DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

A warm welcome back and a special hello to our new families on behalf of all the staff at Glenala State High School. Our growing school has reached 744 students and we now have close to 100 staff members.

In my opening addresses to staff and students I was clear that my main focus as Principal will be on student learning. On the first day I asked students to ensure that throughout the year that they be ‘READY TO LEARN’ – with all necessary equipment for class every day. Thank you for your hard work in getting your student/s ready to learn and work. I congratulate the vast majority of students on their excellent presentation in their uniforms. I have included the uniform policy in the newsletter for your information and action if need be. To ensure your student has access to textbooks and other learning resources please ensure you have signed up for the Resource Hire Scheme at $ 205 per student for the year. Any enquiries regarding the scheme or the alternative please contact the Business Services Manager – Julie Vukovic on 3847 3555.

At Glenala SHS our motto ‘Believe and Achieve’ and four values – ‘Respect and Responsibility, Commitment to Learning, Pride and Perseverance’ guide us as to how we conduct ourselves and provide a common language in which to go about school business. These values are explicitly taught to our students and guided by the School Wide Positive Behaviour philosophy which looks to bring the best out in our students. We have high expectations of our students in behaviour, effort and academic progress.

Our five school priorities are linked to the Department of Education's State School Strategy and will drive the school's direction in 2015. The priorities are:

- Attendance and Engagement
- Literacy and Numeracy Achievement
- Academic Achievement through a common evidence based teaching and learning framework
- Retention in post compulsory phase
- Safe, supportive learning environment

We have set some specific targets to ensure these priorities are realised and these include:

- 92% attendance rate
- School Opinion Survey – Parents, Students and Staff 95% satisfaction rating
- 100% QCE, OP 1-15, QTAC offers
- NAPLAN positive gains in all areas

I lead a team of very talented and committed teaching and non-teaching staff who are dedicated to ensuring our students experience high quality teaching as well as providing a supportive learning environment. We have a strong Administration team, Heads of Departments, Directors, Year Co-ordinators and Student Services team responsible for the leadership and management of our school. Below are some of the key roles for 2015.

Principal: Anne Lawson
Deputy Principal: Paul Cox (Year 10), David Newman (Year 11)
Business Services Manager: Julie Vukovic
Director of Student Achievement (DOSA): Sharon Tessmann (Year 12)
Junior Director of Student Achievement: (JR DOSA): Nancy Bajwa (Year 7)
Director of Student Engagement (DOSE): Erin Sadlier (Year 8,9)
Since my arrival at Glenala SHS I have been impressed with the partnership that exists between home and school and involvement of our families. This week we had our first Parents and Citizens meeting for 2015. One of the issues discussed included a new sports uniform for 2016. I would like to extend a welcome to the school community to join the Association. The Annual General Meeting followed by the second meeting of the year will be held on 17 March in the Library.

Glenala SHS has had an extremely positive start to 2015. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many staff who have ensured the commencement of the school year has been smooth.

Best Wishes ~ Anne Lawson, Principal
You should by now have received your Textbook Hire Scheme Payment form. Thank you to all families who have paid their child’s fees in full. The Textbook Hire Scheme cost for this year is $205.00 per student.

If you have outstanding fees owing from 2014, any payments made will be deducted from this debt first. Your child will be entitled to their Textbooks as soon as you have:

- paid $50 part payment for 2015 and
- have entered into a payment plan for the remainder of fees owing

All fees need to be paid in full by 18th September, 2015. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Textbook Scheme, please phone the office to make an appointment to see me, so the appropriate paperwork can be filled out. At this appointment, a list of resources and textbooks will be provided to you, so you may purchase them for your child.

As indicated on the Textbook Hire Scheme information sheet, you will see there are some subjects which incur a Subject Levy. These costs are separate from the Textbook Hire Scheme. If your child is enrolled in these subjects, the levy will need to be paid by the end of each term. Failure to pay the subject levy will result in you providing resources required for your child to participate in this subject. If your levy is unpaid, your child will not be able to use the school resources.

If your child is participating in school sport, the bus cost will be debited to your child’s account. Prompt payment is needed if your child is to continue playing school sport.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 38774222.

