

# The Glenleighden News

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## Uniform Shop Hours

Thursday 8.30 - 9.30am

## Term 1, 2012 Events

### 'Welcome to New Parents' Morning Tea

Tues, 7th Feb—8.45am

### PS&F AGM

Wed, 8th Feb—6pm

### School Assembly

Wed, 8th Feb—9.10am

### School Photos

Wed, 7th March

### Working Bee

Sat, 17th Mar—8-10am



## Birthdays

Harry  
Cooper  
Tarquin  
Slade  
Luca  
Sam  
Brooke  
Eric  
Gavin  
Tj  
Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO ALL!

Dear Parents and Carers,  
It gives me great pleasure in welcoming our new students to Glenleighden for 2012, a total of thirty. A special welcome is extended to those of you who have moved from overseas and interstate so that your child can attend our school. Everyone has settled in very well and is already so much a part of Glenleighden. This is a real credit to all our staff and parents. Welcome also to our new staff: Eddy van Klinken (Teacher), and Karen Spencer (School Assistant) in Early Childhood, and not so new: Dallas Fong (Speech Language Pathologist) in Junior School and Ben Tuni (Teacher) in Middle School, both of whom are returning to Glenleighden.

We are sad to have said goodbye to Danielle Morson last week. Danielle has been teaching at Glenleighden for 2 ½ years and has made a huge impression on many students. We wish Danielle and her fiancé Chris the very best in the future together in Danielle's homeland Canada.

## Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to those able to attend the information sessions during this week. Handouts are available so if you were unable to attend or would like further information, please contact your child's level coordinator.

## PS&F – Annual General Meeting 8th February

Parents have a very important role in promoting and supporting our programs at TGS. The Parents, Staff and Friends (PS&F) is an incorporated voluntary body that facilitates the sense of our school community. Your support is vital. Activities throughout the year include our weekly Fun Food Friday and whole school activities such as the Fun Run and Interhouse Sports Day. Please come to the PS&F Annual General Meeting (AGM) next Wednesday 8th February in the school at 6pm. Refreshments will be

provided. I look forward to seeing you there!

## School Uniform

Thank you for your patience with regard to the delay of delivery of school uniforms. I would like to thank Liz Hennock for her persistence and hard work in challenging circumstances. Please do not hesitate to speak with Jodie regarding any queries or speak directly with Liz or myself.

## Electronic devices

Please be aware that electronic devices such as Nintendo DS and iPods are not permitted at school. Mobile phones and iPads may be used as part of school program however if this is the case, a prior arrangement will need to be made with your child's level coordinator and authorised by the Head of School. Any such devices are not to be used before school for recreational purposes. Please do not hesitate to email me or arrange a time to see me discuss this matter.

## Working Bee

Please note the first Working Bee for 2012 will be Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 8-10am. It is an opportunity to meet new parents and contribute to our beautiful grounds. Hopefully the weather will be fine by then and not too hot!! I look forward to seeing you there.

## Glenleighden Alumni

Below I've included an excerpt from a letter by a parent whose son attended the school during the late 1990s. If you are a past student please email me to let us know what you are doing.

Kind regards

*Cae Ashton*

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Head of School

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## Excerpt from Past Parent

*I want to thank Glenleighden, words cannot express my deep feelings of gratitude and awe as to what this school is about, and its achievements.*

*Matthew is now nearly 18, currently studying year 12 at Ferny Grove High School, with high aspirations of continuing onto University to become a teacher for Primary School Students. I have no doubt in my mind that Matthew will go on to achieve his teaching career also. Not only has Matthew surpassed my expectations, his specialist's expectations, he has excelled in so many areas, other than just the academics. He was asked to attend a Malaysian trip overseas for 10 days with his Indonesian Class in 2010 – and yes he did it! And coped with all that was involved with this (without having me there!) He also has a part time job working at Hungry Jacks and a learner's permit!*

*Next week I have been invited to attend a ceremony, where Matthew will receive his year 12 Prefect badge, and his title of Indonesian Ambassador for Year 12 at the High School! I have to pinch myself sometimes, this is a boy that couldn't even say "mum" at the age of 6, and is now studying Indonesian as a second language! A huge leap from the years of communicating with Makaton!*

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

Welcome to the 2012 school year. I am sure all of the new families in our School program have had the opportunity to meet many new faces – staff, children and other families. And I have no doubt that those families continuing with us this year are now well into the swing of things.

It has been a good start to the academic year with training for staff across the organisation being provided the week before school started, uninterrupted by any natural or other disasters. Leadership and operations staff have been also working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the school, clinic and outreach services are complementing each other's programs and improving communication between services for the ultimate benefit of our clients and their families. During the year the organisation will be asking for your feedback about how aspects of our services can be improved. However, if you would like to give any direct feedback about any aspect of our service in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email me on [vikki.rosegraydon@childassoc.org.au](mailto:vikki.rosegraydon@childassoc.org.au) or make an appointment with me through the lovely Michelle. I am always extremely excited to get compliments on behalf of our teams, but also wish to be made aware of any issues that you feel have not been resolved by the Head of School, Head of Clinic or Head of Outreach.

