Welcome to the October edition of the Glenala Gazette

For our Junior Secondary students we are in the middle of Term 4 with the last day of the school year for them being December 11. Our Senior students have a shorter time remaining with our Year 12’s graduating on November 20 and years 10 and 11 finishing on November 27. It is important that all students remain focused right up to when they finish. Parents/carers can support this by checking uniform, assessment dates, homework, ensuring students are punctual to school and that their attendance is above 92%. Our high expectations of students remain to the end of the school year.

We have had quite a concentrated effort over the last weeks conducting the Quadrennial School Review. This has involved reviewing Glenala SHS’s vision, values, practices and planning for the next four years. As well as analysing available data such as past Year 12 data, NAPLAN results, feedback from the School Review and the School Opinion Survey, a number of groups have been canvassed for opinions. I look forward to sharing our plan with you in the next newsletter.

Enrolment interviews continue this term for all year levels in 2016. Please contact the main office to arrange an interview as soon as possible if enrolment is relevant to your family. If you know family or friends who are intending to enrol at GSHS please encourage them to contact us for the compulsory enrolment interview.

World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on Friday 30 October in Queensland. Every day GSHS teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. We will mark this important day and on behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge our teachers and say a huge thank you.

Every time I reflect and write about the past months for the newsletter I am always amazed at the variety and interesting activities, events and learning experiences our students enjoy. This and the amazing Glenala school community have made my first year as Principal an exciting and fulfilling one. I love coming to work every day and I thank everyone for their support.

Best Wishes
Anne Lawson
Principal
Newsletter from the DP's

Together, we would like to say thank you to all the parents and care givers who continue to connect with the school, taking the time and effort to attend the variety of school functions this year and showing their continuing support of their child’s education, pathways and future.

Recently we invited parents/care givers into the school for:

**Year 10 SET-Plan** - On Thursday 15 October, all Year 10 students, parents and care givers together with staff, successfully completed individual SET-Plan interviews and chose subjects to transition into Years 11 and 12. Thank you to everyone involved.

**Year 9-10 Subject Selection Evening** – On Wednesday 21 October, all Year 9 students, parents, caregivers and a range of staff attended a subject selection evening providing information and support for students enrolling into subjects for Year 10 2016. The night was another success with a large attendance of supportive families, caregivers and staff. Thank you again.

Glenala SHS says thank you and we look forward to continuing our work together into 2016 in providing exceptional education, support and direction for every student. Every one of our students need to be well informed at home and at school, to ensure they work towards attaining the required knowledge, skills, attitudes and qualifications in order to embark on the career of their choice.

Mr Newman and Mr Cox
Deputy Principals

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**Awards**

Congratulations to Year 12 students, Mitchell Currie and Thuy Nguyen who attended the Order of Australian Association Ceremony on Friday 18th September at Parliament House. Mitchell was awarded a 2015 Secondary Schools Citizenship Award while Thuy received a Certificate of Community Service. Well done to both students.
Senior Schooling News

GENR8 and ACCEL8 students were treated to a visit by our school principal Ms Anne Lawson at their workplace this term.

All students found her visit rewarding as they showed off in their workplaces all the different skills they learned.

This also provided great opportunity for the school to say thank you to local business that support the programs and the students of Glenala.

**Glenala SHS Signs Partnership with Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Qld (CVIAQ)**

Brett Wright CEO of CVIAQ and Glenala SHS Principal has recently signed a partnership agreement to work together in the delivery of the Automotive course to be delivered at Glenala SHS in 2016.

The Trade Skills Centre will be purpose built to deliver courses in Automotive (heavy vehicle) and Logistics at a Certificate II level to students and community.

Sharina Gibney
Senior Schooling

Anne Lawson,  Principal
Brett Wright, CVIAQ CEO

Anne Lawson with Franziska Muller

Anne Lawson with Shawn Leiataua
NEWS FROM JUNIOR SECONDARY!!!

What a busy Term four in Junior Secondary! Currently our students are preparing themselves for upcoming assessment. All students should have homework every night, whether it is assignment work, homework exercises, revision for exams or reading.

