

**COMING EVENTS****JUNE****QUT Visits**Yr 10 (25th)**Yr 11&12 Exams**
(19th, 20th & 23rd)**School Athletic
Carnival** (26th)Date Claimer
Year 10 into 11
Subject
Selection
Evening
(July 30th)**Next P & C****22.07.08****6:15Pm**

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GLENALA GAZETTE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Semester One is drawing to a close, but activities at the school do not look like slowing down. The exam block for years 11 and 12 students is this Thursday and Friday, and Monday of next week. Students are only required to be at school for their exams, but must be in full school uniform. Years 8,9 and 10 are expected to be at school full time for the next two weeks, as are all years 11 and 12 students next Tuesday through to Friday.

The inter-house Athletics Carnival is on next Thursday, 26 June. I encourage all students and as many parents/carers to attend as possible. I have fond memories of last year's Carnival, with excellent student participation, and look forward to increased involvement in one of our major carnivals of the year.

Our School Annual Operation Plan has recently been approved by District Office. At the moment staff are reflecting on how far we have gone with our priorities for 2008. These are:

- Improve learning pathways for students
- Improve school image in local community
- Engage Community during State Schools of Tomorrow process
- Implement whole school literacy plan

We are making good progress on these key strategic directions, and at the same time are embarking on our School Strategic Plan for 2009-2011. We are also monitoring progress for the last three year period, and will seek support from some parent/carers in filling out a survey regarding this.

The end of Semester One is a good time for us to reflect on what has been happening in the school for the first part of the year. Whilst acknowledging that things aren't always perfect in any school, some of the positives of Semester One are as follows:

- Significant decrease in number of students referred to the Planning Room
- Establishment of Better Behaviour Better Learning and Whole School Literacy Committees
- Rollout of Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Framework
- Establishment of partnership with Bremer TAFE and Glenala State High School Hospitality students
- Initiate Focus on Classrooms
- Partnership with Minter Ellison Law firm
- Breakfast Club and Homework Club
- SPARK reading program
- ITrack
- Interagency expo
- Parent/ Carer/Teacher afternoon
- Business donations
- Sunsafe Hat sponsorship
- Numerous academic/cultural/sporting excursions
- Aboriginal Dance Group and Pacific Islander Dance Group
- Increased Primary School visits
- Numerous Student Council initiatives
- Drama partnership with Canterbury College

This has been a busy semester at Glenala State High School, and I wish all students, parents/carers and school staff a safe, restful and happy holiday. The last day for this term is Friday, 27 June and school resumes on Tuesday, 15 July.

All the best

Michael Knox, Principal

Heads of Department Chris Hayward, Sara Cowan, Jonathan Wells, Sharon Tessmann, Brenda Shirley and Liz Rollason.
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Labour Day 2008

On the fifth of May this year staff at Glenala were well represented at Labour Day 2008. Staff at Glenala tirelessly work hard for their students and remembering the role of workers in society is an important annual event. The day was a great way to meet other teachers of local public schools.



From left, Chris Hayward, Jonathan Wells, David Newman, Diana Briscoe and Katchia Avenell

David Newman, Deputy Principal

Paradise comes to Glenala.

This term has seen Senior Drama students marching or rather dancing to a different beat. In a combined project with Backbone Youth Arts, Inez Fainga'a and Ulli from The Breakthrough Crew and Glenala State High School, twenty senior students from a variety of cultural backgrounds have been exploring Polynesian performance techniques in connection with the play 'Paradise'. 'Paradise' was a project supported by Brisbane City Council in 2005/2006 whereby members of The Breakthrough Crew in collaboration with Backbone Youth Arts and Visible Ink devised and produced a musical performance using stories from their lives. This play is now awaiting publication and hopefully will be launched in 2009 as a text to be used in Queensland High Schools.



As part of the new Queensland Drama syllabus, the opportunity arose for students to take on a unit of study that allowed them to explore dramatic techniques from Island culture. They have created Hakas (movement pieces), learned to sing in harmony, developed chants and rhythms and come to understand ideas about Polynesian traditions. The commitment and sincerity that each and every student has brought to the experience has been a real credit to them as young people. We have been very fortunate to have Fraser Corfield, the director of 'Paradise', as well as Inez and Ulli, creators of and performers in 'Paradise' work on a voluntary basis with the students in a number of workshops to help them fully experience these techniques and traditions. Hopefully all the hard work will be reflected in their final pieces which are presently being created and rehearsed for a final presentation on Wednesday 25th June.



