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COMING EVENTS

Swimming Carnival
15.2.08

Yr 8 welcome BBQ
19.2.08 5:30pm

District Swimming
Carnival
22.2.08

Next P & C
Meeting

19.02.08

7Pm

All Welcome

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GLENALA GAZETTE

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Guardians

I congratulate all concerned on a great start to the school year. Students have settled very quickly into the school routine and are focused on their core business – learning. Some great things are happening in our classrooms already, and most students seem to be genuinely happy to be back at school. As of today, there are 488 students enrolled at Glenala State High School : 84 Yr 8; 127 Yr 9; 93 Yr 10; 103 Yr11 and 81 Yr 12.

The Seniors of 2007 fared very well, with all but two students receiving their first choice courses at tertiary institutions. I look forward to hearing of their future success.

This year we welcome a number of staff who have joined us in either a permanent or relieving capacity.

Staff Newly Appointed To Glenala

Liz Rollason

Head of Department Senior
Schooling (Acting)

Katchia Avenell

Music Teacher

Angela Rice

Special Education Teacher

Staff Returning to Glenala State High School

Greg Ballin

Guidance Officer

Sigrund Nilsen

Community Education Counsellor

Danielle Lutton-Gregory

English/SOSE Teacher

For the first time in quite a few years the administration team of myself, Shirley Stark and David Newman, is a permanent one.

We look forward to working with families this year, along with all staff, to assist with producing the best education outcomes for all students.

All students have been reminded on assembly of the importance of good behaviour to and from school whilst wearing our uniform. The image of our school and our students to our local community is very important and we will be taking proactive steps this year to strengthen our partnership with the community in this regard. I have been impressed with the way our uniform has been worn by the majority of students so far. Your continued assistance and support in this area is greatly appreciated.

In closing, some important events to begin the school year are as follows:

15 February - Interhouse Swimming Carnival

19 February – Yr8 Parent welcome BBQ 5:30 – 7:00pm at the Great Hall, followed by P&C meeting 7:00 – 8:00pm for interested parents.

25 February Badge Ceremony.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any matters relating to your child's education or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Michael Knox

Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Hello and welcome to 2008, my name is David Newman and I am the new Deputy Principal for Grades Eight and Nine. I was formally the Head of Department for English and this is my eighth year at the school. It has been very pleasing to see most students wearing the correct uniform and a reminder to anyone new, that all shorts and pants must be dark blue.

2008 also introduces the concept of The Planning Room. The Planning Room is a classroom dedicated to helping students overcome problems they may be experiencing in class. Any student who is directed to The Planning Room will go through a process of re-connecting with their teacher which will outline strategies needed to improve their efforts in class.

Overall 2008 shapes as being an extremely successful year at Glenala. I wish all of our students the greatest success.

David Newman

Deputy Principal

Dear Parent/Caregivers

You should by now have received your Textbook Hire Scheme Payment form. Thank you to all families who have paid the child's fees in full. The Textbook Hire Scheme cost for this year is \$175.00 per student.

If you have outstanding fees owing from 2007, any payments made, will be deducted from this debt first.

Your child will be entitled to their Textbooks as soon as you have:-

paid the fees in full for 2008

or

\$50 part payment has been made for 2008

All fees need to be paid in full by 21st September, 2008. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Textbook Scheme, please phone the office to make an appointment to see me, so the appropriate paperwork can be filled out. At this appointment, a list of resources and textbooks will be provided to you, so you may purchase them for your child.

As indicated on the Textbook Hire Scheme information sheet, you will see there are some subjects which incur a Subject Levy. These costs are separate from the Textbook Hire Scheme. If your child is enrolled in these subjects, the levy will need to be paid by the end of each term. Failure to pay the subject levy will result in you providing resources required for your child to participate in this subject. If your levy is unpaid, your child will not be able to use the school resources.

If your child is participating in school sport, the bus cost will be debited to your child's account. Prompt payment is needed if your child is to continue playing school sport.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 3372 2300.