In Mr Rynne’s Year 7 Science classroom, students are studying the solar system, and how to physically measure the sun, moon and earth by scaling down distances between each of them. Students went down to the oval, and were physically required to show Mr Rynne distances between the sun, moon and earth, after scaling down the distances between each of them. This requires a strong knowledge of maths and science, and students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. Mr Rynne is always looking for ways to challenge the students, and make every lesson engaging.

Primary school links: This term, two of our excellent Year 7 teachers, Ms Hickey and Mr Rynne, have visited our feeder Primary schools, Serviceton South SS, Inala SS and Durack SS to work with their Year 6 students on improving their NAPLAN results. The Primary school students have been very excited to have these teachers in their classroom, and these visits can only enhance learning outcomes next year.

Year 7 Book work checks: In term 4, we are trialling a book work checklist for every student in Year 7 in every subject. A checklist will be glued into their books, looking at whether they have a margin, the date, questions answered in sentences, work is marked with the correct answers written it, and homework completed. Our aim is to improve book work standards in Year 7, and make it easier for our students to achieve better results. Teachers will be checking their book work on a regular basis. This initiative will be introduced to Year 8 and 9 next year. Please encourage your children to show you the quality of their notebooks – they should be much improved!!

Junior Star Awards: During the last week of term, there will be a special assembly to recognise our Junior Star award winners for our Year 9 cohort. To be awarded a Junior Secondary Education Certificate, students must achieve the following:

Graduate Year 9 with 30 accumulated credit points.

This can be achieved a number of ways, as illustrated below:
Obtain six credit points per subject once a ‘C’ or better is awarded at exit (Year 9) in any subject.
Pass at least 5 subjects or more (including 3 core subjects)
Obtain one point for each semester (6 Semesters total over 3 years)
Gain 18 points from the 3 core subjects (4 points each – Maths/English/Science)
Gain remaining 12 points from elective subjects.
Overall ‘passed’ 5 subjects which will offer 6 points each, a total of 30 credit points.

We encourage all our Junior School students to keep working towards this goal of achieving a Junior Star at the end of Year 9.

Nancy Bajwa
Director of Student Achievement
**Mathematics Department News**

**ICAS Results**

Last month, 30 Glenala students from Years 7-12 participated in the ICAS Mathematics competition. The ICAS competitions are independent skills-based assessments sat by over one million students in more than 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA. This year 40% of our young mathematicians received Merit, Credit or Distinction awards.

Congratulations to **David Nguyen (Yr 7)** who received a **Distinction**. This is awarded to only the top 10% of the competitors.

Special mention to Christina Fa’Atuai (Yr 7), Coen Porter (Yr 9), Connor Mahoney (Yr 10), Anthony Nguyen (Yr 10), Amos Portugal (Yr 10), Kyle Ryan (Yr 11), and Nhu Phan (Yr 12), who all received Credits. This is awarded to the top 25% of the competitors.

Well done to all students who participated on the day! We are very proud of our students’ excellent results.

**Calculator Reminder**

Just a reminder that all students in years 7 – 12 are required to bring a **scientific calculator** to their Maths class every lesson. A scientific calculator can be purchased from most department and grocery stores for around $10-$30. If your student does not have a scientific calculator, we ask that you please provide one. Students need a calculator to complete work in class and also for their homework.

Margaret Jacobs
Maths HOD

**Breakfast Club**

Term 4 has again seen the Senior Mentor leadership team working extremely hard. They have introduced a free breakfast club in partnership with the YMCA for all students. This service operates twice a week and has been such a wonderful community minded project for our senior students to lead and serve the school community.

The breakfast club is open to all students and breakfast is provided free of charge. Research has shown that 1 in 4 Australian children do not eat breakfast. Our aim is to change this statistic here at Glenala.

Since the launch, we have been serving on average approximately 60 students per morning. We would encourage all students to come along **Thursday** and **Friday** morning for breakfast, served from 8am until 8:30am. On the menu is Toast, Cereal, Baked Beans, Fruit and Hot Milo.

Michelle Cox
Year 12 Coordinator
Literacy Update

Literacy has been a key focus this year at Glenala with the rollout of our whole school Reading Approach across every subject and class. Staff have been busy upskilling in Before, During and After reading strategies that enhance the reading comprehension of texts. We are having great success with this approach in classes and the students are engaged in learning note taking and summarising skills which enable them to pull apart texts for meaning.

Did you know that research shows that:
- Learning to read is one of the most important factors in school success.
- There are also strong links between literacy, school performance and self esteem.