~ Julie Vukovic, Business Services Manager
SCHOLAR’S ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 10th February, Glenala SHS held its annual Scholars and Leadership Induction Assembly. This assembly celebrated both our graduates on Academic success, but also formally introduced and inducted the leaders of 2015. 35 GEM Awards were given to last year’s grade 12 class for achieving outstanding academic grades and we congratulated all students who will be embarking on university pathway this year. The second half of the ceremony was dedicated to this year’s leaders. This year we inducted over 20 Senior Mentors in Grade 12, who will be assisting with the Year 7 and 8’s transition from primary to secondary schooling. We also inducted junior and senior house and arts captains, as well as the junior leadership team, culminating in the formal introduction and induction of the senior leadership team:

Mitchell Currie – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader
Darcee Durox – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader
Mahawa Fofana – Senior Leader
Lina Tongia – Senior Leader
Madison Burbidge – School Captain
Thomas Puselj – School Captain

The assembly was led by Madison and Thomas, 2015 School Captains, who also took the official pledge of leadership on behalf of the other leaders for 2015. Many special guests attended the ceremony including Councillor Milton Dick, Robert Reed, Uncle Albert Holt, and Lee Vo, a former student of Glenala and budding lawyer, who delivered the key note address.

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLIES

Glenala SHS’s biannual Academic Assemblies took place on February 16th. These assemblies are a great time of celebration in the school and are events we look forward to each year. The academic assemblies celebrate academic excellence, acknowledging and praising high achievement in the previous semester, this time Semester 2 2014. If a student has achieved outstanding academic results they receive both a GEM badge and a GEM certificate. 157 students were celebrated for their hard work with 120 receiving bronze awards, 20 receiving silver awards and 17 receiving gold awards.

We were very lucky to have the Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, be with us for the assembly and all were inspired by her key note address that focussed upon education being the key to our futures. Ms Palaszczuk told the students that she was the second person from the Inala area to become Queensland’s Premier and that maybe the third was sat in front of her.

Several other VIPs were also in attendance including The Honourable Bernie Ripoll MP, the federal member for Oxley, Aunty Teresa Macintosh and Robert Reed, Partner at Minter Ellison Law who delivered the second address.

The GEM program has been running since Semester 1 2011 and it is going from strength to strength. In 2011, we delivered 15 awards, this February, we delivered 157, an enormous increase and a testament to the hard work that our students do.

Congratulations to all GEM award recipients and we look forward to August’s assembly.

~ Rebecca Kirtley, Events and Promotions Coordinator
CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12, 2014

We are very proud of the achievements of our graduating Year 12s of 2014. Once again 100% graduated with a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), 92% of our OP students received a 1-15, and 100% of our tertiary bound students received an offer through QTAC.

NEWS FROM JUNIOR SECONDARY!!

What a wonderful beginning for our new Year 7 and 8 students at Glenala SHS!! Students have settled into high school life particularly well, and there have been a lot of positive interactions between the students and teachers. Generally, the uniform standard has been very pleasing and the students are wearing it with pride. The swimming carnival was held during the first week, and our students participated with great enthusiasm. Students in Year 7 were asked to write a letter to their high school principal, and some excerpts from their responses are below:

“On my first day of High School, there was a sea of older children. I heard a lot of laughter and happiness. It smelt like yummy burgers and pies coming from the tuckshop. It felt like a new future and a new beginning and it felt like I was starting primary school all over again. I made heaps of friends from each grade, mostly from grade 12. They were very big for me to look at and they were so nice and cool to hang with. The teachers here are kind and amazing to talk to. My advice to Primary students is “don’t be a bully and help others in need”. ~ Benjamin Faapo, Richlands East State School

“When I arrived at Glenala SHS, I went to the Great Hall and met with some friends from primary school. The air was filled with that new uniform smell. The teachers introduced themselves and we went for a tour around the school. The last session was definitely my favourite. I never used to enjoy art but now I look forward to it. Nearly every lesson is practical and I can’t wait for the assessment, a self-portrait collage. My first day at Glenala SHS taught me to appreciate the impact that Inala State School has made on my life. Thanks for those great seven years”. (Charlie Dawson, Inala State School)

