



COMING EVENTS

JULY

14th, Student Free Day

17th, Itrack

18th Semester 1
Reports Posted

24th, District Athletics
Field Day

29th Uni of NSW
Maths Comp

31st, NAIDOC
Celebrations

Next P & C

22.07.08

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19.08.08

6:15Pm

All Welcome

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GLENALA GAZETTE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3, and what an important time of year this is, with reports to be issued, subject selections evening to be held, SET plans to be finalised, NAIDOC and Multicultural days, and Year 12 students preparing for their last couple of months of school.

This Term is well underway and students seem to have settled quickly into school routine. I hope the winter vacation period provided students with the opportunity to have a break and return to school refreshed and focused on achieving to the best of their ability.

The cool weather at the beginning of term 3 sometimes means that the school uniform is worn incorrectly or has some added variations. Glenala State High School is a uniform school, and the majority of students wear their uniform correctly and with pride. Some students have been asked to address their uniform, particularly in relation to jumpers. I ask parents for your support in this area.

The cool weather also means that it is sometimes difficult to get teenagers out of bed and to school on time. Attendance is a priority because if students are not at school or are only there for part of the day, limited or no learning is taking place. All students, in relation to their schooling, need to "BE THERE. BE THERE ON TIME". Consequences will be applied to students who continually do not attend or are late, without written notification from parents/guardians. I also ask for your support in this important matter.

Aligned with attendance issues, the academic performance of some of the year eleven and twelve students, who are of post-compulsory age, has been less than satisfactory.

Students who are not attending and not attempting to perform in the classroom, will be issued with notices regarding their continued enrolment at Glenala.

Staffing Changes

Sharon Tessmann has been appointed permanently to English/SOSE Head of Department, whilst Ben Jack, from Wynnum North State High School has been appointed permanently to Health and Physical Education/ Middle Schooling/ITD Head of Department. Congratulations to both in filling two vital middle management positions within our school.

Other contract changes are as follows;

- Chris Hayward to replace Shirley Stark as Deputy Principal
- Lucia Grant to replace Chris Hayward
- Raylee Croft to act as Head of Department, The Arts and Business
- Anju Gupta to replace Vani Naiker
- Anna Barbieri to replace Mariella Pasalacqua
- Margaret Maguire to replace Lorelli Allen

We welcome these new staff members and hope they enjoy their time here at Glenala State High School.

Many thanks to Geoff Jennings and his team for organizing another successful Athletics Carnival on the last Thursday, before the holidays. A full report will follow in this newsletter, but needless to say it was a wonderful day enjoyed by all, with excellent participation and also some great support by Parents/Carers.

Michael Knox, Principal



Important Information

Parents of students who are eligible for the **Even Start Tutoring grant** please make sure that you return your permission letters indicating what form you want the tutoring to take by close of business this week. Failure to do so may mean that your student will lose the grant money available to them. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brenda Shirley, HOSES

Glenala House Athletic Carnival

Thursday 26 June

In absolute perfect condition Glenala's annual Athletics' clash of the houses was held before the holiday break. The track was in perfect shape, so there were no excuses for not performing well. In what turned out to be one of the closest contests for many years Freeman have proved too strong for Bradman and Lewis.

Students should be congratulated on their efforts with a number of students competing in many races over the duration of the carnival.

Many thanks to the staff and student helpers who worked hard all day to keep the carnival running smoothly all day. Good luck to all the students who were selected to represent Glenala at the District Carnival later in July.

Thanks to all.

Geoff Jennings, Sports Coordinator



Final Results:

1 st	Freeman	Score: 1158
2 nd	Bradman	1102
3 rd	Lewis	984

Age Champions:

13 Yrs	Francis Saunders [Freeman] Kerrod Roe [Lewis]
14 Yrs	Laila Purcell [Freeman] William Saunders [Lewis]
15 Yrs	Brook McKinnon [Lewis] Theo Jack [Freeman]
16 Yrs	Cedella Anson [Bradman] Fraser Marsh [Freeman]
Open	Yula Monkland [Freeman] Nathan Gough [Lewis]



Upcoming Sports Dates:

District Athletics Carnival

Field Thurs 24 July

Track Fri 1 August

Year 8 & 9 Winter Sports Gala Day 4 August

MACHINIMA TRIAL

At the beginning of Semester II last year, Glenala SHS was selected as one of three schools to participate in a Machinima Trial. Conducted as part of The Games in Learning Project run by Education Queensland, film and television teachers from Smithfield SHS, Creative Industries and Glenala SHS have been required to teach Machinima with their students and to gauge its suitability for use in the Queensland Curriculum. Mrs Richards and I have been part of this project.

