

# The Glenleighden News



Dear parents & families

4th December 2009



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## Coming Events

**\*Awards night  
9th December**

**\*Last day of Term  
11th December**

Once again the end of the school year is upon us and on behalf of the Executive of the CHI.L.D Association, I congratulate the students on their achievements and thank the families and staff for their role in those achievements.

It has been another successful year for The Glenleighden School and the CHI.L.D Association. Our staff have dealt with increasing expectations with regards to program delivery and accountability to their students, families, colleagues and, most importantly, to themselves. While this process has not been easy, it has been well managed and thoughtfully led by the Head of School, Ms Diane Drew and I know that this will continue to be her major focus again next year.

We are approaching the end of the strategic planning cycle, and it is heartening to see the progress we have made since the CHI.L.D community sat down together nearly five years ago and set our goals. Early next year we will call on you again to provide ideas and information to underpin our planning for the next five years.

In preparation for this process, the Executive has reviewed the roles of key senior staff. Earlier in the year, Ms Drew assumed the new title of Head of School which accurately describes the responsibilities she has taken on in her leadership of the school programs and services. Ms Vikki Rose Graydon will now use the title Executive Principal, CHI.L.D Association. This more accurately describes her leadership role in the field of education and her role in the executive management of, the school, and of the other endeavours of the CHI.L.D Association to improve the lives of students with a language disability and their families.

2010 will not be an easy year in terms of achieving our mission within the financial constraints of government funding. Once again funding will not match the increase in salary costs that all workplaces are facing. We will ask government for a fair hearing on this issue in the New Year.

I wish all departing students and their families the very best in the next stage of their journey and invite you to give feedback about the services the Glenleighden School has provided you and how they could be improved. Most importantly, stay in touch. I would also like to thank all the staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year and hope that their experiences in our school community have provided them with valuable tools for the next stage in their careers.

Lastly I want to acknowledge the enormous contribution to CHI.L.D made by Ms Margot Hickey who has resigned from her position of Development Officer to return to her first career as an economist. Her commitment to the families of students with language disorders has been absolute. Through her diplomacy and energy, she has recast The Glenleighden School as a well resourced and inviting modern school. It is a legacy of which she should be proud. I am pleased that she continues as a member of the CHI.LD Executive.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the holidays  
Kind regards  
Bev Rowbotham  
Chairman, CHI.L.D Association

## BIRTHDAYS

Aaron B, Hayden G,  
Nikita W-H, Rebecca A,  
Daniel T, James L and  
Leroy L

*Happy Birthday*

## AWARDS

### Middle School

Matthew C, Nikita W-H  
and Ryan R.

*Congratulations to all*



Dear parents and families,



What a year! We have achieved so much. To love what you do and to share what you love, as we help others to enjoy creativity and worthwhile accomplishments, is such a gift and I thank everyone for allowing me to share in their journey. From the amazing people that have participated in our various programs to the dedicated staff that I have had the privilege to interact and work with, it has been a sensational year. I have seen staff and students triumph over so many challenges and fears and move forward to be the best that they can be. It has been my greatest pleasure to witness the amazing outcomes that have been achieved by the staff and students at The Glenleighden School.

For the first term next year I will be taking a leave of absence from Gleleighden, with a planned return date of 19th April, 2010. Cae Ashton will be stepping up to the role in my absence. She is a highly skilled professional who will do a sensational job. I know without a doubt that the new year will commence well with new accomplishments to be made.

I end this year with a vision that we can continue to help people aspire to and achieve a fulfilling life of new possibilities by breaking down the barriers to life's opportunities. In doing that, we are believing in the full potential of all of our students. In that we have succeeded and I am positive that the school will continue to address the needs of the individuals and enable them to lead happier, healthier and more fulfilled lives. I am very proud to work in a school that is so committed to upholding a standard that reflects and supports the dignity, equality and participation of all people.

**Awards Nite:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, 5.00pm. Please come and celebrate the success of all the students and appreciate the hard working efforts of the staff.

**Guess the Staff Member:**

They started at the University of Queensland in 2003 studying Bachelor of Applied Science: Human Movements as they were desperate to become a Physiotherapist (and missed out with an OP2!). They came to their senses and realised their true calling was as a Speech Pathologist and started in the UQ course in 2004. They had major pracs at The Cerebral Palsy League (where they realised that working with children who have a disability is the area they are most passionate about), Toowong Community Health (working with adults who have progressive neurological disease eg. Parkinson's - too sad, they cried all of the time!) and St Kevin's Primary School. In 2007 they graduated as a Speech Pathologist at Disability Services Queensland in their Family and Early Childhood Service (FECS) Team seeing children aged 0yrs - 6yrs with significant developmental delays or who were at risk of significant development. At DSQ they saw around 50 children a fortnight for 1 hr sessions and they have been P.R.O.M.P.T trained, Hanen: It Takes Two to Talk, as well as numerous feeding and sensory workshops.

