Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to our 2nd Semester of school. I hope you have all kept warm in our recent snowy, cold snap.

Yesterday every staff member participated in training in many different venues. The teaching focus was ‘mathematics’ and great learning occurred. Congratulations to Rachel and her band of community cooks, Kylie, Tabitha and Glenn who catered for over 250 people at Calare Public School yesterday, they did an amazing, professional job. I know more work will follow for this clever group. Thank you.

This Term we will be having a strong focus on wearing school uniform. It is important to wear uniform and be proud of our school. Each week we will be having a competition and the prize will be a piece of clothing uniform. Watch our newsletter and school App for details.

We now have a school App. This can be downloaded FREE and will have all current school information. How to download is in this newsletter.

During the holidays our new school chicken coup has been built next to our vegetable garden. Kindergarten will be rearing the chickens this Term to become our first hens.

Last Semester our attendance was one of the lowest in the state. This is not acceptable. School is mandatory and students learn their best when ‘they are at school, on time every day. Please make sure you get your children to school every day.

This semester we welcome some new staff. Mrs Alison Broughton joins us as our new Instructional Leader. Ms Jane Shannon replaces Ms Kellie Scurrah, and will be teaching with Mrs Frater in 6/1F. We also welcome Ms Kirstie Tyerman who will work across many classes K-6. They all have chosen to be at Glenroi Heights Public School and I know they will add to the other outstanding staff at G.H.P.S.

Mrs Karen Brill has chosen not to return to Glenroi Heights Public School. We wish her well in her future career choices.

Have a great week.

Jane Cameron
The students in Early Intervention have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Ladybug, Ladybug' and all about spots. They used cherry tomatoes to make edible lady bugs and paper plates to make the big ones.
Transition to Kindergarten

Our Transition To Kindergarten program will be starting in Term 3. All children starting school in 2016 will be able to attend a half-day session on a Thursday or Friday from 9am to 1pm where they will make friends, develop their Literacy and Numeracy skills and become more familiar with the school environment. Please contact the school office to enrol your child.

Miss Simpson

Things to Remember

NO soft drink at school

NO wheelie shoes

NO chewing gum

Also remember that Adults visiting our school are NOT to use student toilets. There are Adult facilities in the office.

Glenroi Café

Next Wednesday we will be holding a Glenroi Café as part of Education week. Notes will go home soon with all the delicious details. The cost will be $5 per person.

School Uniform Competition

We have sent home a colouring-in sheet today with the children. We will choose the best entries and the winners will receive a school beanie. We have five to give away. Entries must be returned to the office by 9am on Thursday morning.

Good Luck
Your school now has a free app delivering school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone.

How to download your Free app

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications.
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.

For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download

Some great snow man photos that were taken last weekend in Orange.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre - and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students - including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Learn & Earn
Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2000, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census.

Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

> Optional information: summarise your school’s profile from the 2012 AEDC <

In the previous 2012 AEDC, our school profile indicated that …

> Optional information: ways the census results helped your school or improved community services <

We used the results to support …

In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website www.aedc.gov.au
Playgroup is back this week. Come and join in a fun craft activity, sing and dance and have morning tea with other families. (Don't forget to bring a piece of fruit for Cheeky Monkey’s on Friday). Parents and carers come and enjoy morning tea and a nice warm cuppa!

Glenroi Grasshoppers
Tuesday, 9.30 – 11.00 – Cootes Centre

Cheeky Monkeys
Friday, 9.00 – 11.00 – GHPS
Carewest Preschool Room

For more information please contact Rachel Livingstone, Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) on 0401 004 092 or just turn up.