

The Glenleighden News

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Term 1 Events

Assembly

9.10am every second
Wednesday:
-9th March

Working Bee

Saturday 2nd April

PS&F Meetings

Wednesday 13th April

CHI.L.D. AGM

Tuesday 29th March

EC Award Winners

Joshua H
Amos B

JS Award Winners

Jaxon B
Angelina C

MS Award Winners

Tabitha Denny
Joshua Poole

SS Award Winners

Alex K
Scott M
Rhys M

Birthdays

Jack L Freddie P
Chloe P Laura E
Hudson J Ellie T
Siena D Scott M
Ethan P

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
ALL!**



Dear Parents and Carers,

The past week has been significant for the Glenleighden community. Last Saturday morning saw a frenzy of activity with a good show of helpers at The Glenleighden School's working bee. Work involved much needed pruning and weeding with fabulous results. Many thanks to those of you who attended and also to Hennock & Sons for their time and much valued mulch! There is still more to do with the next working bee in only a couple of weeks' time. If you would like to join us between 8-10am on Saturday 2nd April please complete the registration form at the end of this newsletter and forward to Reception. Tasks will include more weeding and mulching of garden beds. I look forward to seeing you there!

The school funding information sessions were very well attended on Wednesday morning and evening, with some positive actions discussed. If you would like further information please see Vikki's article later in this newsletter or contact your PS&F Association committee members by email: theglenleighdenschool.psf@gmail.com

Soccer Friendly next week

Congratulations to our soccer team who have been training very hard, led by coaches Nicholas and Rhys. Each year John Paul College hosts our Soccer Friendly which this year kicks off at 3.45pm, Friday 25th March on the Cec Munns oval, John Paul Drive, Daisy Hill. Team members include: Freddie P, Shrey G, Sam H, Eric F, Zac G, Tabitha D, Joshua P, Eddie S, Lucas K, Gavin B, Joseph G, TJ H, Rahul S, Sonya M and Jackson A. Please join us to support Glenleighden and stay for the sausage sizzle.

Sports Day – note date change

Many of you will be aware that the UQ Athletics Centre, where we hold our annual Sports Day was significantly damaged by the January floods. As the facilities are expected to be unavailable for some time we have had to change our date and location to the UQ AFL Oval #7, corner Coldridge St and Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia. Please note that **Sports Day is now on Friday 6th May**, a week later than previously planned. There is limited seating so please **BYO chair**. A note will be going home soon with details of your child's name and house colour.

PS&F update

During the meeting on 9th March the new PS&F committee was announced: Katrina Johnson (President), Elena Russo (Secretary) and Rebecca East (Treasurer). The minutes of the meeting are now available and displayed on the school noticeboard. If you would like a copy and you are happy for a PS&F committee member to contact you directly, please email them at: theglenleighdenschool.psf@gmail.com

Once again I thank our outgoing committee members Rohini Singh, Carolyne Carroll and Kay McFarlane for their drive and ongoing commitment to improve the quality of our school and programs for our students.

CHI.L.D. Association AGM – 29th March 2011

The Association for Childhood Language and Related Disorders will be holding its annual general meeting on Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 7.00pm at The Glenleighden School. CHI.L.D. operates The Glenleighden School, LET'S TALK Clinic and Outreach services. All parents and carers are invited to become members of CHI.L.D. Current membership is required in order to vote and ask questions at the meeting. This year our guest speaker is Ms Lesley Englert, Queensland Ambassador for the Australian Curriculum.

Cybersafety Reminder

Luke Grayndler, CH.I.L.D. Psychologist, will be conducting an information session for parents regarding cybersafety and cyberbullying on Friday 8th April at 9am. With increased child access to the internet, parents have an added responsibility to ensure the safety of their children when accessing social networking and online games. More information about the session will be sent home soon.

Uniforms

With cooler weather approaching, the uniform shop is well stocked with school jumpers and jerseys for senior school students. I ask that all families observe the school uniform policy – there are 3 varieties of jumpers to choose from and other generic options will not be accepted.

