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Coming Events
 30th April
 Sports Day

Assembly
 9am every second
 Thursday (1st February
 onwards)

Working Bee
 Sunday 30th May

Last Day Term 2
 25th June

Pupil Free Day
 12th July

First Day Term 3
 13th July

BIRTHDAYS
 Eleanor M; Hunter F;
 Joseph G; Lucas R;
 Happy Birthday

AWARDS
 Early Childhood

Junior School

Middle School

Senior School

*Congratulations
 to all*



Dear parents and families

As of last week I have returned to the helm of The Glenleighden School as Head of School. I was very fortunate to have had the time to address concerns of a personal nature so that I could return with a fresh, motivated and enthusiastic approach. I am extremely grateful to Cae Ashton for the valuable contribution she has made to the school community in the acting role of Head of School. Her high standard of leadership skills coupled with the superior level of skill and knowledge of the school leadership team, made certain the first term of 2010 commenced very successfully.

The school Leadership and staff have worked vigorously to place into operation, changes to curriculum implementation that ensures alignment with the National Curriculum timeframes. Our students face complex social, environmental and economic futures. A rich curriculum is needed to develop students who actively seek to understand these complex issues and critically evaluate ideas and information. Through the Key Learning Areas (KLA's), students learn how to develop their knowledge and skills, creatively apply their know-how to new situations, and design solutions. Within this rich curriculum, identifying priorities helps to focus our efforts in building capacity and improving student achievement.

Implementing the Curriculum

The Essential Learnings and Standards within Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting (QCAR) Framework are the core learning programs for all students in what is the equivalency to Years 1-9. They describe a rich set of knowledge, skills and capabilities from which school generate an engaging and comprehensive curriculum. Each year schools are required to address the QCAR Essential Learnings in all KLA's from Years 1-9 and to report on each KLA. Over the next few years, our priority is to focus on English, Mathematics and Science while continuing to teach all KLA's. English and Mathematics are acknowledged as fundamentally important in all years of schooling. A focus on Science recognizes that studying this KLA provides essential preparation for twenty-first century living.

As part of this process, will be the introduction and implementation of a new progress report. This report will reflect the legislative A-E reporting system based from the Queensland Studies Authority. There have been additions made to this new progress report format to ensure parents receive information that clearly defines the student's level of Effort and Independence. There will be more information provided in future correspondence to ensure families are aware of the new reporting format.

School news

BER Update

As of last Friday, the new building was finally completed and is open for use. Several disciplines will be moving their supplies and equipment into the bottom half of the multipurpose building. This will ensure that learning sessions continue without any disruption. The upstairs section will be fitted over the remainder of this term and established as the new TGS library and Media centre. Observation rooms for learning sessions are also part of this upstairs area. The multipurpose area at the bottom of this building can be utilized by the wider school community in consultation with the Head of School. It is anticipated this process will be completed by the end of the term.

Workplace Health and Safety

The City Council for the next three weeks will be constructing kerbing on the opposite side of the road from the school. This will impact on parking spaces and accessibility. To ease this situation I am asking that parents arrive, drop of their child and departure within in very short timeframe to allow accessibility for other families and staff. Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I appreciate your continued support and am excited about starting another successful year at the school. Thank you for assisting me in "Building the Wall...Brick by Brick... One student, teacher and parent at a time."

Kind Regards
 Di Drew
 Head of School

School news

Dear parents and families,

2010 has commenced with all hands on deck with the absence of our Head of School who has recently returned to the fold. As you are aware, school leadership has been working hard to align our educational and reporting practices with not only the state, but also the national curriculum agenda. Curriculum and programs, as well as the staff who deliver them, they are our most precious commodity. To that end, the Executive Committee have supported the nomination of our Acting Head of School and Senior School Coordinator, Ms Cae Ashton, to position of Curriculum Coordinator, at least for the remainder of 2010. This position will have a whole school focus, working with all teams to ensure that our programs are linked into curriculum documents, are best practice, are relevant and have continuity from Year 1 to Year 12. This will not be an easy task but will be very exciting for the school and staff and will ultimately benefit our students and their families.