“On my first day, my voice was a mixture of hesitance, excitement and enthusiasm. The teachers were so caring and compassionate which gave me the feeling of security and that I belonged in the school community. Thanks to them I got through the first day feeling calm, happy and excited for my new year in such a great environment.”
What surprised me was that the Deputy Principal, Mr Newman and the Principal, Mrs Lawson, walked outside to Glenala Rd and made sure the students were walking safely across. It is such a simple thing, but it’s something I’ll remember when I leave school. My message to Year 6 students is: when you go to high school next year, yes it’s a big change, but I guarantee you that it’ll be awesome. So just do your best and enjoy every single day. Good luck with your future and never forget to keep chasing your dream”. (Minh Phan, Inala State School)

I have received many wonderful letters from the students, and these are only a snapshot. Don’t forget to come along to our Year 7/8 Meet and Greet where you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and other staff members. I look forward to sharing other positive stories with you in the future.

~ Mrs Bajwa, Acting Junior Director of Achievement, Acting HOD Middle School

2015 has seen the introduction of a new leadership role within Glenala State High. 25 Year 12 students have taken on the role as Senior Mentors. This important position was created to help transition the new Year 7 and 8 students into life at Glenala High. This wonderful group of seniors came in to school on the first day of term to help with the Orientation programs and what a wonderful job they all did. Since this day, they have been busy creating and running up to three lunchtime programs a week. They have coordinated and led a range of activities such as soccer, trivia, book club, touch football, dance battles, handball tournaments and volleyball aimed at engaging the Year 7 and 8 students during their lunchtime. It is wonderful to see so many new faces at Glenala participating in these activities whilst making new friends within their year level and also with the senior students.

~ Michelle Cox, Year 12 Coordinator

And we are off and racing....the 2015 year has started with the usual fast pace of getting to know students, diagnostic testing and gaining a holistic profile of where our students are at. Students in Year 7 and 9 have had a big start to their year with NAPLAN practice occurring over the past few weeks. The year 7s completed this in their classes, whilst the Year 9s completed 3 half days in the hall under exam conditions. Their teachers have been eagerly marking these tests and we have also enlisted the help of external markers to provide feedback on student writing, to ensure that we have as much information as possible to cater for the needs of our students. This of course includes the extension of students and intervention in areas where we could see improvement. This has been a dress rehearsal for staff and students alike and all students should be commended for their behaviour and effort- including on a very rainy and wet testing day. Well done! The real NAPLAN test occurs in May of this year.

~ Kelly Stephenson, HOD English/ SOSE
As news on the election hype slows down, the pace of the English and Humanities department picks up. It's been a wonderful yet somewhat hectic start to the year and the term just keeps getting busier and more exciting. Students and teachers alike have been settling in and engaging in content with ease.

Only a few weeks in and already a broad range of topics have been covered across the faculty's classes. Year 8 History classes are discovering the lifestyles of villainous, vicious Vikings, while year 10 students have been sprung with a pretest on World War 2 history – because we all know how much students love surprises. Pleasing to note that the students attacked the questions with success, in true gladiator style!

Meanwhile, in English, the juniors are writing short stories focusing on the theme of belonging. Being their first year in high school is a topic that not only are they identifying in class, but in the playground as well. Looking over at the senior students, they are busy planning events such as birthdays and weddings, whilst some are studying documentaries, determining what's real and what's not. Something that is real though, is the enjoyment and frustration that can be heard from the year 10 English classes as students study a unit on satire and (mis)representations of teenagers. Are all adolescents really lazy and messy? Just take a walk down your hallway into your child's bedroom to find the answer!

It is also pleasing to note that Glenala has formed two debating teams. For their first topic, the “Gladiators” will go head to head in a battle either for or against the popularity of slum tourism during March. The opponents are unknown, but what is known is that the students have been working hard researching, writing and rehearsing their public speaking skills.

On behalf of the entire department, we look forward to meeting you at the next school event, but why wait till then? If you have any queries or concerns or just want to chat about your child’s progress, please feel free to make contact with us, anytime.

