



### COMING EVENTS

Parent/Teacher  
Interviews  
22.4.08  
3:30 onwards in  
the Library

Anzac Day  
25.4.08

Labour Day  
5.05.08

Next P & C  
22.04.08

6:15Pm

All Welcome

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# GLENALA GAZETTE

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2 and what will no doubt be a very busy and productive time for all. By now you will have received your student's interim or mid semester report. I encourage you to make contact with your child's teachers at the Parent/Teacher afternoon next Tuesday, 22 April. A group of year coordinators and other staff have gone to considerable effort to make this a very pleasant afternoon, arranging student performances etc. Of course, if you cannot make this afternoon, school staff will be happy to talk to you about your child's progress at a negotiated time.

The P&C meeting has been changed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> to allow as many parents as possible to attend. It will begin at 6:15pm in the staff common room, which is upstairs in the administration building. Your attendance and input will be greatly appreciated.

### Triennial School Review

This year at Glenala State High School we are participating in a Triennial school review. You may be given a call by school staff or an external facilitator to get your thoughts on how you see the school operating. You may be asked to fill out a survey regarding some aspects of the school. The idea is to look back at what has happened over the last three years and to develop a School Strategic Plan for 2009-2011. This is a time consuming but worthwhile exercise for our school community. Anyone interested in being a Parent Representative on the TSR Committee, please contact the school ASAP on 3372 2300. The first meeting will be held at the end of April.

### Attendance

At Glenala State High School, as with every other high school, students are required by law to attend school regularly until they have completed year ten or turned sixteen. Students in Years 11 & 12 are also required to attend school regularly so as to complete the requirements for post compulsory learning. Too many unexplained absences, together with poor school performance, may result in a post compulsory student's enrolment being cancelled.

All absences need to be explained as soon as possible by the parent/guardian, either by phone on 3372 2300 or by a note given to the office on the student's first day back to school. As I have stated before, a student's ability to learn depends very much so on regular attendance at school.

*Michael Knox, Principal*



*Science Excursion to Mt Coot-tha*

## Special Education

Term one has been a very busy one for the staff and students in the Learning Resource Centre. Staff have been busy developing new programs for the students who access our Centre. Some of these programs have centred on a variety of aspects of nature. Groups of students have enjoyed catching and examining some interesting insects such as moths, butterflies, dragon flies, caterpillars and spiders. Over the weeks they have also watched some baby mice grow up- they were only four weeks old when they first arrived. It has been very lovely watching how gently the students handle and interact with all these little creatures. They have also learnt a lot from these activities and have produced a project and an information report using their new found knowledge.

*Brenda Shirley, HOSES*



*Michael Kling catching insects*



*Leigh Power and a mouse*

## Biology Excursion

The Botanic Gardens in Mt Coot-tha are a serene environment - perfectly conducive to learning. The Year 11 and 12 Biology students visited the gardens on 18<sup>th</sup> March as part of their plant classification field trip. This is a mandatory part of the Ecology component of the course.

The young Gardens house approx. 5000 species of plants and occupy 52 hectares of land in Toowong. The students started their day classifying and identifying plant species from millions of years ago. They continued the identification process which included ferns, cycads, conifers, ginkgo (a very old Japanese medicinal plant widely used by the western world now), Wollemi pine, a range of palm trees and a variety of native Australian eucalypt trees.

An educational officer instructed the students on the different structures of the plants and their functions. The students had hands-on experience attempting to classify the palms using a key.

Three science department staff members accompanied the students on the excursion. The students had a very relaxed yet informative experience learning about plants and their place in our lives.

*Sophia Jahan, Biology Teacher*

## Attention all Year 9s!

During May all Year 9 students across the country are required to sit a series of tests. These tests will focus on Literacy and Numeracy. They will run on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May. All students are required to participate. These tests are very similar to those conducted in Primary.

The English and Maths Department are well on the way to preparing the students and we would appreciate your help in supporting this event. You can provide support by encouraging your child to try his/her best and to be confident on the day.

It is in your child's and the school's best interest to receive as accurate a result as possible. For those students who miss any of these tests there will be a catch-up day on the 16th May.

If you do not wish your child to take part in this testing process then you must inform the school in writing by the 1st May so the necessary paper work can be filed.

If you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank -you for your support

*Sara Cowan, English/Literacy HOD*



*Lorraine Munro with students*

### **Message from School Based Police officer**

Welcome back to school! Most of you will have seen me around the school and I hope you all feel that if you have any problems you can come and talk to me.

I am here as a school support for you and am able to offer advice and assistance with a whole range of matters. I can be contacted through the office or a message can be left for me or you can contact me at Inala Police Station on 37375558.

### **VALUABLES**

Having valuables such as MP3 players, mobile phones, and large amounts of cash can provide opportunities for thieves. Please keep your valuables safe and secure. Don't leave your bags unattended!! Stealing is a crime and if found guilty, an offender can be sentenced to up to 5 years' imprisonment.

### **INTERNET USE**

Remember there are predators who use the internet to access your details.