During this time, our Head of School, Ms Diane Drew will be overseeing the Senior School program and we are currently working hard to ensure we maintain staff levels and disciplines needed to continue the high quality programs being provided to the Senior School students.

Please don't hesitate to contact your Level Coordinator or Head of School if you have any queries.

Your sincerely

Vikki Rose Graydon
 Executive Principal

School news

Early Childhood

Early Childhood students are always having so much fun! We are learning all about nature and Australian animals. There are so many different ones and we are finding out which ones hop, climb, swim and run.

Recently we went to the park for a picnic, looking at all the wonderful things along the way. At the park we played cricket & parachute games and had a yummy lunch. We even had time to feed the ducks and water hens. They can swim in the water AND walk on the bank.

Early Childhood would also like to welcome two new students to our Starfish group. Their names are Olivia and Eleanor and they are having lots of fun with all their new friends.



Major Fundraising Event

LUNCH FOR LANGUAGE

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY.. DON'T MISS OUT!

This year's lunch for language function will be held on :
Friday July 30

At Riverside Receptions at New Farm.

Tell your friends and organise a table (ten people)

This is our major annual fun, fundraising function!
Make it a date..... Friday 30th July

Have you booked your table yet?



Sport's Day

The sports teams are –

	TURNBULL (GREEN)	ROBINSON (BLUE)	MULLER (RED)
Senior School	Kelvin C	James L	Nicholas P
	Joshua H	Leroy L	Parker P
	Peter P	Rhys M	Dan T
	Brandon P	Carter N	Nikita W
		Scott M	
Middle School	Matthew C	Fred J	Sonya M
	Connor D	Tim M	Emily M
	Aaron B	Lucas K	Joshua P
	Hamish C	Alex K	Ryan R
	Dylan T	Malina F	Rahul S
	Zac G	Lucas R	Jarrod W
	Ryan B	Ryan H	Joseph W
			Nicole H
Junior School	Jackson A	Edward S	Nigel H
	Laura E	Amanda M	Lachlan R
	Tom C	Reuben L	Jamie-Lee S
	Hunter F	Lucienne H	Matthew K
	Shrey G	Freddie P	Joseph G
	Gavin B	Rudi F	Timothy D
		Nathan Y	
Early Childhood	Daniel B	Hudson J	Ben S
	Ryan D	Corbin M	Carys W
	Luca H	Ethan B	Matthew N
	Thomas D	Connor P	Kelly J
	Max E	Khuyen E	Angelina C
	Jaxon B	Eleanor M	Olivia H

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Everyone (Students & Supporters) , please come dressed in your child's team colour!

Sport's Day

is almost upon us.....

When - Friday 30th April

Where - The University of QLD Athletics Centre, St Lucia.

Timetable – 9.00 - Bus leaves school

(All parents are asked to ensure their student rides on the bus)

9.30 - 12.30 – Events at UQ

1.00 - Bus returns to school

1.30 – BBQ Lunch provided at School for students and their families.

2.00 – Presentations

Who – TGS Community (we hope you can make it!)

The PS & F will be providing a Sausage Sizzle Lunch (including gluten free catering). Students will need to bring their morning tea, plenty of drinking water and their lunch if they do not want to participate in the BBQ.

Congratulations

to the following students who have been selected to take on leadership roles for this event.

The Sports Captains for 2010 -

TEAM	Captain	Vice Captain
TURNBULL	Kelvin C	Joshua H
ROBINSON	Rhys M	Scott M
MULLER	Nicholas P	Parker P

The level captains for 2010 -

TEAM	Middle School	Junior School	Early Childhood
TURNBULL	Dylan T	Jackson A	Daniel B
ROBINSON	Alex K	Amanda M	Hudson J
MULLER	Ryan R	Nigel H	Carys W

New building progress report

New building ready

By the time you read this newsletter, we expect our new building will be finished.