Yours in literature ~ Joanna Tran, English and Humanities Teacher

Internet cables, cutting-edge surgery, reading a book, and the energy that makes all your food… what do these things have in common? Well, one thing is LIGHT. This year is the International Year of Light. To celebrate, students in years 7-9 have an exciting opportunity to participate in a conference of scientific, technological, engineering, and mathematical learning. This is the 2015 Kids’ S.T.E.M Convention, which will begin late next term. This program is organised in conjunction with the University of Queensland and is a wonderful chance for students to come up with their own inventions, ideas or experiments related to the theme. They can also meet scientists, professionals and other school students with diverse ideas and interests in science and technology. Keep your eyes open for further information about the Convention. In the meantime, take a look at the International Year of Light website if you would like to find out more about light, including career information, videos, and fun activities. [http://www.light2015.org/Home.html](http://www.light2015.org/Home.html)

What do scientists do? Are they all just men in white coats? Six of Glenala’s year ten students can confidently say that the answer is NO. These students were sponsored by Griffith University to spend four days over summer holidays touring Brisbane’s three major universities, and participating in the Conocophillips Science Experience. Students enjoyed seeing some of the state of the art facilities where they could be studying in just three years’ time. These included everything from underground swimming pools to one of the world’s largest touch-screen digital displays – QUT’s “The Cube”.

Students were able to explore a range of science-related careers and participate in workshops on environmental science, physics, engineering, biology, maths, chemistry, and forensic science. They used creativity and team-work to solve problems such as whether flood waters had killed a dugong, create technologies such as electrical circuits, and even make innovative products and create an advertisement. Students found the program valuable, and enjoyed seeing the variety of science-related careers that are available to them. It was also very helpful for making decisions about university applications. A very big thank you to Griffith University for their sponsorship. And well done to Grace Kean, Gage Brandley, Michelle Klimo, Connor Mahoney, Justin Bui and James Gemmel, who participated in the program. It definitely sounds like it was worth the effort!

~ Jessica Malcolm, Science Teacher
Welcome to all our new students and staff. This year new teachers Ms Hailee Speck (Dance/Drama), Ms Judilyn Bauer (Drama/Media) and Ms Romana Weedon (Visual Art) have joined Miss Becky Kirtley (Music/Media), Mr Simpson Reeves (Music), Miss Petersen (Junior Arts), Ms Dell Martin (Instrumental Music) and Ms Chris Hayward (Media) in engaging students in new learning.

Arts Captains have been appointed for 2015 and we congratulate seniors Teina Tairi, Yen Vo, Denerra Solofa and Wales Faaiuaso, and Middle School Arts Captain Shelly Toms to their new positions.

Teina has begun working with a group of students most lunch times to form a dance troupe under the watchful eye of Ms Speck. Already our group of singers – Alisa, Joy, Hannah, TJ, Sipi and Siaosi - have sung at Scholars’ and Academic Assemblies. They are scheduled to perform again the Years 7 and 8 Welcome Afternoon next week. This week we begin our Junior Choir and all Year 7 and 8 singers have been invited to join at rehearsals on Fridays at 8am in the Music Room. Year 11 and 12 Visual Art students have been privileged to have an artist-in-residence, Wendy, working with them to hone their skills in clay.

2015 is shaping up to be another year of exciting opportunities for Arts students at Glenala SHS!

GLENALA STUDENTS ON TV!

Last year, a film crew from Channel 10 shot footage for a new documentary at our school. Students from Years 11 and 12 Drama and Media students were selected to act as extras in the production. The producer has notified us that the network has scheduled documentary entitled From the Quadrangle for national broadcast on ONEHD Saturday 21st March at 3pm. This coincides with the national day of action against bullying and violence on the Friday 20th. The production tells the stories of several Australian celebrities and their experiences growing up. Tune in and see if you can recognise any of our students who re-enact some of their stories!

~ Chris Hayward, HOD of The Arts
The Special Education Program welcomes new students to Glenala and a new staff member, Mr Legrand. Mr Legrand joins our dedicated team working to optimise our students’ learning experiences. We work to deliver a ‘differentiated’ program - where we tailor the learning materials according to students’ needs. We are delighted to report an enthusiastic and energetic start to the year. It has been wonderful to see the positive attitude of the students and we commend them for their enthusiasm, punctuality and organisation as they learn a new timetable.

Head of Education Services, Helen Sands, says, “As well as welcoming returning and new students, we welcome parents into the Glenala community. We enjoy working together to help our students achieve their best.”

The Special Education Program looks forward to a productive year – students, teachers and parents working together in an inclusive school community.