When reading with your student:
1. Start by asking them questions about the topic. This will show you how much they already know and generate interest in the text.
2. Next read through the text with your student asking them questions as you read to clarify important information. Get your student to restate what has happened or the key information in the text in their own words.

Lastly, ask them some questions about the text to see if they understood what it was about or get them to draw a picture/visual representation of the information in the text.

It doesn’t matter if it is a short story, a science text or even a recipe! Reading is reading and will increase the likelihood of them being successful learners.

If you would like any more information on this, please feel free to contact me here at the school.

Kelly Stephenson
Literacy Coach

Laptop Hire Program

Below are the return dates for 2015 for 1:1 laptop hire program. All laptops are required to be returned to Mr Davies’ office by the due date below for annual updates and repairs. All outstanding payments for repairs will need to be finalised before the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Hayward on 3877 4222.

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Seniors 2015

It is such an exciting time of year for the current Year 12 cohort. After 5 years of hard work and dedication their time here is quickly coming to an end. There are many mixed emotions appearing within the group. Some are very excited at what the road ahead entails, but many have a tinge of sadness that our time together and memories we’ve made will come to a close. I am extremely proud of this Year 12 cohort, for the Glenala Values they live by and will continue to do so in our wider community in the many roles and positions they will take on in life.

As a school, we are extremely proud of the work you have done setting a positive example to our younger students. You welcomed the new Year 7 cohort this year with such positivity and the beautiful spirit that makes this school so special. As Year 12 coordinator, I am proud of the work and difference you have made to this school community. You have embodied your vision for 2015;

“One team, one mind, one heart, one Glenala”

I have watched many of you take on new roles and challenges and persevere to always be your best. The road ahead may not always be smooth so remember to take with you Glenala’s motto, if you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything.

Michelle Cox
Year 12 Coordinator
Fifteen students from Glenala High School were selected to pair up with fifteen recruits from the Police Academy as part of the ROLE (Respecting Ourselves, Leadership and Education) project. The Police recruits were paired one to one and acted as mentors and facilitators of the program. QPS Acting Inspector Lester Brooks, Regional Youth Support Coordinator Ms Vicki Ogilvie and Director of Student Engagement Ms Erin Sadlier worked together to design an interactive program for the students based at the Academy and the local PCYC. The goals of the project were to encourage students to remain focused on completing high school and to develop positive interactions with police. Benefits for the recruits included design and participation in a community policing initiative, and development of good communication skills with young people from various cultural and minority groups. The students really enjoyed being put through their paces on the Obstacle Course and worked with their mentors to overcome physical challenges and face fears. Students also keenly participated in career planning activities including listening to presentations from Police Liaison Officers, a Bomb Detection Dog Handler, a Road Policing Officer and demonstration in the Virtual Reality suite. To celebrate completion of the program the students attended the Recruit Graduation on 18 September 2015, and watched their mentor recruits achieve their career goal, marching out as Queensland’s newest constables. The students also graduated from the ROLE Program on the day and were presented with medallions from the QLD Police Commissioner.

Erin Sadlier
Director Of Student Engagement
Hospitality News

Glenala SHS Hospitality students helped the Inala community celebrate Mental Health week by hosting a continental buffet breakfast. One could have mistaken to be sitting in a well-established restaurant enjoying alfresco dining.

The students committed to the early start of 6am with enthusiasm. They presented themselves in the training restaurant in uniform and with huge smiles.

Guests left the breakfast impressed with a beautiful selection of food and service.

Well done Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students!

High Tea

Mrs Prasad and her Year 11 hospitality students have been busily preparing and serving delightful high tea to paying customers.

Students spend time planning the menu, setting the dining room for best ambience and then serving food and espresso coffee.

Guests were greeted with a complimentary mocktail, fresh light scones with cream and strawberry jam and to finish off, a selection of sweet and savoury delights.

This service forms an essential part of the Cert II in Hospitality assessment.

A big congratulation to the year 11 Hospitality team!

Sharina Gibney
Senior Schooling
Year 9 Food Studies Snapshot

Second semester has seen a flurry of activity in the Junior Kitchen with the Year 9 Food Studies students acquiring new skills in food preparation. This includes basic combos of milkshakes and Chocolate Chip Cookies to spicy Thai Chicken Curry!