Narelle Richards, Drama Teacher

University of Southern Queensland 'Student Experience Day' Excursion Wednesday 4 June 2008

Sixteen students from years eight and nine boarded the PCYC bus and set off on a journey of discovery. On arriving at the university we were greeted and led into a small lecture room where we were given 'goody' bags. We were joined by students from St. Peter's Lutheran College Springfield Campus. The students did an activity which helped them to identify what they were good at and what careers may interest them. At first our students were a little shy but when the lecturer started offering bribes in the form of lollies and stress balls our students were quick to jump in to ask and answer questions.

Students learnt about what courses the different faculties offered and what careers they could go into after completing these courses. Students listened to lecturers talk about Engineering and Spatial Science, Business, Education, Media and Psychology. The students all agreed that they particularly enjoyed some of the illusions that the Psychology lecturer showed them.

At lunchtime after a pizza feast the students were asked to join the Campus paper plane making and flying contest. Many of our students made planes and joined the competition, with some planes starting off well only to crash and burn. However, one of our students Chrisjoe Fitiao went on to win the competition beating all the university students at their own game. He won a very cool T-shirt and was interviewed by reporters of the campus radio station.

It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile day. Our students were enthusiastic, well behaved, polite and courteous to all.

The highlight of the trip for me came the next day when so many of these students came running up to tell me how much they had enjoyed the trip and how they wanted to go to university.

These students are our future and we need to start encouraging them now to have goals. It doesn't matter if the goals change along the way - at least they are working towards something.

Kim Matthew, Year 8 Coordinator

A Great start towards a career in Hospitality

The Hospitality Industry demands special skills and qualities of its people, particularly in the area of attention to detail. Glenala State High School Hospitality Department offers students the most up to date facilities with the recent addition of a commercial kitchen. Students in 2008 are now experiencing the opportunity to work towards a Certificate I in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) and Certificate II in Hospitality Operations in partnership with Bremer TAFE.

Both Year 11 classes and the Year 12 class have embraced this with great gusto and enthusiasm, recognising that Hospitality training fast tracks travel and work for young people with the appropriate skills. Hence, Hospitality is the fastest growing area of employment in Australia and around the world. Congratulations to all those students who have worked diligently this past semester in gaining competencies towards their Certificate in Hospitality. Don't let the ball drop; keep up the good work in semester 2.

Liz Rollason, A/HOD –Senior Schooling



Work Experience

Work Experience and Structured Work Placement are vital components of the Glenala State High School's Vocational Education and Training Program. They are designed to provide students with practical work experience in a workplace, relevant to their school curriculum. The many partnerships with local industry and businesses provide our students with opportunities to be taught in line with current industry practices and standards, affording them the practical skills required and an understanding of employer's expectations.

Many of these placements and opportunities extend to future careers by way of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. Students from Year 10, 11 and 12 so far this year have participated in various industry placements, ranging from Hospitality/Retail, Metal Work, Automotive and Coach Building to name a few.

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Australia's "Biggest Morning Tea" was held by staff on the morning of Thursday 29th of May. The common room was decorated with colourful teacups, coffee pots and spoons – all of which were designed and prepared by staff and students of the Education Services Unit. All staff enjoyed the event, and raised \$150 for the Cancer Council of Queensland.



The CEC Team



The Education Services Team

James Cook University Health Careers

JCU is hitting the road and will be holding a Health Careers information evening in your school regions. The sessions are specifically designed for Year 11 & 12 students and their parents.

JCU staff and health professionals will host these sessions, providing the opportunity to talk face-to-face with the people who teach courses and work in the health industry.

Please contact Mr Greg Ballin (Guidance Office) for more information.

School Holidays
Semester 1 last day, Friday 27th of June
Semester 2 first day, Tuesday 15th of July

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EXAM BLOCK HALL

ALL EXAMS IN THE GREAT HALL UNLESS INDICATED

	Thursday 19 June 2008	Friday 20 June 2008	Monday 23 June 2008
Session 1 8:50 – 11:25	<u>Year 11 and 12</u> MATHS A <u>Year 11 and 12</u> MATHS B	<u>Year 11 and 12 BCT</u> <u>Year 11 and 12 AIS</u> <u>Year 11 and 12 ICT</u> ROOM N1	<u>Year 12 CHEMISTRY</u> <u>Year 11 ACCOUNTING</u> <u>Year 11 and 12 MUSIC</u> ROOM G8
Session 2 12:20 – 3:00	<u>Year 11 and 12</u> Modern History	<u>Year 11 PHYSICS</u> <u>Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies</u> <u>Year 11/12 Drama Room G3</u> 1:20 – 3:00	<u>Year 11 and 12</u> ENGLISH

SPECIFIC EXAM TIMES WILL VARY WITHIN THE ALLOCATED SESSION TIMES. EXAM SUPERVISORS WILL MONITOR TIMES.

- Full school uniform must be worn.
- You are only to come to school when you have an exam.