Cae Ashton

Cae Ashton
Head of School
The Glenleighden School
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CHI.L.D. Association - Annual General Meeting

Dear friends,

I invite you all to attend the Annual General Meeting of CHI.L.D Association on 29th March at 7 pm at the school. This is a great opportunity to hear about the work and future plan of the Association that operates the Glenleighden School, Outreach and Let's Talk. In addition, our guest speaker this year, Ms Leslie Englert will discuss the development of curriculum.

Elections to the Committee will be held and I am pleased to report that three nominations (biographies below) have been received for the three positions that will be declared vacant at the meeting. We are delighted to have been able to attract candidates with the skills and commitment to progress the Association's work for students with primary language disorder and their families.

I look forward to seeing you on the 29th March.

Kind regards

Bev Rowbotham
Chairman, CHI.L.D.

Michael McDowell



Michael McDowell is a paediatrician with a major interest in child development. He graduated from the University of Sydney and trained in paediatrics in Sydney and Boston. He has a Masters degree from Harvard University and his PhD is in the area of childhood neurological development. He founded the Child Development Network in Brisbane and is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Queensland. He is interested in all aspects of child development and has written policy on children and the media and cyber bullying. He has published extensively and has publicly advocated over many years for better educational pathways for children with disabilities.

Ray Hartzenberg



Ray Hartzenberg, B.Sc. (Eng), RPEQ is a Glenleighden parent and principal engineer with the international consulting engineering firm, Parsons Brinckerhoff, specializing in structural engineering in the transport and mining sectors. He has managed the design and construction supervision of major multi-disciplinary engineering projects in Australia and has worked internationally as well. A naturalised Australian for over 24 years, Ray was born in Cape Town, South Africa and graduated from the University of Cape Town. Ray is a Rotarian and a member of the Rotary Club of Kenmore Inc.

Wendy McTainsh



Wendy McTainsh has 25 years experience as a consultant and professional in Financial Risk Management and Project Management, working with corporations and financial institutions that operate in the financial and energy markets. This has included development of policy, procedures and systems for financial reporting of an energy trading business. She has formal qualifications to Masters level in Mathematics and Accounting, and is a graduate of the Company Directors course. Wendy has worked for the past 11 years as a consultant and prior to that she was on the Executive team of Queensland Treasury Corporation for its first ten years. There she designed and developed from the ground up risk management and debt administration processes and systems, managing a large team. Her early career was in Operations Research working with Plessey in UK and Exxon in Sydney, modelling and building systems for optimisation of business processes. Wendy was on the Board of Women in Technology (WiT) as Secretary for two years.

Update from CHI.L.D. Association By Vikki Rose Graydon, Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday this week I met with a number of our parents to discuss some issues of funding for the school and funding comparisons with other schools, which have been recently raised by data made available through the latest "My School" website. These are significant issues for us, and I would like to share with you a summary of that discussion.

The issues of funding for disabilities and funding for schools are both being addressed nationally at this very moment. The Productivity Commission has conducted an inquiry into the former and an inquiry headed by prominent businessman David Gonski is currently considering the latter. There are other considerations taking place at state and federal Ministerial levels as well.

Basically, all schools get funding through the Commonwealth and State Governments, both with per capita components for all students attending school and both with a disability component for students verified with a disability according to their specific state criteria.

Historically, Glenleighden, and some other independent special schools, did not access state Students with Disabilities funding as we had a specific Resource Agreement which funded the organisation in the understanding that it did more than regular schools, in terms of outreach and early intervention and transition programs, as well as professional development.

Around 2005, this Resource Agreement was reduced and instead Glenleighden was allowed to access Students with Disabilities funding with the promise that this funding would grow more quickly and would account for growth in enrolments as well. Other independent special schools went through the same process. We were to hold on to a small amount of funding until SWD funding at least matched what we would have been getting through the Resource Agreement. This SWD funding is shared with all schools across Queensland who have students with disabilities. The current Resource Agreement provides a way to cover gaps in the school program as well as other services.

