



- 13th EKKA holiday
- 14th, Student Free Day
- 15th Multicultural Day
- 19th, Guest Speaker
Reggie Dabbs
- 20th Yr 10 – 11 Subject
Selection evening
- 21st Yr 10 & 11 Career
Choice Day
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- Science Yr10
Excursion
- 25th – 27th Regional
Track & Field
Championships
- 27th – 29th Biology Trip

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GLENALA GAZETTE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have 9 NEITA teachers.

The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA) has congratulated our school on having nine teachers nominated for an Australian Scholarship Group Exceptional Teacher Award. Teachers were nominated by members of our community and this week was presented with a NEITA Certificate of Nomination at school assembly. Teachers who were nominated are pictured below with school captains Nathan Gough and Vittoria Teodo. They are: Wendy White, Kim Matthew, Narelle Richards, Jonathon Wells, Eugene Rajasingham, Stacey Warwick, Andrew Kamler, Adam Richter, with Danielle Lutton-Gregory also nominated but absent for the photo.

The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise exceptional teachers, highlight the work, not only of individual teachers around Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of teachers in every school and centre.

Congratulations to all recipients on a job well done.

Michael Knox, Principal

State Schools of Tomorrow Update

The State Schools of Tomorrow project for Inala will see \$69.5 million invested in modernising six local schools to provide 21st century teaching and learning environments for the Inala-Durack community.



We are now moving into the planning stage for each individual school. The first step is to build on the ideas from the community consultation process to produce an education vision for each school. The new facilities will be built to support this vision.

Principals have worked both within their schools and together at two planning workshops over the past few weeks. The views of all schools including Richlands and Inala West, have been given equal importance. The aim of the project is to improve the educational opportunities for your children.

We expect that a master plan for each school will be developed within about three months. This will be displayed at the school for your information.

Some parents have already had individual meetings to discuss the project and issues affecting their children. Further information sessions have been organised to provide information on the project for Richlands and Inala West State School state school parents and carers.

While there has been some anxiety about the changes involved, the great majority of comments we have received indicate a great enthusiasm for the project and what it will deliver for this community. There is a strong desire to move forward and get the new building work happening. We expect construction to start early next year, with schooling to continue as normal at all schools.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the State Schools fo Tomorrow team on 3237 0008.

SPARK GRADUATION

Tuesday 5th August saw the graduation of our SPARK students. Students who were involved in the program attended a formal ceremony held in the school library which was attended by parents, the Minter Ellison mentors, Australian Business and Community Network employees and members of the press. The ten students were presented with certificates and books.

Spark was an Australian Business and Community Network initiated mentoring reading program. The aim of Spark is to benefit students by developing their literacy and conversational skills, along with building their vocabulary. Glenala SHS Year 8 students were the first to participate in this program and due to its success the program will be run in many other schools next year.

Jessica Winter, Year 12 Student



BRING IT ON

Empowering today's Youth to become strong & confident leaders to positively impact the world.

Approximately 25 Glenala State High School Students performed at *Bring It On*, a secondary schools hip hop competition to be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday, the 8th August 2008 at 6.00 pm.

After weeks of dedication and rehearsal, the students performed a mind-blowing, self devised routine in front of 4000 people.

The students showed wonderful team spirit, pride and respect on the night, narrowly missing being in the Top 3 but placed 5th out of thirteen participating schools. The judges commended on their routine and can't wait to see them back next year!

Those involved should be exceptionally proud of themselves and their achievements. Well Done!

BRING IT ON KEY MESSAGES

Education: The importance of school and study - putting in the hard work now for a bright future.

Attitude: Always having a positive 'I can do it' attitude.

Responsibility: Taking personal responsibility for actions.

Change: Change for the good.

Maximising Gifts and Talents: Recognising gifts and talents and using them. We believe youth are often influenced by the negative

inputs. We want to use this event to allow positive role models to speak to youth about making constructive choices to reach worthwhile goal.

Ms Katchia Avenell

NAIDOC CELEBRATION

On the 31 July Glenala celebrated NAIDOC; NAIDOC is a significant week for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia. This year's celebration started with some traditional food tasting including; crocodile, kangaroo and witchetty grubs, as well as some Sop Sop.

Students were also able to take part in some Traditional games such as Gorri and Birray, there was also opportunity to learn how to throw a returning boomerang with Uncle Gomer Conlon and Shannon Turbane

The afternoon concluded with a concert in the Great hall, the event was hosted by Cedella Anson who provided a welcome to country on behalf of the Indigenous student. The concert was opened by the very talented Yobalani, with Josh Shadford, Craig Egert, Jahn, Daniel and Dwayne Conlon dancing, Ladyzees Business was next on the program with Kiara Clark – Tyson, Jacki Saunders, Betty Lui – Thane and Darnah Egert performing a hip-hop dance, the program also included two Torres Strait Islander dance groups with current students Walter and Betty Lui – Thane performing with their family.