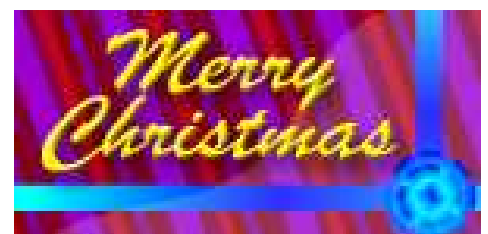
It has been a privilege to be the Head of School for 2009. I wish you all the best during the festive season and look forward to seeing you all in the new year. Thank you all, for the support you have given me over this past year. May the new year bring you all that you hope for. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

**Diane Drew**

Head of School

The Glenleighden School



BUILDING UPDATE

Building Education Revolution:

Contractors have taken up residence in the front car park area of the school. To date no major construction has occurred due to difficulties with electrical connections. There has been the removal of trees, which has caused some sound concerns. However, every precaution and safety measure has been implemented to ensure the safety of staff and students. I will endeavour to keep you updated as soon as information is disseminated.

Building has been totally demolished and the small fort removed



# Middle School



## 2009 - What a busy year in Middle School

All the Middle School students have had an exciting and enjoyable year. They can be very proud of their efforts this year. The students would like to share some highlights with you.

Joshua - We like to go canoeing and on the flying fox at camp. We pushed the canoe out in the water. I felt happy.



Tim - At Camp we went on the flying fox. I felt happy. I like TAG5 because it has lots of sport.

Sonya - I like drawing using Brushster in Art sessions. It made me feel proud. It was fun using the beautiful rainbow colours.

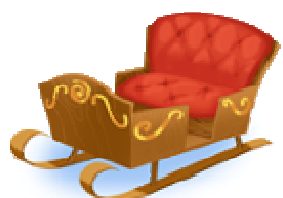
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Lucas - I liked making my design for the Party Pebble Party. I got third. It made me feel very happy. It was lots of fun. Nicholas and Alex also had good designs.

Nicholas - I liked going to SPACE. We had a lot of fun at SPACE (not outer). We played a lot of games and I won one.

Malina - I like swimming. We did rainbow arms. I like archery. It made me happy



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Matthew C - I like Sports Day. It had a running course. I like running, Shot Put, Captain Ball, Zig Zag Ball and sand jumping. I got tired. It was fun.

Nikita - I liked to do library and music. It makes me feel happy.

Connor - I like doing the camp photos on the computer. It makes me feel excited and happy because I like to colour the words.

Rahul - I really liked The Riddle of the Dragon's Hat. There were two actors choosing a hat.

Alex - We went to the Sciencentre. I liked the Floating Ball. Also I liked trying to move the fridge. I like the Spinning Chair. It was slow and fast.



Fred - We went to Southbank on the CityCat. It made me feel happy.

Matthew B - I liked doing the concert. I acted as a cowboy. It was fun.

Emily - I liked the Sleepover. It was hard to sleep because it was so dark. I also liked swimming.

Larissa - I like archery and swimming at camp. It made me feel happy.



Middle School students and staff would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy festive season. All the best to those who are leaving our school and we look forward to seeing everyone else in 2010.



## Music Therapy News



Music Therapy News.

Last Thursday we had two wonderful performances at assembly. Middle school performed a song they have worked very hard to write together about some of the things that make them happy, and some things that make them sad. During the process of writing this song students have not only developed a greater awareness of how everyday events can elicit emotional responses in themselves and others, but they have also been developing skills in being respectful of other people's opinions.

Early Childhood also performed their Christmas concert, singing "The Christmas Alphabet". The wonderful Early Childhood team have worked very hard to teach them the song, along with all the signs. They were joined by some of the parents who have been learning Paget-Gorman signed speech. Both the parents and children sang and signed beautifully. Congratulations to Early Childhood and Middle School for all your hard work and especially to the parents who were brave enough to sing with them!

Next assembly will feature a performance by Junior School.

## Book Fair News

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Another successful book fair! With all your generous purchases we managed to sell \$1816 worth of books, therefore we were able to select \$544 worth of books for our new library at no cost.

Thank you to you all! We would also like to thank Maria and Joanna for helping with student wish lists and Kym for supplying the jeep and other display items. I have included a photo of our safari display which early childhood made tiger faces and junior school made mobiles, they did a wonderful job, it looked great.

Until next year,  
Thanks again,  
Karen and Kathy.



