

The Glenleighden News

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Coming Events

*National Bandana Day
October 30th

*Student disability
transport forms due
October 31st

* Halloween Fun Day
October 31st

* Level Performance on
assembly 5th November

*Book Safari
9th -10th November

AWARDS

Early Childhood

Carys W, Ben S,
Ryan D, Lucy H

Junior School

Jack S, Joseph W, Amanda M

Middle School

Senior School

James L and Daniel T
Congratulations to all

BIRTHDAYS



Jack R
Happy Birthday

Dear Parents and Families,

I am proud to announce that we were bestowed a BP award for the Butterfly Creek project. Two Senior school students attended a function at Parliament house to accept the award. We were one of twelve award recipients who were selected from a total of eighty (80) applications. A big thanks goes to Pam McDonald and Margot Hickey who secured the funding, along with the support of Bruce Grundy who assisted with the planning for the project. This project had a great start with the assistance of several families and staff who participated in the working bee on Sunday, 18th October. This event was well attended and made more comfortable and successful due to the commitment and motivation of Mr Mick James and Mrs Belinda James. I look forward to the ongoing progress of this project.



On October 22nd, I participated in a Principals Forum. The day involved presentations from up and coming educational leaders. Topics included Learning in the 21st Century School Growth, Educator Professional Development programs and Induction programs. The goal for the day was to share projects and continue to dig deeper into the strategies needed to work collaboratively on ongoing processes which achieve better results for the students they serve. The very essence of this day encompassed a focus on and a commitment to the learning of each student.

We continue to look at a variety of ways to improve communication and working relationships across the school and the parental community. The Year Level Coordinators constantly send out information and notices about what is happening in their levels. Our commitment is to keep you well-informed about our school and about your child. We need you to help us enforce dress code, to get kids to school every day, and to create solutions so that our students get the best education. Thank you so much for being a part of our school family. Remember, you can make an appointment with me any time to discuss any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have to improve our school.

At the remaining assembly dates for the year, we will be hosting performances by students to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and understanding in relation to Music Therapy. Vanessa Crawford (Music Therapist) has been working with students to make these performances memorable.

We are still waiting on the commencement of construction of the new building. In the meantime, transitions of some levels into different areas of the school will occur. A resource room will be created in the classroom area next to the kitchen. These changes will take place to accommodate the necessity to ensure that staff and students continue to have adequate learning and teaching spaces. We have been informed that this construction should be completed by the 20th January, 2010.

A new staff member, Kate Rothery—Occupational Therapist has commenced a two day position in Junior School. Please make yourself known to her and assist me to make her feel like a welcomed member of the school

Kind Regards

Di Drew

Head of School

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Visit to the Botanical Gardens.

During Term 3, Early Childhood learnt about different bugs, slugs and creepy crawlies. On the last day of term, we all visited the Botanical Gardens at Mt Coot-tha. We played cricket and looked for bugs and insects in the gardens. We were lucky and even saw some turtles swimming in the lake.

Later some of the parents joined us for a picnic lunch with all our friends. We fed the ducks and played "Cat and Mouse". We sat on the parachute and sang our "goodbye" song for Kate. We gave her some red flowers and a card to say thank you for helping us.



EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS cont.

Kate's new baby girl.

On the 26th September Kate had a beautiful baby girl. Her name is Charlotte Ruby. Kate brought Charlotte into school to show us all. We were so excited to see her. Both mum and baby are happy and healthy and doing well.



BOOKFAIR

Safari



Hello Parents/Caregivers,

This year's school book fair will be held Monday, 9th and Tuesday, 10th of November, 2009.

We will open the book fair after school on Monday, 9th at 2.30pm until 3.15 pm, and on Tuesday 10th, after drop off at 9 am until 10.30 am. You are invited to have morning tea with us while browsing. We will reopen again after school at 2.30 pm until 3.15 pm.

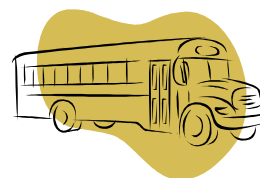
The book fair will be held this year in the pink room, middle school.

There is also a loose change donation tin located in the office, all donations will aid the school library. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

The book fair is a great opportunity to start your Christmas Shopping!

Kind regards,
Karen and Kathy

**LAST DAYS—MAKE SURE YOU APPLY!
THE TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSPORT PROGRAM

From Semester 2, applications to these programs can be made online. A **Parent or Guardian** of the student can apply online for Semester 2 from:

1st to 31st October 2009

This **DEADLINE** will be **STRICTLY ADHERED TO** for all applications.

Full details of the scheme and who can apply, are available on the new dedicated NGSTAS' website:

www.schooltransport.com.au

If you need assistance when applying online, ring
07 3336 9286

or email schooltransport@qcec.qld.catholic.edu.au

School News

What is Music Therapy?

Music Therapy is an allied health profession which is practised throughout Australia and in more than 40 countries around the world. Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to meet therapeutic aims in the areas of physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs, and in this way differs from music education and musical entertainment. Music therapy makes use of a range of different therapeutic interventions such as singing, song writing, song listening and lyric analysis, improvisation, dance, recording and performing songs, and group music making. You do not need to have any musical background or ability to be able to benefit from music therapy.

Music Therapy at the Glenleighden School

This term music therapy programs will be run for each level, focusing on different social-emotional goals.

In Early Childhood we are investigating the language of friendship. Music is a fantastic medium for exploring friendship as is it a fun way to explore not only the verbal aspects of friendship, but also the non-verbal aspects such as making eye contact, looking, listening, sharing and taking turns. It allows the students to try out new ways of playing together in a controlled and fun environment.