Julie Vukovic

Business Services Manager

Education Services.

Staff in Education Services would like to welcome back everyone to what looks like being a great year. In particular we would like to welcome our new Grade 8 students and their families. This semester we have also been joined by a new staff member, Mrs Angela Rice. Many of you may remember Mrs. Rice from the work she did with us several years ago.

The beginning of the school year is always a very busy one for staff in Education Services as we catch up with students and start to identify how we may best support them to ensure that they achieve their academic potential.

In so far as our resources will allow us, we offer a diverse range of support to students with special needs including testing to accurately identify their strengths and weaknesses, in class support, individual and small group work as well as assignment and assessment support in the Learning Resource Centre. We can also, if needed, develop individual education and support plans for students with more intense needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about your child's progress in school or if you think we can be of any assistance.

Brenda Shirley

HOSES

STATE SCHOOLS OF TOMORROW UPDATE

The community consultation phase for the Inala State Schools of Tomorrow project drew to a close at the end of last year with the Community Reference Group (CRG) completing its report. This project could see over \$49 million spent on Inala schools to transform them into modern places of learning to better meet the needs of the community for years to come.

From the time of the project announcement by Hon Rod Welford on 31 July to the final CRG meeting on 28 November, over 50 meetings, manned displays and other community interaction activities, led by independent consultants, were held.

A bulletin outlining the consultation outcomes will be distributed to the Inala community in the coming weeks.

The CRG report has been submitted to government so its recommendations can be considered along with other information when planning the future for education in the Inala area.

A decision on the plans for the Inala area is expected over the next month or two. If a renewal option is approved, planning with individual schools would commence soon after, with the first construction under way in the second half of this year.

For the present, it is business as usual at all of the cluster schools. The school and wider communities will be kept informed as more information becomes available.

For further information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/tomorrows-schools or contact the Tomorrow's Schools team by telephone on 32370008, fax on 3237 0839 or email at tomorrows-schools@deta.qld.gov.au.

Guidance News

A busy year is planned for this year. Years 10 and 11 will be visiting the Queensland University of Technology. Our O.P. eligible year 12 students will attend information days at Griffith University, Queensland University and the Queensland University of Technology. These visits are designed to help students make informed decisions about their options for 2009.

Our congratulations need to be directed to our graduating class of 2007. A GREAT RESULT - of the O.P. eligible students who applied 82% were offered a place to attend University or TAFE. This group of successful students will further their studies and follow their dreams in 2008.

If any students or parents wish to discuss and plan future options or pathways then feel free to make an appointment by contacting the general office on 33722300.

Greg Ballin *Guidance Officer*

Senior Schooling

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful staff and students of Glenala SHS for such a warm welcome. In the short time since I have joined the school I have experienced an abundance of enthusiasm and camaraderie for many positive outcomes for our 2008 cohort of Senior Students.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of the participating Indigenous Students who are setting the benchmark for success through their participation in School Based Traineeships. Through the tireless efforts of Ms Carolyn Kemp (Brisbane South West Work Education Program Inc.), there are presently 14 Students completing Traineeships in a variety of Industries.

The first week back has seen the Senior Schooling Office inundated with enquiries from both Industry and Students alike regarding School Based Apprenticeships, Traineeships and TAFE courses. Their enthusiasm is most encouraging and many thanks must go to the team from Brisbane South West Work Education Program Inc for making my transition time so much smoother.

As the year progresses, all Senior Students will be participating in a Certificate I Work Education Program. I would hope to see many of these Students participating in Work Experience in order to enhance their opportunities for gaining the appropriate skills and knowledge necessary for success in the world of paid employment and the attainment of their Certificate I.

Glenala SHS is most fortunate to be situated in such an environment that offers a myriad of Industry opportunities for its up and coming youth. In order to facilitate this I would hope to see many Students involved in the Industry Tours that will be on offer throughout the coming year.

