

The Glenleighden News

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Coming Events

*Working Bee

28 February 2010

School Photos

10 March

Soccer Friendly

26 March

Assembly

9am every second

Thursday (11th February onwards)



BIRTHDAYS

Luca H ; Malina F ;

Nicole H ; Gavin B ;

Connor D

Happy Birthday

AWARDS

Early Childhood

Benjamin S; Daniel B;

Luca H

Junior School

Amanda M; Laura E;

Jamie S

Middle School

Dylan T; Sonya M;

Matthew C

Senior School

Rhys M; Kelvin C.

Congratulations to all

Dear parents, families and staff,

While it is still quite early in the school year, I have been impressed by our small school's giant community spirit. Students have conquered new and challenging obstacles in the playground and everyone has continued to adapt to the sights and sounds of our new building as it grows. Last weekend's heavy rain flooded our gym and without hesitation, a band of staff mopped up the mess in sufficient time for class not to be disrupted. Senior school students raked the soft fall in the playground back into place for the safety of their fellow students. To all of you who helped, thank you - you are a real credit to Glenleighden.

This had followed a wet weekend of reading for me. I was particularly interested in the reference to an article in The Atlantic Magazine by Amanda Ripley about the hallmarks of a great teacher. The relationship between the quality of teachers and standard of service provision has always been a contentious debate. A major focus for staff professional development at TGS this semester will be curriculum and reporting in keeping with the introduction of the national curriculum, due to be released soon. With this in mind, I thought Ripley's article may interest you within the context of our school.

In the US, for more than a decade, a non-profit organisation called Teach for America has been tracking hundreds of thousands of children, noting tendencies of the teachers whose students demonstrated marked improvements in a year. These were tagged "great teachers".

Firstly, great teachers constantly re-evaluated what they were doing, always looking for ways to improve their effectiveness.

Great teachers had four other qualities in common: they planned exhaustively and purposefully - for the next day or the year ahead - by working backwards from the desired outcome; they avidly recruited students and their families into the process; they maintained focus; and they worked relentlessly, refusing to surrender to poverty, bureaucracy and budgetary shortfalls.

To me this rings so true for all our staff who tirelessly commit themselves, at times with limited resources, to do the very best for our students, together with our parent body who works closely with us to ensure the children have the best opportunity to succeed.

So, how can we sustain this?...

Perhaps the most significant finding that Ripley noted was that happy teachers were forty-three percent more likely to perform well in the classroom than their less satisfied colleagues. So please continue your strong relationship with Glenleighden - come to the next working bee, talk to your child's teachers and therapists, but most of all don't forget to smile and ask how our day went as well - it's a great investment in your child's future!!

Other important information:

The next Working Bee will be on Sunday 28th February. Please come and share the load.

For those of you who have not yet returned your "school fees payment advice" to reception, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not received a school fee statement please let us know.

Kind regards

Cae Ashton

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Acting Head of School

Email: cae.ashton@childassoc.org.au

Junior School News

What a wonderful group of students we have in Junior School this year. They are developing new friendships and settling in very well. We have already had our first birthday. Happy Birthday Gavin.



It has been great to hear the laughter and chatter as the students learn and play especially in co-operative board games. The students who have remained in Junior School have been very good at showing their new peers the routine. It is pleasing to see the older students helping the younger ones. The students and staff have been getting to know each other and we are learning some interesting things about 'Me and My Family'. The children's comments show how they are enjoying their time at school.



Matthew: "I like this. It's a good game."
Lachlan, after playing 'Buggo': "This is my favourite game."
Jamie, while laughing during a game of 'Round the Castle': "Go Home!"
Eddie: "I like playing games."
Tim, after learning about shapes in Maths: "I like doing shapes."
Laura: "I like the flying fox."
Joseph: "I like to play."
Hunter: "I like playing some games"

Gavin: "I like inside. I like puzzles."
Reuben: "My favourite thing at school is doing 2D shapes."
Tom: "I love PC time."
Amanda: "I like doing Maths."
Freddie: "I like playing Buggo."
Nigel: "I like playing the bug game."
Rudi: "I like playing games."
Jackson: "I like Maths."
Lucie: "I like playing in the playground."
Shrey: "I like playing."



School news

Booster Seats Wanted

Every Wednesday Early Childhood students attend horse-riding sessions at the McIntyre Centre.

Our school bus is now required by law to have booster seats for our students.

If anyone has a spare booster seat in good condition at home that they no longer need, they would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



Reminder to all families:

TGS is a Sunsmart School: Please ensure students have the following to be able to go outside to play and participate in outdoor activities

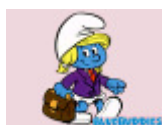


- A school specific hat that is either wide brimmed and/or legionnaire in style
- Roll on sunscreen

Duty of Care:



- Reminder that staff at The Glenleighden School have duty of care responsibilities for student which commence at 8.30am. Please ensure you wait with your child prior to this time until a staff member arrives. (8.45am for Early Childhood)
- Auskick: It is the responsibility of the parent/ care provider to ensure students are changed into school uniform



I appreciate your understanding and willingness to ensure the students are adequately prepared for the school day.

Schoolstuff.com.au

.....trust you all had a fabulous and safe holiday break! Thanks to all families who ordered pre-packs and supported the school in fundraising by ordering this way. The rebates/commission will be calculated in February and presented to the school.

Due to many varying factors, there were a few items that were on "Backorder" this year for the Book Lists. Schoolstuff.com.au would like to advise that all backorders will be sent free of charge directly to school with your student's name and year level on the package. This is the fastest way to get the items to the children. Please allow until 10th February and check with your child that the pending items have been received. If you have any queries after the 10th, please call Schoolstuff on: 3847 7656 and they will help you.

