbons are given for participation as well as for gaining places. The school sport houses and colours are: **Glen:** White and **Aplin:** Red.

During the year students are encouraged to participate in school sports. Interschool sport is usually held on Friday afternoons. Traditionally, students can expect to be involved in:

- Term 1 – Cricket, Softball
- Term 2 – Soccer, Netball
- Term 3 – Athletics
- Term 4 – Tennis, Swimming, Chess.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

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<td>8.55</td>
<td>School commences</td>
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<td>9:30</td>
<td>In class fruit break (students to bring piece of fruit/vege to eat)</td>
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*I am Safe, I am Responsible, I am Respectful, I am a Learner*

Glen Aplin State School PARENT HANDBOOK
11:20       Play time
11:50       Middle Session
1:20        Second break (play)
1:30        Second break (eat)
1:45        Afternoon Session
3:00        School ceases

**TUCKSHOP**

Tuckshop is held periodically by P&C volunteers.

A menu is sent home through the newsletter so parents know what is available.

Money raised by the tuckshop is utilised by the P & C Association for school improvements. We are always looking for volunteers to help at tuckshop.
UNIFORM

There is a set uniform for the school. It was designed and implemented in consultation with the P & C Association. Children are encouraged to wear it with pride at all times.

Our Uniform Convenor is available once a week for purchases. Order forms are available from the office.

GIRLS UNIFORM
- Black shorts or black pleated skirt, red polo shirt
- Black track suit pants and Grey school jumper
- School spray jacket (optional)
- Brimmed school hat
- Joggers / school shoes (no bright colours)

BOYS UNIFORM
- Black shorts, red polo shirt
- Black track pants and Grey school jumper
- School spray jacket (optional)
- Brimmed school hat
- Joggers / school shoes (no bright colours)

Jewellery is restricted to earrings in the form of sleepers or studs only. A signet ring and/or necklace are allowed if they have religious significance. *No other jewellery is to be worn to school for safety reasons.*

A wide brimmed hat is required for all play.

VOLUNTEER AIDES

Parent volunteers are encouraged to take part in school activities. A volunteer register is found in the front entrance of the school and must be signed for each visit. If you would like to offer your assistance in any way please arrange a suitable time with staff.

WET WEATHER

In the event of wet weather, children will be permitted in the classrooms during Lunch and Second break. During breaks, school staff will supervise children as they undertake quiet recreational activities or follow normal school work.