At this point I would encourage all Parents/Caregivers and Students to contact me if at any point clarification regarding career paths and school life is required. Success is often gained through early insight and obtaining the correct information in order to make valid choices.

I would like to wish all Students a wealth of success and happiness for the coming year.

Elizabeth Rollason
A/HOD Senior Schooling/Home Economics

News from Early Childhood

This subject has had another name change with the latest update and new programme for the board registered subject. It means that the current grade 12's in all Queensland schools are the last students to complete the old programme called Early Childhood Practices and the grade 11's work from the new programme called simply Early Childhood.

The twelves have been busy preparing to go out into childcare facilities to observe children in quality programmes and complete their first piece of assessment. They have just started working on their first unit for this year which involves understanding creativity and hands on creative activities.

The grade 11's are completing a compulsory unit about working in the childcare industry. They have already had visiting speakers who have shared information with the students about their workplace and have been completing the legal requirements in order to apply for their Blue Card so that they too will be able to visit childcare facilities in the near future.

Junior Early Childhood is for grade 10's and this first semester the students are completing the unit Baby Business. They are investigating prenatal development and looking at such things as inherited characteristics. There are about to be a lot of baby rabbits of all shapes, sizes and colours on the pin boards as they complete the practical based activities!

Vladka Ashton

Year 11 News

A warm welcome to all Year 11s returning in 2008 and a special welcome to those students who have joined us from other schools. I have been very impressed so far in terms of the students' courtesy and commitment to their schooling. I certainly hope this attitude will continue to define this year's cohort.

Mrs. Richards and I have been working on a pastoral care program as part of the weekly 'Access' lesson. During term 1 students will be exploring stress and ways of dealing with stress. We are grateful for the input of our school nurse and school based police officer in developing the program. I am sure that students will reap many benefits from the program to help guide them through the final years of their school life.

Students are generally co-operating well with uniform matters, although some students need to purchase navy blue shorts. Just a reminder that shorts with logos and stripes are not acceptable.

If anyone has any problems, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to phone me on 3372 2300. I look forward to meeting or hearing from you during the year.

Mrs. Diana Briscoe

Year 11 Coordinator

From smARTSbiz

Welcome to our new Music teacher Ms Katchia Avenell and to all the new year 8 students. The last two weeks have seen a smooth entry into 2008 for Business and Arts students with nearly all students being prepared with the correct equipment and a positive attitude. This year Legal Studies joins the Business Department also.

There are already many activities on offer in the Faculty. A Rock 'n' Gospel Choir, Robotics, and Optiminds have begun in GAP. In April, the senior drama students will be attending a performance at the Powerhouse Theatre. The Production and Performance class is proving to be a popular choice this year and the year 11 and 12 students are working brilliantly together. The Film, Television and New Media students are working in the Machinima trial with Education Queensland. Mrs Richards and Ms Hayward will present some of their work, and that of last year's Media Studies students, at a Conference at the ICT Learning Innovation Centre at Sippy Downs in June.

We all look forward to another productive year.

The smARTSbiz teachers.



Swimming Carnival

The Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 15th February at the Yeronga pool. All students and parents are reminded that this is a normal school day and all students in attendance at school are expected to attend the carnival. There is no cost to students, and your child should have brought home a permission note outlining details of the day. This permission note must be returned to the school in order for your child to attend, if you have not seen this note, ask your child, or contact the school for copy.

Interschool Sport

Interschool sporting teams in Basketball, Volleyball, Touch Football, and Cricket for the summer competition have been finalised. The first round kicks off on Wednesday 13th February with a home game against arch rivals Forest Lake SHS. Good luck to all teams! Parents are reminded that if your child has been selected in an interschool team they must return their permission note along with their transport payment (\$25) to the bookroom as soon as possible.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Junior HPE

This year Health & Physical Education is a compulsory subject for all students in years 8 & 9. As part of the government's Smart Moves program all students in these year levels are required to do 2 hours of physical activity during school time each week. HPE practical lessons in years 8 & 9 are made up of a combination of fitness activities, skills, and practical games and sports.