So, in terms of the My School data, State and Commonwealth per capita and disabilities funding are basically the same for all schools. The difference in funding is the state Resource Agreement (cf with other independent special schools) and then state run facilities primarily get their funding from the state so would have individual arrangements. About ½ of our Resource Agreement was included in My School data.

Please contact Katrina Johnson or Elena Russo from the PS&F if you would like some further information about how you might respond to this information with your state or federal MP.

Kind regards,

Vikki Rose Graydon
Executive Principal



School News - Senior School

On Tuesday 8th March the SS students cooked **lots** of pancakes on our barbecue. They shook bottles, poured mixtures, flipped pancakes and helped to serve. Well done to all the students. We enjoyed eating the pancakes and hope you did too. We have raised \$111.22c to assist senior school in purchasing new resources.



Some students have been busy making bird boxes in manual arts.



We welcome a new student to Senior School – Robby. Robby is in the Somerset group and enjoys playing handball at lunch time.



Our senior school student Leaders were presented with their badges at assembly on March 9th.
Our Leaders for 2011



Kelvin



Daniel



Nicholas



Leroy



Parker

School News - Senior School

SPORTS DAY

When: Friday 6th May

Where: UQ AFL Oval #7, corner Coldridge St and Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia.

Bring: Chairs

The meaning of our sports day team names:

Robinson (Blue)

The school had its origins in a self help program conducted initially in the home of the Association's founder President, Mancel Ellis Robinson from which The Glenleighden School emerged.

Turnbull (Green)

Dorothy Turnbull was a physiotherapist who worked at Glenleighden for over 20 years. She is well known for her dedication and passion for the students and the school. She was instrumental in establishing and promoting sports day.

Muller (Red)

Samantha Muller was a student who previously attended the school. Her family were important advocates and benefactors of the school, assisting with the funding of the boarding house.



WORKING BEE

Working Bee Registration

Saturday 2nd April

Please return the following slip to reception ASAP.

_____ will/will not be attending the working bee on Sat 2nd April



School News - Dates to Remember

SPORTS DAY

DATE CHANGE: Sports Day will now be held on **Friday 6th May**. Further information will be sent home shortly.

PS&F MEETING

The next PS&F Meeting will be held **Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm** in the School Library

WORKING BEE

The next working bee will be held on **Saturday 2nd April**. Please return the form attached if you can attend.

CHI.L.D.

ASSOCIATION AGM

DATE: The date for the CHI.L.D. Annual General Meeting is **Tuesday 29th March at 7.00pm**
Please note that this is different to the date indicated on your school calendar.

More information for each occasion will be issued closer to the date.

Community News - s.p.a.c.e Open Day



Open Day 2011

Hello Friends,

She'll be apples!

The s.p.a.c.e Open Day isn't far off now. Come and join us in a community fun day where you can enjoy a BBQ lunch, Touch Football, Apple antics and a welcome concert with live performances from the Bust A Move Dance Troop and one of Brisbane's leading Children Chorals. Come for some or come for all of the scheduled activities.

For those of you keen to take a more active role in the community centre then don't miss our afternoon Public Meeting where we will be talking about how the hall can be used in 2011.

Hope to see you there! Please feel free to bring along friends and family - the more the merrier!

Alissa Phillips

Saturday March 26 / 10am - 3 pm / @ s.p.a.c.e, Branton St, Kenmore

Doors Open from 10 am to 3 pm

11 - 11:30 am Welcome Ceremony feat.
 / CEO Alissa Phillips
 / Bust A Move Dance Troop
 / The Imogen Children's Choral
 / NOVA Sandmans

"Speciality Drinks" with the Cafe2U team from 10am

FREE BBQ between 11:30am and 2pm

Remote control boat races on the creek all day

"Apple Games" (prizes at be won) between 11:30 and 12:30

Community Touch Footy match 1 - 2pm

Public Meeting 2 - 3pm. Meet the NEW Board and have your say about s.p.a.c.e

Toffee Apples all day long!

Sponsors

Thank-You...



finely crafted wine