A special thanks to Ms Tessmann and her Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies class for all the hard work and organisation of this celebration.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Support Team



Arts Council Performance

On Tuesday 5th August the students at Glenala SHS in years 11 and 12 English and Senior Drama classes attended a performance called "Shakespeare's Women". This performance was about some of Shakespeare's plays all in one. Some of these plays consisted of Romeo & Juliet, Hamlet, A Midsummer's Night Dream, Twelfth Night, Much Ado About Nothing, King Lear, Macbeth, Taming of the Shrew and Othello. The director of this performance used all these plays to tell a story about how Shakespeare used men to play women and how all his love stories turned into tragedy's. There were three actors only. They modernised Shakespeare's plays by using modern songs such as Chasing Cars, Baby One More Time and Sexy Back, however changed the lyrics to suit each play. The students thoroughly enjoyed the play as it was fun, exciting and involved the audience. Overall this performance was fun to watch and easy to understand.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is nice to see all our year eight students return to school revitalised after their recent holiday. This term promises to be a busy time for our students as we all work hard on some exciting new projects. The book *Kensuke's Kingdom* written by Michael Morpurgo has been the impetus for a new unit of work in English/SOSE. Students will learn about and discuss many issues that have been raised in the book. Mapping, navigation, endangered species, animal poaching, Japan, survival skills, relationships and inventions are but a few of the topics that students will be working on. Each student has been given a book for this unit of work with strict guidelines about how it is to be set out and treated with care. Please encourage and support your students in their endeavours over the next term.

At our year level assemblies last term we started handing out Academic Award Vouchers to students. These vouchers have been donated to our school by businesses in our community. Teachers nominate students in their class who are consistently working hard to improve their learning, who always behave well and are polite and courteous. So far the recipients of these awards have been as follows: Joanne Keys, Shianne Parsons, Leyton Butler and Sarah Crossingham. Congratulations to all those students!!

We are constantly working to find ways to support and encourage your students. However, as we are all part of the same team I have included below some ways that you can help at home with your students learning.

Support your students learning by:

1. Encouraging student's ideas, interests and dreams.
2. Offering assistance without taking over.
3. Observing, listening and looking out for challenges; posing questions.
4. Guiding and working with teachers who are supporting your student.
5. Being ready to praise and celebrate your student's efforts and learning.

Kim Matthew, Year 8 Co-ordinator

On Thursday, 7 August, I attended the Lord Mayor's **Youth Advisory Council**. Along with twenty other students from across Brisbane, I had the honour of representing Glenala State High School. The meeting was chaired by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman himself and many issues that affect the young were discussed. I had the opportunity to speak with people who made youth programs such as Bring It On possible. If you have any ideas you would like to put forward

concerning the young community, then please speak to me, as it is a great opportunity to get your opinions across.



Anne Flores, Year 10 Student

Careers day at Bremer Institute of Tafe.

On the 06th of August approximately fifty students travelled to the Careers Day at Bremer institute of Tafe. The day provided information and ideas for students to think about and organize their futures. The rock climbing wall was a hit with our students and the coffee shop was a major hit with the supervising teachers. The career booths were perused by Mrs White, Mr Saunderson and Mrs Garrioch however they were convinced that teaching is by far the most suitable and alluring profession for them. Our students also took the opportunity to visit the career booths and on our return trip the bus was filled to the windows with dreams of the future... and frisbees, brochures, balloons, rulers pens, rubbers, badges, bubble blowers and bags. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Mr Saunderson, Year 9 Co-ordinator

"Team Up Inala" at PCYC

Crawling, jumping, stretching, falling, shouting, throwing, just some of the things that were experienced by our year nine students that attended "Team Up Inala". On Tuesday the 05th of August, seven of our year nine boys travelled to Inala's PCYC to participate in, "Team Up Inala". The program will be going for approximately 15 weeks so see Mr Saunderson if you want to be a part of it. Program "TEAM UP INALA" is aimed to develop life skills and improve behaviour and attitudes of participating students through instruction in Judo/Ju Jitsu skills, self defence, anti-bullying strategies, tactical communication, team building, problem solving skills and alternative decision making skills. Anthony Loughran was fortunate enough to kick start his super modelling career when the South West News Photographer came to photograph his electric looks and sizzling judo moves.

There is room for many more students to attend so see Mr Saunderson to fill out a form and get involved.

Mr Saunderson, Year 9 Co-ordinator



From Your Art Department.

Creative Generation Excellence Awards Regional Exhibition

at the

Ipswich Art Gallery

Opening Night: Friday 15th August

Doors Open: 6:30pm

Presentations: 7:15pm

Food and drinks will be served from 6:30pm. You and your family are invited to attend the opening night of the Creative Generation Excellence Awards. These awards were previously known as The Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art. Our current Minister, Mr Rod Welford has invited each secondary school in Queensland to participate in this awards program.

The students representing our school at the Regional Exhibition are Son Ngo, Sione Lotulelei and Yen Vo. These students have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to have their work exhibited not only at our regional gallery, but also at the Gallery of Modern Art if selected for the Central Exhibition.

I am sure that our art students would appreciate the support of their peers, parents and staff at this event. Invitations can be collected from the Art Department, or the above details can be relied upon.

Thankyou,

_____ *Mr Saunderson, Art Department*

Glenala Wine Making

During term 2, as part of the Yr 11/12 Chemistry assessment, Chemistry students made three fruit wines: pear, apple and pineapple. After taste testing by some of the teachers, it was decided that these students enter one of the wines in this year's Ekka. The good news is that on the school's first attempt (both for students and their teacher), the pear wine entry was placed a close third (by half a mark) in the Sweet Fruit Wine class at the Ekka. It was mentioned by judges that pear wines are very difficult to perfect as they tend to lack body and flavour. This is a tremendous result as we beat the more established wine making schools.

Congratulations to the Glenala SHS Chemistry class as they are now award winning wine makers!



_____ *Mr Kamler, Chemistry Teacher*

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Regards

Leonie Wetherall