

# The Glenleighden News

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## Uniform Shop Hours

Thursday 8.45 - 9.45

## Coming Events

### Working Bee

Saturday 18th September

### Assembly

9am every second  
Thursday-14th October

### Birthdays

Jackson A

Joshua P

Ben S

Kelly J

Zac G

Kelvin C

Rhys M

Carter N

### AWARDS

#### Early Childhood

Connor P  
Angelina C

#### Junior School

All Students

#### Middle School

Hamish C  
Lucas K

#### Senior School

Nikita WH  
Kelvin C

*Congratulations  
to all students*



Dear Parents and Carers

## Change to Pupil Free Day Term 4

You will all be aware from the press over the past year that a new national curriculum will be released soon. The draft has now been trialled and we are waiting for release of the final version for English, Mathematics, Science and History. At this stage it is anticipated this will be released on 15<sup>th</sup> October when the State Ministers for Education next meet.

The Australian Curriculum has been determined as an "entitlement" for ALL children, to access the same curriculum in every state of Australia. To this end there is an obligation to serve the needs of students who would normally not access mainstream curriculum in its current form. This means that we too are required to adopt the new curriculum at The Glenleighden School. Stakeholders of special education curriculum have been advocating strongly since the first draft was launched with very positive results. As a result we can expect to see additional material that specifically supports students with special needs in the areas of literacy, numeracy, social and personal competence and health and physical education when phase 1 of the Australian Curriculum is released in October. This will be a very positive and exciting time for us at Glenleighden. We are looking forward to trialling these materials and giving valuable feedback to ACARA.

Yesterday, The Glenleighden School was fortunate to host the Ambassador to the Australian Curriculum, Ms Lesley Englert, who is a member of the Board for ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority). ACARA is ultimately responsible for making decisions relating to the new curriculum, so we felt very privileged to have this opportunity and thank Lesley for making the time to be with us. Staff openly engaged in discussion specifically about students with a language disorder and the implications of the new curriculum for our students in our unique setting.

As part of skilling up professional staff in understanding and adopting the national curriculum, we have changed our pupil free day once again for Term 4, to ensure that staff members are well informed as early as possible. **Pupil Free Day is now Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> October** (a week later than previously planned). This day will be spent on staff professional development with curriculum specialists. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, teaching staff will be involved in moderating student's

work alongside other teachers from special education settings. This will be a normal school day for the students when they will get the undivided attention of the therapists, probably with some special activities organised for the day as well. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, but believe this is ultimately in the best interest of all our students. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Cae Ashton

Curriculum Coordinator

## PS&F Meeting

Next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm will be the next PS&F meeting. I urge all parents, as well as interested staff, to attend the PS&F meeting in order to make some proactive steps to furthering the interests of the students. I thank everyone for their support.

## Concert

I would like to say once again what a wonderful night last Friday night was with the Concert performance and, once again, perfect weather. There were still some tired students (and Staff) on Monday morning. I'm sure all who attended will agree it was a magic night and well worth the efforts of all who contributed, not the least being the students themselves. I would like to especially thank the PS&F for the wonderful prizes they provided for the night.

## Holidays

I am sure all staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming holidays, with the last day of school being Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember that everyone is expected the first Monday of Week 1 (i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> October) as the pupil free day is later in the term (see above). I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful break.

## Volunteer Day/Working Bee

Before you all disappear on your vacation, you may like to consider assisting Frank with the Working Bee to top dress the grass. He will be holding the **Working Bee on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> September** not the 19<sup>th</sup> as is in the calendar. This is so Frank can be available to assist with the volunteers who will also be there on the day building stairs and planting around the creek. The Working Bee component will run from 8-12pm sharp. Volunteers will be on site from 9am to 4pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Vikki Rose Graydon  
Executive Principal

## Library News

The students have thoroughly enjoyed our new library this term. We have celebrated Book Week 21st-27<sup>th</sup> August. The theme for 2010 was 'Across the Story Bridge'. All children enjoyed walking across the bridge and naming the sea creatures they could see.



Thank you to Carla Park and Kathy Andreatidis for kindly donating a variety of short listed 2010 books for our display. Another thank you to Bruce and Mrs Grundy for their kind donation to the library, I have already purchased some favourites for our collection.

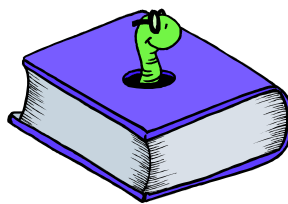
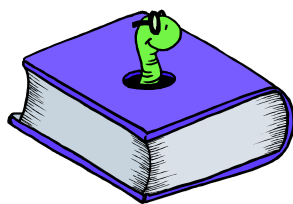
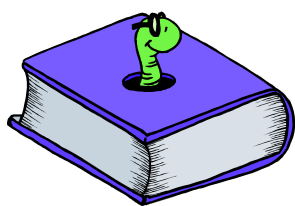
For Literacy Week 29<sup>th</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September students gathered in the library for shared reading. Middle School read to Early Childhood and Senior School read to Junior School. How lovely to see them reading, listening and enjoying each others company.