School news

Pictorial Progress Report The new library project Erecting the roof trusses ... a delicate exercise



The semitrailer with the trusses cannot get any closer to the site than the street. Help arrives.



The crane picks up all the trusses and sets off down the street ...



Careful! Mind the gates that Bruce made!



And don't damage Senior School ...



... or any of the neighbours!



Gently does it. Mind our lovely turf!

School News

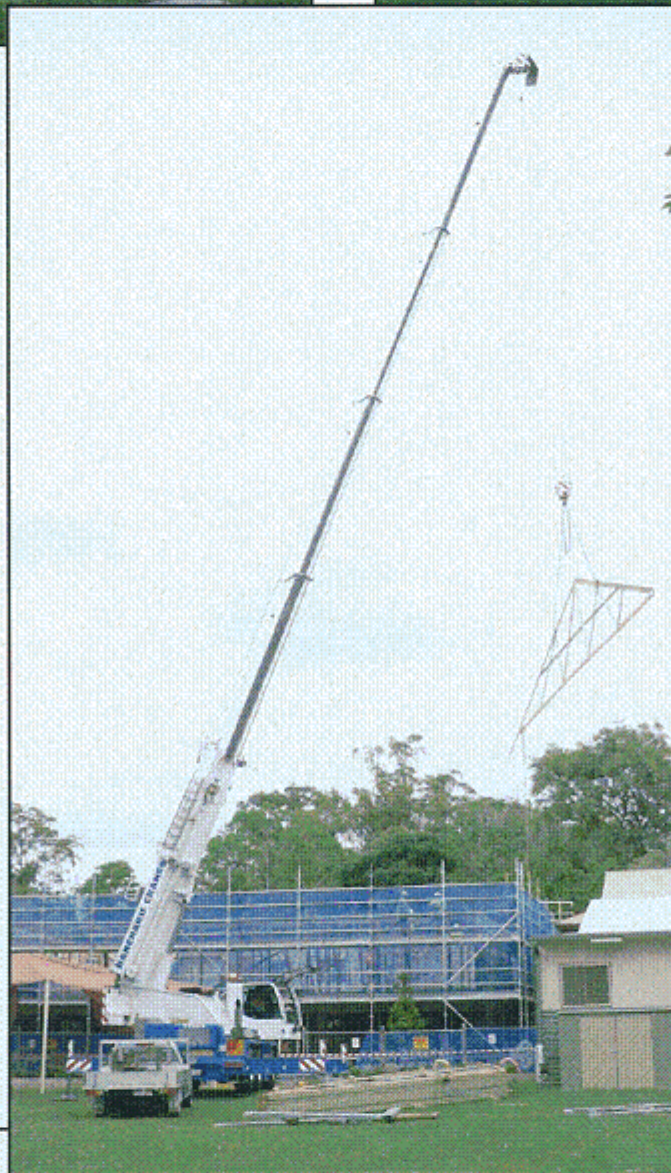


What's this coming?



Another crane!

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And in next to no time all the trusses are in place.





The Glenleighden School

Date: Sunday 28th February

Time: 8.00—12.00

Can you help at our next working
bee????

Credit is given towards the Building Levy
for Term 1, 2010 on participation.

Please complete the form attached &
return to the office.

Please note:

There are only 4 working bee's this year!!
Children are unable to attend working bees for
Workplace Health & Safety reasons.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Any questions please phone the
office on 3378 8625

Working Bee



WORKING BEE

PARTICIPATION FORM

SUNDAY 28th February, 2010

Name/s: _____

No. of people attending: _____

Student(s) name: _____

Tools able to bring: _____

Phone contact: _____

Please return this form to school
by **Thursday 25 February**, when
final numbers will be confirmed
and jobs allocated.

Community news



Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis Association Inc.
PO Box 630 Indooroopilly Queensland 4068
www.gbjt.org.au

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNIOR TENNIS FIXTURES

SEASON 1 - 27 February 2010 to 5 June 2010
(No play in School Holidays)

FIXTURE LOCATION

Beginner to Intermediate Players – 2pm to 5pm
(Fixtures Played at UQ Tennis Centre – St Lucia)
Intermediate to Advanced Players – 2.30pm to 5.30pm
(Fixtures Played at Queensland Tennis Centre – Tennyson)

Cost \$175.00

(This includes \$145 for GBJT Fees and the \$30 annual affiliation fee to TQ. If already paid TQ Fee for 2010, please deduct this amount)

GRADING DAY FOR NEW PLAYERS

(On-Line Nomination forms available on website or on grading day)

Queensland Tennis Centre
190 King Arthur Terrace
Tennyson, QLD, 4105
Sunday 14 February, 2010
3.00pm – 5.00pm

Contact Details
Mrs Peta Davis 3374 0516

Nomination forms available on-line at:
www.gbjt.org.au

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
Mobile 0428 877 504 Email grainnet@multicap.asn.au

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disabilities, capabilities... possibilities

Brisbane TAP DANCE classes - RED HOT RHYTHM

Red Hot Rhythm, Australia's Got Talent 2009 Grand Finalists, are holding Tap Dance Classes in Brisbane!

Ideal for kids, teenagers and adults of all ages and levels of experience.

For all the information, visit the website: www.redhotrhythm.com.au, or contact us on 0416757329

TAP IS BACK!



Parking reminder

For the safety of all children, please observe all parking signs and speed limit signs in the school vicinity. Please take particular care to not park in 'No standing zones' and across driveways.

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