Machinima is a technique where games are used to create new forms of media. What we taught was Machinima 101 – a very basic level as we were learning with the students. I had some idea of the process having attended the Australian Teachers Of Media(ATOM) conference at which Vincent Trundle and his Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) team had presented in 2006. We had also had a two day workshop experience at Sippy Downs with the other teachers in the trial, Vincent, and project officer, Kristine Kopelke. We left this workshop with examples and ideas for our own implementation.

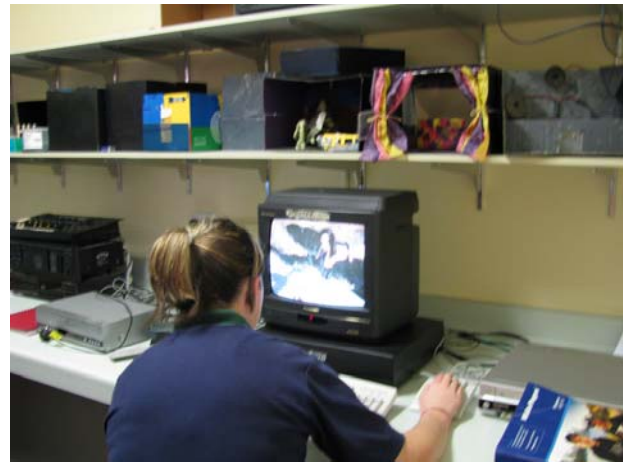
Last year, the first few weeks of the ten week unit with Media Studies students were spent learning about Machinima and then playing the game *The Movies*. We explored the virtual world and the idea of creating sets, characters and narratives, and made a genre film within the game as a practice activity. About half way through the ten weeks, after watching the students grasp the idea, we settled on a music video clip as the assessment item. We loaded a choice of songs and students prepared a design task where they planned images, and justification, for the lyrics. They then created the images and downloaded these to *Moviemaker*, where the final pieces were edited.

This semester, Year 11 and 12 Film, Television and New Media students have created narratives using one of three processes. The first was using *The Movies* as we had last year. The second choice allowed students to use PC games and the third involved using X-Boxes and games.

Mrs Richards and I spent two days last term at Sippy Downs presenting student work and sharing our experience with approximately one hundred teachers who attended the Get Game! Conference. Teachers were very impressed by our students' work and became keen to introduce the technique into their own classrooms.

Thanks and congratulations to all students who have willingly participated in this trial. We have certainly promoted Glenala SHS as a leader in this field!

_____*Chris Hayward, HOD – The Arts/Business.*



New Education Tax Rebate

The Rudd Government is introducing the new 50 percent refund on things such as lap tops, computers, textbooks and stationery. Parents in your school community should start collecting their receipts to ensure they benefit from this new initiative.

The education Tax Refund is;

- A 50 per cent tax refund of up to \$750 in educational expenses for each child at primary school – a maximum refund of \$375 per child.
- A 50 percent refund of up to \$1500 in educational expenses for each child at secondary school – a maximum refund of \$750 per child; and
- Available to parents who are entitled to Family Tax Benefit Part A, or whose school children receive Youth Allowance or a similar payment.

For further information on the new Education Tax Refund please refer to the fact sheet.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are a great opportunity for students to extend and enjoy learning. Tim O'Brien, a local guitar teacher and performer has a guitar teaching studio at Durack. He holds a current Blue Card and, as well as being a performer has taught guitar for three decades, all of which have given him an insight into teaching and learning . His Guitar playing can be heard by following this link <http://www.myspace.com/timobrienfingerstyleguitarist>

Tim can be contacted on **3879 8602**

CentreLink Attendance Requirements

Parents are reminded that, absences from classes where attendance is a requirement of the course, will have a bearing on the student's Austudy, Abstudy allowance and, where relevant, Rent Assistance, Remote Area Allowance and Pharmaceutical Allowance.

- If the student arrives after the first 30 minutes of the scheduled school day (after 9.30 am), this will count as a morning/half day absence.
- If the student leaves earlier than 30 minutes prior to the end of the scheduled schooling (before 2.30 pm), this will count as an afternoon/half day absence.

Centrelink entitlements for secondary school students attending a school may be reduced if the cumulative number of unapproved absences during a term exceeds five full days.

Official Opening of PJ Mcllwain Place.

Main Roads and the West centenary Junior Rugby League Club would like to invite you to share in celebrating the official openings of the new fields at PJ Mcllwain Place on Saturday, 26 July 2008 from 8:30 am – 1.00 pm, at 221 Grindle Road Wacol.

Activities on the day include:

- a visit from the Brisbane Broncos
- rock climbing wall with bungee
- jumping castle and gold coin donation sausage sizzle, and
- raffle for signed NRL merchandise.

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