This year, in continuing to raise awareness of Primary Language Disorder and the work of CHI.L.D. Association, we will be utilising some Social Media platforms to access wider networks in the community. I will keep you updated about these, however you might like to log onto the Healthshare website [www.healthshare.com.au](http://www.healthshare.com.au) and give us some feedback about the FAQ answers which CHI.L.D. Association has provided under the following headings: *Attention Deficit Disorder; Aphasia; Dyspraxia/Apraxia* and *Learning Difficulties*. Additionally, we are planning to continue our political lobbying and our media coverage, being fortunate to have had our first interview this year with Steve Austin on Thursday morning on ABC 612. Here is the podcast link if you missed it – [http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2012/02/helping-children-learn.html?site=brisbane&program=612\\_morning](http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2012/02/helping-children-learn.html?site=brisbane&program=612_morning)

I look forward to seeing you all during the year, and hope that many of you can attend our AGM on Monday evening, March 26<sup>th</sup> to hear about the organisation's successes and challenges for the past year, and the plans for the future. I trust that you and your child/ren get as much from the programs that Cae and the team provide at Glenleighden as I know the staff get from working with your children. And I can only repeat this sentiment for those families accessing services through the LET'S TALK Clinic and/or Outreach services as well.

Yours sincerely,

Vikki Rose Graydon  
Executive Principal  
CHI.L.D. Association

## School News - Senior School

### Welcome to Senior School 2012

*This year we have one new student, Sarah and six students who have joined us from Middle school—Ellie, Lucas, Aaron, Joel, Ryan and Nicholas. We also have a new staff member -Jo Wood, who has joined us from another level in the school.*

*Senior school have started the year with lots of discussions about celebrations and the meaning of Australia Day.*

*We are looking forward to a busy year filled with many varied activities.*

*Here we are celebrating with an indoor party...*



*We also looked at some of the art of Andy Warhol and created 'thong pictures' based on his style of art...*



## CHI.L.D. News



# Gentle Voices

The remarkable  
Glenleighden School  
in pictures

Compiled by Bruce Grundy

## “Gentle Voices” … the book.

A couple of years ago we produced a documentary about the school and CHI.L.D which we then sent to all kinds of people and places to spread the word about CHI.L.D., the school, its program and its activities. The documentary was called “Gentle Voices” .

At the end of last year we produced a “Gentle Voices” book which we have been sending out to those we particularly want to target as part of our continuing information and education campaign.

Some parents have indicated they would like a copy of the book and there is one on Jodie’ s desk if you would like to have a look.

There is a form beside the book should you want to put your name down for one.

The price depends on the number we order and the cost of freight, so we won’ t know a final price until we finalise the order … but it is expected to be in the vicinity of \$40 to \$45 each.

The book was made using the Blurb software program (available on the net) and orders are filled from the States within 7 to 10 days. With Blurb you can order as few as just one copy or as many as you like. We will be sending off an order within the next couple of weeks, so we would appreciate payment as soon as possible after the price is settled.

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**ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS!**

**WELCOME TO 2012!**

**Come along to the  
'Welcome to New Parents'  
Morning Tea**

**on**

**Tuesday, 7th February at 8.45am  
in the library.**

**Existing and past parents have stories of encouragement to share and it will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet new and existing friends.**

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## *Parent Education Sessions*

*are being held on*

*the first Thursday of every month*

*(starting 1st March)*

*from 9-9.30am in the Library.*

*Parents are encouraged to provide suggestions on topics you would like covered.*



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### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



*If any parents would like to volunteer their time to help out with the Scholastic Book Club please let Jodie know at reception. Some of the small tasks that you would be doing would include collating orders and stamping order forms.*

*Any help would be much appreciated!*

### PLEASE NOTE:

We have received a letter from the Brisbane City Council regarding the Council's plan to enforce illegal parking within school zones during the 2012 school year.

Council Officers will be attending school zones on a regular basis over the coming year and would like to encourage parents, guardians and visitors to park legally in order to avoid putting the safety of children at risk and to prevent unnecessary parking fines.



Please be sure to check your school calendars for all upcoming events.

If you need a copy please contact reception.

Please note that the Sports Day is now being held on Friday, 11th May.



### REMINDER

Don't forget to return the 2012 Student Data & Medical Update forms that were sent home earlier in the week. This helps to ensure that the information in our records is accurate & up to date.

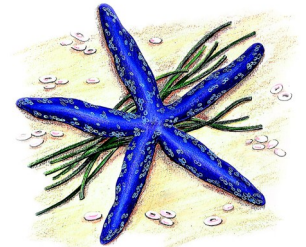
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