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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to Parents/Caregivers, staff and students for making the recent Parent/Teacher afternoon/evening such a huge success. As well as achieving the obvious of bringing parents and teachers together to talk about student progress, it had the added bonus of having a good and positive feel to the function - an excellent atmosphere in which much was accomplished. A special thanks to Year Co-ordinators and other staff who made this happen.

I was commenting to staff at last week's meeting that if we took stock of what has happened already this year that we would be pretty amazed. As well as all the things we are required to do by Education Queensland, we have been involved in many other initiatives. Some of these, but by no means all, are mentioned below:

- Focus on Classrooms
- Better Behaviour Better Learning
- I Track
- Spark Reading Program
- Partnership with Minter Ellison Law Firm
- Breakfast Club
- Homework Club
- Interagency Expo
- Primary School Visits
- Many positive public relations stories
- Parent/teacher afternoon
- Local business donations for academic excellence
- Hat sponsorship for Sunsafe
- Outside Sporting Competitions

The above initiatives cater for a range of students at Glenala and focus on academic, sporting and cultural excellence. The stand out is that teachers themselves came up with many of these extras, sourced funds, and are working to make sure these initiatives happen. This all goes toward making a school community that makes the most of the resources we have at our disposal.

*Michael Knox, Principal*

*Staff from Minter Ellison and  
Year 8 students from Glenala  
State High School.*



## **SPARK LAUNCH AT GLENALA STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

On Tuesday 13 May Glenala State High School hosted the launch of **Spark**, an Australian Business and Community Network initiated mentoring reading program. The launch was attended by: Melissa King, the program manager of ABCN; partners and staff from Minter Ellison; and staff, parents and Year 8 students from Glenala SHS.

The aim of Spark is to benefit students by developing their literacy and conversational skills, along with building their vocabulary. Initially this program was developed for primary schools, however this has been extended to Year 8 students. Glenala SHS Year 8 students in 2008 are piloting this extended program.

A member company of ABCN, Minter Ellison, is providing the Reading Mentors for the Year 8 students. The role of these mentors is to provide encouragement for students to engage further in their schooling and community through improved language skills and personal development. Mentors are matched with Year 8 students to provide one-on-one reading mentoring and support. Every week, for two terms, the volunteers visit the school and read with the students for an hour. Mrs White, school librarian, is the teacher in charge and responsible for providing the reading material and the general week by week running of the program.

The Australian Business and Community Network is a group of national business leaders who create positive social change through practical programs that engage students, educators and business people. Established in early 2005, ABCN works with schools in areas of high need to broaden the horizons of students, support educators and engage business to build stronger communities. In recognition of the network's outstanding work in the community they were presented with a Prime Minister's Award in 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ *Wendy White, Library Teacher*

## **Administration Appointments**

While members of administration are always keen to speak to parents and carers, it is not always possible to talk at any given time. As much as possible please make an appointment if you wish to talk to someone in the office. Obviously if it's an urgent matter we will do our best to accommodate you.

\_\_\_\_\_ *David Newman, Deputy Principal*

## **Plea for Assistance**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, Glenala SHS held its annual Cross Country at Rocks Riverside Park at Jindalee. The day was a great success with all students participating. Unfortunately during the event, a student's dental plate was removed from their bag which has created much distress for their family. If anyone has any information on this please don't hesitate to come forward and let office staff know.

Thanks

\_\_\_\_\_ *David Newman, Deputy Principal*



*Fraser Marsh on Cross Country*

## Film, Television and New Media Excursion

Last Tuesday, eight FTVNM students were invited to participate in an excursion organized by BSSWPI. On this industry tour students visited SAE at Milton and then QANTM in Brisbane City. At both venues, lecturers ran demonstrations allowing our students to observe aspects of the industry standard courses offered in sound engineering, animation, and game construction.

The tour was limited to thirty people from Centenary SHS, Forest Lake SHS, Barrett Adolescent Centre and Glenala SHS. Ms Hayward was thrilled by a comment from a teacher from another school that our students were quiet, polite and 'the best behaved' on the day. Congratulations to Son Ngo who made the thank you speech on behalf of the whole group.



*School Captains at ANZAC Day Ceremony*

## ANZAC Day

Our school leaders, Vittoria Teodo and Nathan Gough, Katlynn Bradder and Son Ngo, accompanied by Mr Newman recently attended the Inala ANZAC Day ceremony. After participating in the march, Katlynn and Vittoria spoke about the meaning of the day. This was followed by the laying of a wreath, by the captains, on behalf of our school community.