The safety fence should be removed completely by the end of this week, the site office has already been moved to its next job and the other site buildings have also gone.

The Paynter Dixon team have left the site and the building has been handed over to the school.

It has also been officially certified as meeting all relevant construction standards.

Executive Principal Vikki said the school was extremely happy with the building and staff who had seen the completed project were most impressed.

“We are very grateful to Paynter Dixon, particularly to Peter Stanford, to Project Manager Simon Lacey, to Site Manager Kevin Hogg and to their sub-contractors, and to architect Ray Giarola, for providing us with such a splendid addition to the school’s infrastructure,” Vikki said.

“Of course, we are also very grateful to the federal government for providing the funds. Without that, there would be no building,” she said.

Furniture for the building is expected to arrive in the next few weeks.

As well, the erection of shade sails over the tiered seating in front of Junior School and the paved area outside Senior School has begun and should be completed within a couple of weekends.

“We are also indebted to the PS and F for this very valuable work,” Vikki said.

“Along with the new building, these major additions will make a great contribution to the life of the school and will add significantly to the experiences our children will be able to enjoy at Glenleighden.”

”Thank you everyone,” Vikki said.

School news

New building pictorial progress report

Number 6



Executive Principal Vikki, Head of School Di and Acting Head of School (during Di's absence) Cae inspect the now finished library with librarian Karen Smith and Paynter Dixon Head Office Project Manager Simon Lacey and Site Project Manager Kevin Hogg.



The new manual arts room and a view through the media room to the library's kitchenette.



Paynter Dixon Site Manager for the construction of the new library and multi-purpose building, Kevin Hogg, demonstrates the operation of the

Soccer



Soccer

Congratulations to those students who were selected to represent The Glenleighden School at a 'friendly' soccer match against John Paul College at the end of last term.

- Nikita (Captain)
- Ryan
- Zac
- Alex
- Lucas
- Malina
- Tim
- Dylan
- Lucas
- Emily
- Hamish
- Sonya
- Joseph
- Tim
- Jackson
- Nathan



Senior School students Nicholas and Scott acted as coach and assistant coach (with the help of Charles Panos – thanks Charles!).

After many training sessions to prepare the students, parents and several staff headed off to John Paul College for the big game on the last Friday of Term 1.

It was a wonderful afternoon with students putting in a mighty effort to win the game and the 'soccer friendly' trophy. Nikita scored the winning goal – great work Nikitia! The student's are to be commended for their behaviour, effort, enthusiasm and spirit – well done to all!

Thanks to 'Sports One' at The Gap Village for supporting our school – a discount card for this store is being sent home to all TGS families this week.

Some of the action.....

PLEASE READ

THE BUS FARE ASSISTANCE

AND

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME APPLICATIONS FOR 2010

A Parent or Guardian of the student can apply online from

1 May 2010

to

31st May 2010

For Semester one 2010, the weekly family threshold for Bus Fare Assistance is \$30 per week.

Full details of the scheme and who can apply, are available at:

www.schooltransport.com.au

If you need assistance when applying online,



Phone: 07 3336 9192

or

Email: schooltransport@qcec.ald.catholic.edu.au



We Need You!

Although many families have already agreed to participate, **we are looking for more volunteers**. All you and your child will be asked to do is fill out some questionnaires. Parents will need to take only 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire at home at a time convenient for them. Children will complete questionnaires at school with the support of **Kristy Nicola** (current CHILLD employee at the hub, former TGS employee).

Your participation will help us in understanding the impact speech and language difficulties can have on you and your child's life. **So please take a few minutes to fill out your consent forms and return them to your child's PC leader as soon as possible!**

Thank you for taking the time to consider our research.



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