

The Glenleighden News

20th November 2009



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Coming Events

*Working Bee
22nd November

*Awards night
9th December

*Last day of Term
11th December

BIRTHDAYS



Thomas C, Lachlan R-K,
Alex K and Parker P
Happy Birthday

AWARDS

Early Childhood

Hudson J, Lachlan RK,
Corbin McG, Connor P,
Hunter F & Ryan D

Junior School

Hamish C, Ryan H

Middle School

Malina F, Rahul S, Matthew B
Joshua P

Congratulations to all

Dear parents and families,

I thought I would start this fortnight's contribution with some humor! The following is a dialogue between a student and a teacher.

Teacher: Why are you late, Joseph?

Joseph: Because of a sign down the road.

Teacher: What does a sign have to do with your being late?

Joseph: The sign said, "School Ahead, Go Slow!"

On a serious note, I am constantly amazed by the achievements that are made by the students at the school. This will be evident to parents as they attend IEP meetings and also receive progress reports for Semester II, 2009. One of the great little tales of motivation and success is told by the popular children's book, *The Little Engine That Could*. The little engine pulls a long train over what seems to be an insurmountable mountain by repeating the words, "I think I can, I think I can."

The staff and students of The Glenleighden School have done just that. The 2009 school year has been a successful year. There have been many changes in relation to staff, learning areas and new construction. Yet despite these occurrences, the school continues to go from strength to strength. This has been achieved from the development of strong, caring and respectful bonds with students and families and also due to The Glenleighden staff, who pay close attention to each student's academic, physical, emotional and social development. To celebrate this success, the school will be hosting an Awards Night on Wednesday 9th December, 2009 at 5.30pm. You are all invited to attend to share with the staff and students their accomplishments.

It is with sadness that we will be saying farewell to Lisa Taylor, our school Administration Officer, this week. She will be replaced by Julie O'Brien and we will be seeking to fill the receptionist role that Julie has been ably fulfilling. Lisa has brought to the school a high level of skill, knowledge and, most of all, compassion. We wish her the best in her future endeavours.

Con't...



Guess the Staff Member

This staff member entered high school with a plan to study home economics (or 'domestic science' as it was often called) and become a teacher. As the school year progressed, it became apparent that this was not going to be their career of choice but rather something related to speech and drama.

This staff member achieved a Bachelor of Speech Therapy from the University of Queensland in 1975 and has completed a Masters (qualifying) thesis. Since then they have been employed in a variety of paediatric clinics including The Endeavour Foundation of Queensland (1976-77), Queensland Health Department in Community Health (1978-1983) and Youth Welfare and Guidance (locum position 1991), Private Practice (Townsville 1984 – 1989) and the CHI.L.D Association (1991- current employer).

This staff member has undertaken professional development both in Australia and overseas in areas which specifically enhance their knowledge and understanding in all areas of speech pathology. Today, they continue to work as part-time-term time employee of the CHI.L.D. Association and am always pleased to see the growth and development of the student's.

Last fortnights answer: Skye Frazer –Ryan

Kind Regards

Diane Drew

Di Drew

Head of School

Email: diane.drew@childassoc.org.au

Updates

LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the school year is fast approaching, consequently the library will be closed from 27th November. All books need to be returned to the library as soon as possible.

The students have had an enjoyable year visiting their library and taking home books to share with their families.

Wishing you all a happy holiday.

Enjoy reading!

Karen Smith (Library Assistant)



ensure this situation causes minimal disruption to all in the school community.

We appreciate you understanding of this situation.

National Pride Funds: By the end of this weekend the boarding house and the Early Childhood verandah area will have (a) new railing (b) cover over the access areas to ensure all staff and students are protected from increment weather. This will also allow the provision for outside learning areas for students.

Building Education Revolution: I have received information that indicates that the initial process of construction will commence on Monday 24th November. To date a construction fence has been erected around the site. Parking will become more of a concern. We endeavour to

JUNIOR SCHOOL



This term Junior School has been enjoying studying food and where it comes from. Not only did we visit Woolworths to buy items for home and formal lunch, we had a great time visiting Trevena Glen Farm at Mt Samson.