Senior Recreation

All year 11 and 12 students studying Recreation this year will be completing a VET Certificate 1 in Community Recreation. This is the first year this VET course has been offered at Glenala, and it will see students completing a number of practical and theoretical units which are based on sport and recreation activities, first aid, and sports organization and management.

Sharron Tessmann

HOD Middle Schooling

Mathematics

We have had an excellent start to 2008 with many students settling into their new classes. It is very pleasing to see the number of students who have collected their text book for all their classes. I cannot stress enough the importance of students collecting their text books so they can complete homework tasks and in class exercises.

Students are asked to keep an eye out for the competitions and quizzes this year. Some challenges days have been arranged and I'm sure many students will find these very rewarding.

Mathematics teachers have made a special mention of how well the year 8 students have started the year. We are looking forward to a successful year from all our students.

Science

2008 has gone off with a bang and so has some of the exciting activities that the science students have been experiencing. The science staff will make a special effort this year to include as many hands on experimental activities as possible.

I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm of the year 8 students and their eagerness to be involved with science. I am very confident that we have many science and engineering graduates in waiting.

We have been lucky enough this year to be offered a place in this years Science and Engineering challenge day at the University of Queensland. This is a day of problem solving involving engineering, mathematics and science. It is for year 10 students who enjoy both mathematics and science. An invitation letter with be given to invited students shortly.

Once again I would like to welcome all new and existing students to Glenala Science.

Jonothan Wells

HOD Mathematics / Science

English

It was wonderful to welcome everybody back to a new and exciting year. Staff are feeling energised and students have easily returned to the rigours of learning – well done! A variety of competitions will be run throughout the year and I would like to encourage everyone to participate in at least one. These competitions are usually quite fun – and you never know, you may win one of the prizes! I would like to remind students, that for many of them, their first English assessment item will be due in about three weeks. Finally, I would like to remind parents that if they have any questions, concerns or ideas then feel free to contact any of the English staff or myself.

SOSE

“Did you know...?”

In the next few weeks many students will be asking this question because of the new and exciting things they have covered in SOSE, AIS and Modern History. This term Year 8s will be exploring who they are and where they are in the world. Year 9s will be exploring Australia, its people, culture and environment. Year 10s are examining the impact that disasters have on the people and environment (and compliments the first unit in Science). Senior students studying AIS and Modern History will be concentrating on the requirements for senior academic subjects. Throughout the year a number of excursions are planned and I encourage all students to attend. It is a great opportunity to get some hands on learning in the real world – and it’s fun! Could I also remind students that it is very important to come prepared to class – that means bring a book, a pen and don’t leave your bag with other people. Finally, I would like to remind parents that if they have any questions, concerns or ideas then feel free to contact any of the SOSE staff or myself.

Best wishes for a successful 2008

Mrs Sara Cowan

HOD English/SOSE/Literacy

Come and play Rugby Union with the family oriented and fun Goodna Gladiators.

Under 6 to Under 15 players wanted.

Sign on or come and try every Wednesday

from 5 March from 6:00pm

at Evan Marginson Sportsground

(Opposite Goodna RSL)

Contact Justin 0419 675 402 or Glen 3288 2352 for more details.

Year 8 News

It is the beginning of another school year and we would all like to welcome our new year eight students and their families to Glenala State High School. It has been wonderful to see all our year eight students quickly settle into the different routines associated with high school. Most have made the transition from Primary School to High School without too much anxiety. While those who had a little more difficulty making the transition are now happily attending most of their classes.

All year eight students and their parents/caregivers are invited to a barbeque on Tuesday 19th February 2008 so that they can meet their student’s teachers and other parents. I encourage all to come and support your students and be a part of our school community. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the school by Wednesday 13th February 2008 with the number of people coming. I look forward to seeing many of you there.



Kim Matthew

Year 8 Coordinator



“The Glen”