Do not give out your home address or telephone number to people you do not know.

Online chat rooms have proven to be a dangerous destination for children who are unsupervised, or who have not been provided with sufficient information and guidance to ward off approaches by sexual predators.

Please see me if you are concerned about someone who has contacted you and you don't feel comfortable with it.

*Constable Lorraine Munro*

### **Message from School Based Nurse**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of my service at Glenala. My name is Dyanne Moxham and I am the Youth Health Nurse appointed to Glenala SHS. I am a registered nurse, with specialties in the areas of Child and Youth Mental Health and education.

The role of the nurse in schools is very different to the traditional nurse role. Our role is one of health promotion or promoting good, healthy lifestyles to hopefully prevent ill health.

I see students either individually, in small groups or as a class. Topics could include nutrition, self care, stress, smoking and alcohol, puberty and sexual health. What we discuss is confidential, however there are exceptions to this- feel free to ask me about it!

Adolescence can be a difficult time. However it is clear the more information a young person has, the more empowered they are to make appropriate choices. Parenting a teenager can also be challenging. I am available to parents whenever I'm at school and can be contacted by phoning the school.

I am at school every Tuesday and Thursday (see my door for details)

Have a healthy term 2

*Dyanne, School Based Youth Health Nurse*

### **Teacher Retires after 43 Years.**



*Acting Executive Director of Schools for the Moreton East Region, Mr Brian Streatfeild presents Des Drew with a Certificate of Service.*

After forty-three years of teaching Maths and Science at Glenala (and the former Inala) State High School, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April is a day Mr Des Drew will never forget.

It seemed logical for Des to become a teacher. His father was a Principal and his sister and brother are both science teachers. He began his career at age nineteen at Theodore Secondary Department, teaching senior students just two years younger than him. From Theodore, he moved to Ipswich State High School, Richlands SHS, Corinda Adult Education Centre and finally to Inala SHS.

Being a huge sports fan, one of the highlights of his incredible career, of course, was the 1987 Inala SHS Rugby Tour. Four teachers and twenty-one students travelled to France after raising nearly seventy thousand dollars for the trip. At the time, no other Queensland school had participated in such a sporting event. He also spoke very fondly of the thousands of students he has taught over the years.

Acting Executive Director of Schools for the Moreton East Region, Mr Brian Streatfeild, thanked Des for his outstanding dedication to the teaching profession and presented him with a Certificate and medallion as acknowledgement of his service.

The school community wishes Mr Drew a happy and relaxing retirement.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **Interschool Sport**

Our sports results continue to be very positive. Interschool teams competing on Wednesday afternoons continue to be very competitive against our district schools. Special mention must go to our cricket team who not only recorded their first win for the season against Yeronga but followed that up with a huge win over arch rivals Corinda. Well done boys. This week we played Kenmore.

### **Year 8 & 9 Gala Day**

Last term on the 1<sup>st</sup> April our year 8 & 9s' participated in the Sports Gala day. Our teams travelled to our neighbouring schools and competed all day in a number of sports. Congratulations to all teams who competed well against much bigger schools and achieved some excellent results.

Congratulations to our year 9 touch boys who won their competition and move on the Metropolitan playoffs later this term.

Other results were;

Girls Volleyball year 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> , year 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Girls Touch year 9 - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Boys Volleyball year 8 - 3<sup>rd</sup> , year 9 - 4<sup>th</sup>

Boys Touch year 9 - 1<sup>st</sup>

Boys Basketball year 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Glenala Cross-Country**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding our annual House Cross-Country competition. All

students are expected to attend and run in an effort to score points for their house. The events will be held at Rocks River Park. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. After competing there will be a sausage sizzle for all competitors and officials. A permission note will be brought home by students and this must be taken back to school and given to the Textbook room by 3:00pm on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April along with \$3:00. The three dollars will help towards the cost of transport and the Sausage sizzle after the races have been completed. Please encourage you children to participate in this school event and support their house in their endeavours to win the overall trophy on offer to the winning house at the end of the day.

Run Hard and Fast,

\_\_\_\_\_ *Geoff Jennings, Sports Co-ordinator*

Eleven year eight and nine boys made their way to Indooroopilly SHS to compete in the gala day touch football competition. All boys did their school proud and were lucky enough to win the competition. A stand out performance came from Faitele Teo who got the team out of some difficult situations. His signature move of the intercept followed by a full length run of the field to score was a great spectacle of the day. All boys played to their own strengths and supported each other well. The win was made even more significant as the boys were competing in the year nine competition and our team was made up of both year eight and year nine students... Well done boys!!! Bring on the Finals...

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mr Saunderson*

### **Players required urgently**

Forest Lake Junior Rugby League

Under 7 & 12 players are required to fill out extra teams we have had to create for this season.

**If you are interested,**  
contact Farren Dicker 0419 131 896,  
Mark Lovell 0421 059 217 or  
drop down to our training sessions on  
Tuesday & Thursday night after 5pm,  
Boundary Rd, Carole Park.