~ Jacque Agard, SEP Teacher

This year Glenala SHS has seen an increase in a number of Year 11 students attending TAFE, mainly at Skills Tech Acacia Ridge in courses such as Furniture Making, Automotive (Light Vehicle), Engineering Pathways, Plumbing Services, Construction(Painting/Plastering) and Construction(Tiling/Stonemasonry).

School Based Traineeships numbers are steadily growing in areas of Hospitality, Retail, Fitness and Childcare.

After a huge success in students gaining a Certificate II in Transport and Logistics through the GenR8 program in 2014, this year we have eighteen Year 12 students taking part in the GenR8 program. This project is targeted at Year 12 students who would like to learn more about and experience first-hand, the world of work. This addition to the school curriculum includes a 20 week structured work placement program within a transport, logistics and supply chain business.

Glenala SHS was also selected to trial the AccelR8 program with the Year 12 students. Four students were successful in gaining a spot in this highly sort after program, preparing them for a Certificate II in Automotive. Students will be involved in a 20 day program at an Automotive (Heavy Vehicle) workplace and attend TAFE to complete the theory component.

The Glenala Trade Skills Centre project is due to start soon. Soil test and plans are being finalised. The school has had the privilege to work with an industry advisory group in planning to build a centre suitable for students in preparing them at industry standards. This advisory group has been led by Mr Paul Woodland from CVIAQ who has worked very closely with Glenala SHS since the early submission days.

I would like to acknowledge the following businesses in making all the programs the Glenala Students are engaged in viable: Blenners Transport, Brisbane Trailer Sales, Isuzu, Lindsays, Rocklea Markets, Iveco Brisbane, Brown and Hurley, Darra and RGM Maintenance.

~Sharina Gibney, HOD Snr School and VET
The Summer Season of Interschool Sport is underway, with Glenala off to a flying start. The 8 week competition consists of five schools including Glenala; Forest Lake SHS, Redbank Plains SHS, Springfield Central SHS and Woodcrest College. Games are played on selected Tuesday’s (see below for dates) after school from 3pm and will finish by 5pm. Volleyball boys will always be travelling to Woodcrest College and all other sports alternating between Girls travelling/Boys at home and vice versa (see below for further details).

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**GAME 1 RESULTS VS FOREST LAKE**
- Boys Open Volleyball – Won - 2:0
- Boys 9-10 Volleyball – Won - 2:0
- Boys Year 7-8 Touch – Lost
- Boys 9-10 Touch – Won – 8:3
- Boys Open Touch – Lost – 8:4
- Girls 9-10 Touch – Lost 4:2
- Girls Basketball – Lost
- Boys Basketball – Lost - 20:35

**Note:** Forest Lake does not have a Year 7-8 Boys Volleyball team, Year 7-8 Girls Touch team or an Open Girls Touch team.

**GAME 2 RESULTS VS WOODCREST COLLEGE**
- Boys Open Volleyball – Lost - 2:1
- Boys 9-10 Volleyball – Won - 2:0
- Boys 7-8 Volleyball – Won 2:0
- Boys Year 7-8 Touch – Lost
- Girls Basketball – Lost
- Boys Basketball – Won 0:67

**Note:** Woodcrest does not have any Girls Touch Football teams, Open Boys Touch Football and 9-10 Boys Touch Football teams.

Well done to ALL competitor and Good luck for Game 3. Go Gladiators!
On Friday the 30th of February, students participated in the school’s annual Swimming Carnival held at Inala State School. This year the carnival was broken into two separate carnivals with the juniors (Year 7, 8 and 9) competing in the morning and the seniors (Year 10, 11 and 12) in the afternoon.

The Bradman juniors gave a great lead to the Bradman seniors finishing on 198 points, followed by Freeman on 159 points and Lewis on 157 points.

At the end of the carnival it was a very tight finish with BRADMAN taking out the carnival by a 7 point margin on 420 points, Freeman on 413 points and Lewis on 390 points.

A big congratulations goes out to Bradman House and the Bradman House Captains, William Wertheim, Andrew Tupu, Khieataya Delaney and Ben Wertheim who did a fantastic job in encouraging team mates to compete. Well done to all competitors, spectators, staff and house captains, you did a fantastic job!

~ Sarah Laurie, Sports Coordinator

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GLENALA STATE HIGH SCHOOL’S SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS OF 2015**

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