FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets last Saturday night at Brown Park.

If anyone would like to purchase extra tickets for the Storm Away Jersey please contact the office. The raffle will be drawn at the Glenmore Homestead Hoe Down on 9th September.

Tickets are still available for the Glenmore Homestead Hoe Down and can be purchased through the office. This is always a fun event and it would be great to see lots of family members there.

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will have visitors in our school conducting our School Review. We welcome these people and thank them for their input into planning our school's progress for the next four years. Parent input is most welcome.

Don't forget school photos will take place on Wednesday 17th August 2016.

On Thursday 1st September 2016 we will be holding our Fathers' Day stall at school. Students will be able to purchase gifts for either $2.00 or $5.00. Our students love choosing gifts for their parents and the choosing and purchasing component is an important life skill.

Students and staff enjoyed the Sports Day last Friday. Our students were well behaved and polite and I am very proud of not only their behaviour but the effort put into the event and the great sportsmanship they portrayed on the day.

"I will respect the property of others" is our PBS focus for the next two weeks. Students will be discussing this and participating in activities about this expectation in class.

I hope everyone has a good week.

Regards

Jogie
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- School Photos: Wed 17th August
- Book Week: Fri 26th August
- Character Parade: Fri 26th August
- Glenmore Homestead Hoe Down: Sat 9th September
- Beach Day Out: Fri 16th September
- Last Day of Term 3: Fri 16th September
**BIRTHDAYS**

Kaleb Davey-Marshall - 23rd August  
Amanda - 25th August

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

The following students have received the Principal’s Award:

**Friday 5th August 2016:**

Kevin for being helpful to other students on the bus and in the playground.

and

Charlotte for improved communication attempts and utilising the class PODD.

-Well done to these students, keep up the great work!

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be happening at school this Wednesday 17th August 2016. Silver Rose Photography will be taking the photos again this year.

*Order forms have been distributed to all students. Order forms will need to be returned to school before or ON Photo Day.*

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of Administration.

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**Q SCHOOLS APP**

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools.

Rockhampton Special School encourage all parents, caregivers and families to download the app for free.

The app is designed to integrate with our school website. When our school publishes content to the website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

To download the app visit the application store for your device.

Please refer to the attached flyer for full details on the app and download instructions.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of Administration.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 6 of Book Club has been distributed to all students.

If you wish to place an order, please return all cash orders to Administration by Friday 26th August 2016.


If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Administration.
OUR SCHOOL REVIEW – AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 22\textsuperscript{nd} August 2016 to 24\textsuperscript{th} August 2016.

The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department’s School Improvement Unit.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school’s website.

As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au

Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

BOOK WEEK 2016 – AUSTRALIA! STORY COUNTRY

This year’s book week runs from the 20\textsuperscript{th}-26\textsuperscript{th} August 2016 and the theme is Australia! Story Country.

On Friday 26th August at 9.30am there will be a whole school assembly and students are encouraged to dress up in the costume of their favourite character and a Character Parade will be held. All families are welcome to join in the fun.

DATE CLAIMER – BEACH DAY OUT 2016

The Beach Day Out is a regional event held annually during Disability Action Week.

This year the event will be held in Emu Park’s Bell Park on Friday 16 September 2016.

P & C FOOTY FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder that the P & C are still fundraising for the purchase of a new wheelchair bus for the school.

It would be greatly appreciated if all tickets (either sold or unsold) and money from ticket sales be returned to the school at your earliest convenience.

Tickets are still available to purchase for $5.00 each.

Prizes will be drawn on the 9\textsuperscript{th} September 2016 at the Rockhampton Special School Hoedown Fundraiser to be held at the Glenmore Homestead. You do not have to be present at the draw to claim your prize.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of Administration on (07) 49375333.
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Congratulations to all of you and keep up the great work.
August 2016

Hello from the Manual Arts Workshop.

The students have now completed, and taken home, their first project of the year and most groups are close to finishing their second project. The Transition and Senior 2 students are busily working on a Spice Rack while Senior 1 and Primary 1 are making a Recipe Book Stand. Middle 2, 3 and 4, have completed a Coffee Cup Tree and have started work on a Carry All.

Shyan & Shelby

Kaj, Terri & Kevin

Luke, Rhys, Jamie & Krystle

Nathan

The photos show some of the students engaged in various activities. I take this early opportunity to wish the students graduating this year all the best for the future and thank the teachers and teacher aides who have assisted in the workshop throughout the year. It has been an enjoyable year for myself and I expect to see all the returning students again next year. Correct safety procedures play an important part in being in the workshop and the students are well aware of, and follow, our safety rules.

Don Howes
Manual Arts Teacher
NEWS FROM MIDDLE 4

Middle 4 has been having lots of fun lately. Two students, Kaleb and Josh went sailing and Keanu has just come back from a cruise where he had a fabulous time.

We have been going for some excursions. One day we went to three different locations to see the Tropic of Capricorn – the Information Centre, the old Tropic of Capricorn site at Port Curtis and the Council building in Gracemere. This was part of our Earth Science unit.

Last term we went for trips to the Botanical Gardens to see the insects, birds and animals. This was part of our Science unit about Living Things. Our favourite animal was the crocodile. We also liked the chimps.

Other places we went to were the Military Museum, the Heritage Village and the Archer Park Rail Museum. This was part of our unit on Life in the Past.

This term we have been studying mapping. We have been looking at Google Earth to see our houses. We have also been learning about places in Australia, such as the states and capital cities.

In cooking we have been making stir fries, fruit salad, kebabs, spring rolls, savoury muffins and pea and ham soup.