We enthusiastically milked the cows.



The chickens were a great hit with students



and teachers



We fed some very hungry animals and had a fun hayride behind the tractor.



It is lots of fun learning about food and where it comes from!

PS & F NEWS

Dear Glenleighden Parents Teachers and friends,



The year has flown past like all the others and here we are again at the threshold of the holiday season and the so called "big break" for the kids.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped us at the PS&F by attending the meetings helping out at Fun Food Fridays and helping run the various voluntary events like Halloween, Bollywood night, the Fig Tree Pocket school fete stall, Plant sales, Book Fair, Mothers day stall, Fathers Day stall and 'Walk to school'. All of these have given our children a lot to look forward to over the school year and some have raised much needed funds for school resources.

Our main focus this year has been on school infrastructure and resources and we have been able to help most year levels in procuring educational aids that would most benefit the children, but like all healthy developing organisations that are constantly moving forward, the needs of our school will grow and we as the PS&F have to be there to help them achieve their best. For this reason we ask that you support us in every way you can, your feedback and commitments will make our work easier and together we can contribute a lot more towards the specialised education of our children.

We cannot end this year without thanking our wonderful staff for all their help over the year. Di and her "crew" have always been supportive of what we have tried to do and have helped us in every possible way in all our fundraising activities. The Queensland Government award that our school was selected to receive is testimony of the staff's commitment and our awareness of the same.

And finally what all our efforts are directed towards... The children at Glenleighden the happy carefree bunch we witness every day growing from strength to strength enjoying a stress free progressive educational experience in a caring, nurturing and sheltered environment. This is what we have to protect and ensure that it is available for them for as long as they need. So please think about being actively involved in the PS&F in the next school year. We look forward to welcoming you all at the first PS&F meeting in Term 1, 2010.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Rohini Singh
Carolyn Carroll

REMINDER

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Senior School Christmas Cards Order

Senior School students have created Christmas cards again this year. Packs of 12 cards will cost \$10.00.

If you would like to purchase some cards please complete the form below and return to school or come to reception where they are on display.

Why not ask your family, friends and work colleagues if they are interested in buying some of these creative cards. Proceeds will be used for the school community.

Please return this slip to the office by Friday 27th November with payment

Name:.....

How many Pack of 12 @ 10.00 each.....

Total amount.....



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Reminder

**The Pantry'
needs our
help**

'The Pantry' is a charity in Paddington that collects food for people in need. Unfortunately their supplies are getting desperately low.

We are hoping that our Glenleighden community will help by donating non-perishable items of food. Some examples of items to bring are – cereal, vegemite, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned fish, small packet of rice, baked beans and spaghetti, tinned vegetables and fruit and long-life milk. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Collection basket for each level will be collected on Friday 27th November.

Many thanks to all the people who have donated so far.

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.



One entry per - Person

2009 COMPETITION

Prize #1 Digital Camera!

This year their will be **ONE winner only!** That means we can afford better prize.

Plus other great prizes

This years theme is "clouds and sunsets".

Please put the photo in a named envelope

Take a photo and give it to your teacher.

It will be judged on:-

- * Focus
- * Colour
- * Effects

Closing date is 2nd December.

See Senior School for more information.

Clouds & Sunsets

Photography

By Nathan Schumacher
Former Glenleighden Student

Macquarie Group Foundation



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Loretta Douris

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THE GLENLEIGHDEN SCHOOL

Reminder



INVITATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Glenleighden School's Annual Awards and Arts Evening. Please note the following details.

For the purpose of catering and seating arrangements, please tear off and return your RSVP by Friday, 27th November 2009

Where: The Glenleighden School
When: Wednesday, 9th December 2009
Time: 5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start
6:00pm—7:00pm Awards Ceremony
7:00pm –8:00pm Showcase Event



We look forward to celebrating your child's achievements with you.

Kind regards

Vikki Rose Graydon
CEO

Please complete and return this slip to the office as soon as possible

Name of Student:.....

Number of family/friends attending:.....

Our family will not be able to attend:.....