Holidays are nearly here again, **all library books are due to be returned next week.**

Happy Reading!  
Karen (Library Assistant)

# School News



Dear Parents,

Recently our students have been enjoying the opportunities provided by the new library facilities. We would like to extend the use of this wonderful resource and to encourage students who are interested in reading and who would like to visit the library during their free time.

As an initial step we would like to open the library to students during lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 1.30pm.

Our Librarian, Karen Smith, will be supervising the students in the library at these times, but we are looking for a volunteer or two who would be interested in helping with supervision and also with shelving the books at 1.30pm.

If you would like to be involved, please return this slip to reception. We would love for you to be involved!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer in the Library on:

Tuesdays from 1 to 1.45pm

Thursdays from 1 to 1.45pm

(please tick your preferred day)



## School News

# SHADE SAILS

The new shade sails over the amphitheatre and the paved area outside Senior School are proving to be of great value now that summer is coming. Thank you to the PS and F for securing the grant for these excellent resources. This project was proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund.



## PS&F News

Dear Parents/Carers

This is to inform you that the next PS&F meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.30pm.

The time for the meeting was fixed after we received all of the response slips back and found the majority preferred 7.30 in the evening.

On the Agenda for this meeting is the:

- ◇ Shade sail acquittal report
- ◇ Treasurers Report
- ◇ Presidents report
- ◇ Bollywood Night
- ◇ Halloween Fun Day
- ◇ ICT Action Plan and the ways in which the PS&F would like to be involved in supporting this plan and proposal to acquire a new IT server with PS&F Funds
- ◇ Request for funding for Senior School camp in Term 4.
- ◇ Hiring of new building and after hours key box.
- ◇ Head of School
- ◇ Working party re: staff recruitment and balance
- ◇ Parent networking - request from Development Officer
- ◇ Expressions of interest in Office Bearer positions– interested parties are invited to nominate for these positions to be declared vacant. Current office bearers are happy to continue in the positions until the AGM if no nominations are forthcoming.

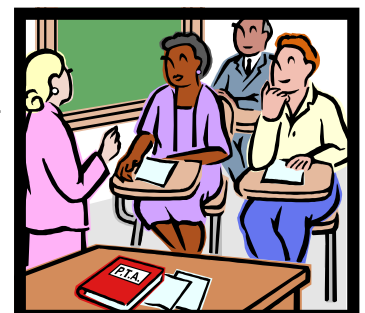
Please let the office know if you will be attending. Thanking you all for your quick responses and hoping to see you all there.

Rohini Singh  
President, PS&F

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### PS&F ASSOCIATION MEETING ATTENDANCE SLIP

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
will be attending the PS&F meeting at **7.30pm** on Wednesday 15th  
September, 2010.



## School news

### Physiotherapy Holiday Programs

Allsports Paediatric Physiotherapy who provides the physiotherapy service to TGS runs a motor development program called **Hard Core Kids®**. This is a group program targeting core stability and strengthening to assist with motor development. We are running two 1 wk holiday intensive programs. Children will attend the classes each day Mon – Fri for 45 mins. The cost of the classes for the week is \$75 and is claimable under private health cover.

Class times/groups are

9:00am 6-8yrs

9:45am 4-6yrs

10:30am 8+

Children are grouped according to age however consideration of their motor ability will also determine placements.



Children of TGS may enrol in the holiday program without having an assessment at our clinic. For more information regarding the **Hard Core Kids®** program please check out our website : <http://www.allsportsphysio.com.au/peadiatric.aspx>

For further inquiries or to book your child in please call 3878 9011

### WORKING BEE!

- **When:** Saturday 18th September
- **What:** Top dressing oval
- **Why:** Work off fees and help create a better play area for your child
- **Needed:** Soil Spreader and wheelbarrows
- **Don't Forget:** Hats and Water Bottles
- **RSVP:** Let Sarah-Jane know if you can make it



### Birds For Sale!

If you are looking for a special friend I have several baby birds available. They are all hand raised (spoon fed from 12 days old) and love your company.

Budgies - \$30

Cockatiels - \$50

Blue Ringnecks - \$150

Sun Conure - \$350

Some are available now and some will be a few weeks.

Text or phone 0402 466 423

Or email

[Rochelle.nitschke@childassoc.org.au](mailto:Rochelle.nitschke@childassoc.org.au)



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## Requesting permission for Disability Support publication

Pearson Australia, is a company dedicated to assisting vocational and workplace education, by publishing learning resources that support the delivery of recognised qualifications. They are currently developing a new resource titled "The Disability Support Worker", which will be used to educate students completing their **Certificate III** and **Certificate IV in Community Services Disability Work**.

Pearson have contacted The Glenleighden School to request our contribution in providing images that depict the services the organisation provides, to assist them in representing the broad range of disability services in Australia.

We would like to support this publication, and see this as an opportunity to promote the services we provide to students. We will be sending in pictures for their consideration which may include Glenleighden students. If you consent to your child possibly being included in these pictures please complete the permission slip in this newsletter.

## CHI.L.D. ASSOCIATION 2010 PHOTO PERMISSION

*(Please return to office by Monday 13th September)*

I / We \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian's name)

**give permission**

**do not give permission** (please select one)

for \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name)

to be videoed / photographed for the CHI.L.D. Association

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Thank-you to those who have returned one! Please ensure you **circle your preference!**

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