Fourth Term will maintain the momentum as students were back in the kitchen week 1, preparing healthy breakfasts with eggs taking centre stage. Egg preparation beginning with the humble poached egg to the more elaborate and skill based savoury omelette; all produced and presented with ‘flair’.

Nutrition for Life is the theme for the remainder of the year and students are actively engaging with new and different foods such as legumes. With a little taste of Lebanese cuisine, felafel and hummus highlight how healthy alternatives can provide optimum nutrition and taste great, all at the same time!

Elizabeth Ballin
HOD Business/Year 13/Library
Awards Night

Glenala’s annual Awards Night is only a few weeks away. At this night we will celebrate the amazing achievements of our students this year, including the top academic students in each subject, the top performing arts and sports students and the highest achievers in the NAPLAN tests. In addition, we will also bestow a number of special awards (please see below for details on each) and announce the school leaders of 2016.

Brenda Douglas Memorial Award – Brenda was a school leader in 2009 and showed tremendous enthusiasm, courage and dedication to Glenala State High School. Sadly she passed away in 2010. She was a friend to many students and staff and in turn enjoyed a very high level of respect. The award is presented to 2 students who show similar qualities.

Community Spirit Award – This award is given in recognition of service to the school and involvement in school activities. This is a highly prestigious award and has a long tradition at Glenala. This Award is sponsored by Annastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland, and MP for Inala.

Dux and Year 10 and 11 Academic Excellence Awards – These are highly prestigious awards given to the students that have achieved the highest academic standard in their respective year (Year 12 for DUX). These are sponsored by The University of Southern Queensland.

GSHS Best All Rounder Award - This award is presented to a student, male or female, who has shown participation and excellence in academic, sporting and service activities. It is anticipated that the student throughout his/her life will continue to contribute towards society as a whole. This Award is proudly sponsored by Caltex.

Lale Family Memorial Award, Vocational Student of the Year – This award is named after the Lale Family who were Vocational Students at Glenala in 2011 before tragically losing their lives. This award is presented to a student who has made outstanding progress in a vocational pathway.

University of Queensland Glenala State High School Prize – This award is presented to a student, male or female, who has consistently demonstrated academic leadership. This Award is proudly sponsored by the University of Queensland.

Zonta Educational Encouragement Award – Zonta is a women’s service organisation, which each year, presents this award to 2 female students, one in Year 10 and another in Year 11, who have demonstrated sound academic results and an involvement in various aspects of school life, who aspire to careers in the sciences.

Bec Kirtley
Events, Productions, Promotions Co-ordinator
QATSIF

Glenala State High School has been a part of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Scholarship program since 2012. QATSIF provide scholarships that financially support Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in their journey to complete their senior studies and obtain their QCE. Each year the graduating Year 12 students are invited to attend a morning tea graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

On Thursday 22nd October, Glenala’s Year 12 scholarship recipients attended the ceremony held at the Holt Room at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus. After the acknowledgement to country by Uncle Albert Holt and a special address by Aunty Ruth Hegarty, a group of students were invited to speak and share their educational journey. Our Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader, Mitchell Currie, was one such student who was invited to share his story with the audience. Mitchell’s honest and heartfelt recall of his journey through high school was an inspiration to all. Morning tea provided an opportunity to meet other scholarship recipients from across Queensland and a chance to talk with university staff, school staff and elders. Congratulations to the graduating QATSIF Scholarship recipients of 2015.

Carole Grant
Community Education Counsellor

Mental Health Week at Glenala

This year’s Mental Health Week celebrations went off with a bang! The Student Services Team organised fun and interactive activities throughout the week to raise awareness of mental health - these included Traditional Aboriginal games, Frisbee comps, Quarterback Toss, a skipping presentation by the amazing Sherwood Arrows, and a Nae Nae comp between staff and students. We also held a breakfast for all the local stakeholders who support our students here at Glenala SHS; the Year 11/12 Hospitality classes prepared a wonderful continental breakfast for us! The highlight of the week was seeing all staff dressed up in their 90s Hip Hop gear – that surely got the students talking! A big thank you to everyone who participated!

Inge Alberts
Youth Support Co-ordinator
Enrolling now for all year levels 2016 – please phone our office to make an appointment at any time.

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