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

This week, all Year 9 students have participated in National Testing in Literacy and Numeracy. For many of our students, this was their first experience at formal examinations. These tests will be a regular feature on the annual Year 9 calendar. Thanks to Mrs Cowan for organizing the smooth administration of these tests.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

All students will be required to choose a new sport or GAP activity next Wednesday for the Winter season. This round will finish during August. Only Year 11 and 12 students, with their parents'/caregivers' permission, are permitted to go home during this period. These students must leave the school at 12.30pm.

*Chris Hayward, HOD*

## ITRACK Mentoring Program.

ITRACK is an online mentoring program offered to schools by the Smith Family.

The purpose of the program is to link young people with mentors from a variety of organizations and professions in order to increase their potential successful transition from school to employment.

Fifteen of our Year 10 students underwent a rigorous selection process to be accepted into this program. This year, during terms two and three, these students will meet in the library and spend seventy minutes on line communicating with their mentors. In addition to these on line sessions, students will get the opportunity to have three face to face meetings with their mentors.

The first of these face to face meetings took place last Thursday at Mallesons on the 30<sup>th</sup> Floor of Waterfront Place in the city. Mrs. Wendy White, Police Officer Lorraine Munro and I had the pleasure of accompanying the students on this excursion which involved lunch and the first of our face to face meetings between mentors and students.

We were very impressed by the way our students behaved and interacted with their mentors. We were not the only ones who were impressed - several of the mentors and representatives from the Smith Family also commented on how well mannered and articulate our students were.

Well done everyone - you all made us very proud of you.

*Brenda Shirley, HOSES*

## Cross Country Report

"It's the perfect day for it" Mr. Jennings said as he briefed all of Glenala's 2008 Cross Country participants. The sun was shining, hardly a cloud was in sight and the temperature was perfect. Not a better day could have been chosen for the event held at Rocks River Side Park on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The girls ran first with Mr. Richter cycling in front with the lead runner, Frances Saunders, who went on to win the 13 year girls age group and become the overall winner of girls. It wasn't long after the first few runners had finished before the last group of runners came strolling in.

The boys ran next with a pre-warm up and stretch session provided by Mr. Jennings. Charlie Taylor was the lead runner who held a steady pace throughout the two whole laps of the course and took out the 16 year boy's age championship.

While everyone was racing, Bruno the Grounds man and Joel the Chaplain were busy cooking and preparing the sausage sizzle for everybody's lunch. After lunch was finished games were played on the bottom oval in the cool breeze to occupy time before the bus was boarded back to school.

## Titration Competition

On Saturday, 10 May, 3 students from year 10 participated in the annual RACI titration competition at Griffith University. Titration is a technique used in chemistry laboratories to work out concentrations of solutions like acids. Our students – Tan Nguyen, Ethan Vaughan and Roi Mahinay – represented Glenala SHS with a high standard of courtesy and determination. Whilst the boys did not feature in the top five of the teams that participated, some of their individual results were very close to the correct answer. Congratulations to the boys for their efforts and we look forward to the final results from the competition

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*Geoff Jennings, Sports Co-ordinator*



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### **P & C INFORMATION**

Executive for 2008

PRESIDENT—Roslyn Ryan  
SECRETARY—Katrina Mobbs  
TREASURER—Heather Marsh

Number of parents on P&C—3. That's right our executive are our only members. We really need more people to help us make the best decisions for our students.

Number of Canteen Volunteers - 1 on a regular basis and 2 others now and again. Again we really need more helpers.

There are 2 full time workers in the canteen who are each paid for 38 hours a week and also have the same benefits of sick leave, holiday leave and long service leave as every other paid employee. The money to pay them comes from the Canteen profits.

Our Canteen adheres to the Healthy Canteen Strategy. There are very strict regulations as to what we are able to sell and our Convenor Mary has worked very hard to ensure that we provide a varied selection of choices within the guidelines.

Please consider joining our band

NEXT P & C MEETING

General Meeting  
Tuesday 20th May 6.15pm  
(held in the Conference Room  
above Admin Block)

### **CANTEEN GREEN PRIZES**

During May our Canteen staff will be issuing raffle tickets to all students who make choices from the green items on our menu. A regular draw will be made and prizes awarded. Thank you to the following organisations who have contributed to these prizes

- Laser Force—Wooloongabba
- Ice World—Acacia Ridge
- Birch Carroll & Coyle—Indooroopilly
- The Broncos
- Our Canteen Suppliers

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