In both junior school and middle school we are looking at positive self talk, "I" statements, positive self esteem, and resilience. Music therapy offers students fun, positive experiences and ways to learn and try out new skills. It also offers them the opportunity to gain praise, and confidence.

In Senior school we are exploring leisure time and thus looking at the many different ways music and dance are used in different cultures.

Musical performance is fantastic for assisting students in developing positive self-esteem and confidence. In order to provide opportunities for students in this, performances will be held at assemblies. Please keep a look out for when your child may be performing at assembly as parents and friends are most welcome.

Vanessa Crawford
Music Therapist



PS & F News

Hello Everyone

We are sure by this time you may have heard of the Bollywood night and what a great success it was! All who attended loved the food and I think we saw everyone on the dance floor during the course of the night. It was so popular we plan to hold another one next year, in a larger venue! We were successful in achieving our goal and have raised enough money through the night and with the help of a generous outside sponsor, to help with the fees for students that may otherwise not be able to attend the school. Thanks for night include - Rohini Singh and Carolyne Carroll for organising the event, Katrina Poole for assisting with the setting up of the hall on the day and Chantelle Rissik for doing such a great job with the balloons. Vintage Cellars provided the wine and champagne glasses for the night. We appreciate Kaye MacFarlane, Kingfisher Bay Resort, Personal Best, Cr Jane Prentice and Michael Johnson MP for assisting us with prizes for the evening.

On the 31st October we will be holding our annual Halloween event. This year we have changed it a bit, we will be having a fancy dress theme and we will be holding the event during the day. It will be held at The Fig Tree Pocket State School in the Cubberla Hall on Cubberla Street. There will be a large jumping castle, suitable for ages up to 16 (see picture on posters), Sing-star and pizza. Drinks will be provided (water and cordial) as well as ice blocks. We ask each family to bring a party plate to share with the kids, and there will be a table for the adults if you would like to bring something, though this is optional. The day starts at 3pm and finishes at 6pm approximately. All students and past students, staff and families are invited. There is plenty of room to play ball games on the oval, so please bring a hat and sunscreen. The hall has plenty of tables and chairs so they will not be needed this year, parents are asked to bring their own drinks and cups for a relaxing afternoon on the veranda! Please invite past students and families. A form to be sent back to the office is attached so that we may get an idea of numbers for the day.

Auskick started at the Fig Tree Pocket State School oval on Tuesday. We had a good turnout and the students really enjoyed it. If you would like to join up there is still time. Please ask for a brochure from the office or log on to the Auskick website to enrol. Enrolment fee is \$55 and includes a backpack, ball, pump, hat and other goodies. Students may wear their sports uniform and check with your level co-ordinator if it is okay to leave it on after Auskick to save getting changed. It may be worth taking a small snack for after Auskick. Thanking you

Please send back to the office asap.

Rohini Singh ruhisingh@live.com



Halloween Fun Day 31st October 2009



We will / will not be attending the Halloween Fun Day.

Number attending : Children

NAME :

Adults

The Glenleighden School 2010 Calendar

The PS&F are organising a calendar for 2010 to showcase our fabulous school. Wow!

For only \$15 each it will include Glenleighden dates, state school holidays and photographs of the school, staff and students.

We really need to sell about 200 to make this work. At present our orders are only sitting at 60 +. So if you have been thinking of ordering but just haven't got round to it, please place your orders now.

This truly is a beautiful calendar and would make an idea Christmas present for your friends and relatives.

Please place your orders with Reception or Julie Radford as soon as possible.

Many thanks
J.Radford

ORDER NOW



2010 Calendar order Form

Name:.....

Contact phone number:.....

I would like to order.....copies of the Glenleighden School 2010 calendar @ \$15 each.

I have enclosed the amount of.....

Signed.....

Community news

FOR SALE

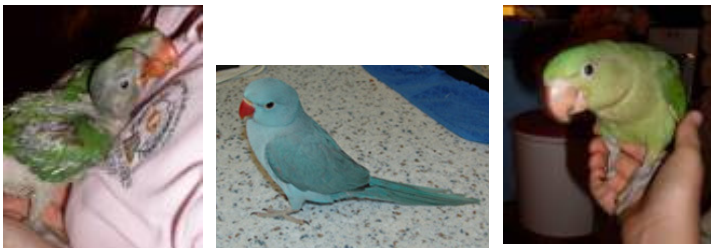
I have two baby blue ringnecks ready to go to their new homes. They have been handraised from 12 days old and are very tame and inquisitive. Ringnecks can learn to talk and become great entertainers. They are \$150 each.

Also available in a few weeks :- very friendly and cuddly Alexandrine parrots. I have three beautiful babies who have also been hand raised from 12 days old. One will be ready to go in about 2 weeks and the other two will be about 3 – 4 weeks. The alex are great talkers and very affectionate. They are \$400 each.

(cockatiels (\$65) and green cheek conures (\$155) and lots of cages also available)

If you are interested please see Rochelle or Phone 0402 466 423 or email

rochelle.nitschke@childassoc.org.au



National Bandana Day Friday 30th October



Glenleighden will be selling bandana's at the office from next week.

Wear a bandana to show young people living with cancer they are not alone.

By wearing your bandana with pride on National Bandana Day, **October 30**, You'll be showing them that you support them on their cancer journey.

Best of all, you'll be showing them that they are not alone.

Bandanas: \$3 each

Pens: \$2 each

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