THE GLENLEIGHDEN SCHOOL



- Wednesday 9th December, 2009 is a normal school day and students will finish school at their normal times on this day.
- Students are to arrive at school with their parents and friends at 5.30pm in their school uniform.
- Some seating will be provided, however, please bring some seating and blankets if you are
- The program order for the night will be:

Students : 5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start  
6:00pm—7:00pm Awards Ceremony  
7:00pm -8:00pm Showcase Event

# School News

## Photo Competition



The Nathan Schumacher Photo competition was again a huge success. There were several exceptional entries, unfortunately there can only be 3 prize winners.

1st Prize went to Jack S

2nd Prize went to Scott M

3rd Prize went to Rhys McC

All entries will be displayed on the Notice board.



Cae Ashton  
Senior School  
Year Level Co-ordinator



## Car Pooling—2010



We are starting to collate a list of names of people who are wanting to car pool in 2010. If you are interested in car pooling in 2010. Could you please send your details to the office.

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Senior School News

Rebecca Allison will complete her schooling next Friday. She has demonstrated great personal achievement within in each of the six curriculum organizers to attain the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA): Areas of Study and Learning; Community, Citizenship and the Environment; Personal and Living Dimensions; Communication and Technologies; Leisure and Recreation and Vocational and Transition Activities. This is a tremendous achievement and the senior school staff feels tremendously proud to have supported Rebecca in her efforts. We wish Rebecca well in her future endeavours.

Throughout 2009 six senior school students have successfully engaged in activities relating to structured workplace learning. Congratulations go to Parker, Nicholas, Kelvin and Rebecca for demonstrating competency in all units to qualify for Certificate I in Work Readiness and to Leroy and Daniel for achieving a Certificate of Participation. Credit must be given to the tireless efforts of Lesley Buchester (Worklinks), Pam McDonald and Kim Parkin to make this possible for our students. Well done everyone!



This term has seen a hive of activity in Senior School relating to our “Leisure” theme. During the term students planned an outing to Southbank Cultural Centre and Parklands.

Last Friday we were fortunate enough to visit Moreton Island, escaping the heat wave in Brisbane to relax and enjoy the leisure activities: sandboarding, sightseeing and swimming in the rain-fed Blue Lagoon. It was a leisurely but very long day!



Senior School News

Our weekly Life Skills outings have included visits to the local business district to apply functional numeracy and literacy skills developed in class sessions.



Our culminating event this week was an “Afternoon Tea for Admin” in which each student entertained an invited guest from our highly-valued admin team. This involved teaching them a leisure activity and providing afternoon tea, cooked in our very own kitchen. It was a wonderful opportunity for Senior School to thank everyone who has helped us so much during 2009.



Community News




# El Coro

Multicap's community choir for children with a disability

- ★ Open to ages 10-18 years. If 1:1 support required participants must bring their own carer.
- ★ Directed by a Music Therapist and supported by a Speech & Language Therapist and a Community Artist.
- ★ Choir performances are held 3.45pm-5.15pm each Thursday. *Bring a drink!*
- ★ Proudly supported by the Zig Zag Foundation.

Contact Grainne Taia Social Support Coordinator  
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Raiders Netball Club

Raiders Netball Club sign on Saturday 30/01/2010, 2:30pm, at Acacia Avenue, Graceville. For further information please contact Kerry on 3288 3911

Michael Moore,  
President Raiders Netball Club



## Community News

## SPONSOR-A-PONY The McIntyre Centre

**PRDA** (Pony Riding for the Disabled Association) was the first riding program in Australia for children with a disability and was founded by June and Peter McIntyre in 1964.

The McIntyre Centre's main aim is to provide quality riding lessons for people with a disability and encourage them to ride to the best of their ability. Top priority is enjoyment. The centre operates full time from Monday to Saturday, with 170 riders attending on a regular basis.

Unfortunately the cost of running this program and keeping over 35 horses/ponies healthy and ready for each rider is very high. The food, rugs, farrier and vet fees for one horse exceed \$5000 per year!

You can help make sure this programme continues for many years by becoming a pony sponsor. This is a very easy process and can be paid as a 6 month (\$500) or 12 month (\$1000) sponsorship.

If you are interested in this very worthwhile (and tax deductible) sponsorship please visit [www.rda.asn.au](http://www.rda.asn.au) or speak to Rochelle in Early Childhood.

**Ushka is a 25 year old Arabian mare, she is a very kind and gentle girl who stands about 14.5 hands.**



**Samuel Whiskers is 9 hands and enjoys being the McIntyre 'mascot' , he not only takes riders at the centre he also visits schools and fundraising events.**

**Petal is 13 years old and just over 12 hands, she is one of the favourites among our early childhood students.**

