Welcome to the First Edition of the Glenala Gazette 2017

A huge welcome goes out to our parents and carers, students and community members for the 2017 School Year. Ms Lawson is on Long Service Leave for the first three weeks and will be returning Monday 13 February. I trust all families had a rewarding break over the Summer. Our population continues to grow as we are currently sitting on 810 Students which has resulted in 110 Staff Members needing to be employed. It has been fantastic to receive over 150 Year Sevens as the newest members of Glenala High. I would particularly like to say thanks to all of our wonderful parents and carers who have ensured our students have returned to school after the holidays in perfect school uniform.

We are now in Week Three which leaves students just seven weeks before their first Report Card for the year.

To ensure success for all students, Glenala’s staff have been back at work well before the school year started working to maximise the learning experiences of our students. Our ground and facilities staff have also prepared the school for a prosperous school year in our state of the art facilities. Our staff are extremely committed to ensure that every single student is successful and continues on a life pathway well after Year 12 is completed.

Our 2016 Year 12’s were highly successful once again with their learning outcomes:

100% of the students achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
Kyle Ryan was awarded an OP1. This is the second year in a row that Glenala State High School was awarded an OP1. Throughout Queensland each year only 700–800 OP1’s are awarded out of 20 000 eligible OP Students
94% of students who applied for entry into tertiary studies (QTAC) were successful

Our 2016 Year 7 – 11 students also achieved good results in Semester Two:
91% of students were awarded an A-C in their subjects for Achievement
91% of students were awarded an A-C in their subjects for Behaviour
89% of students were awarded an A-C in their subjects for Effort

Well done to our students and parents, your continual hard work makes us what we are today.

Our school priorities for 2017 are:
Quality Assessment and Feedback
Literacy – (Reading, Writing, Vocabulary)
Engagement
Our targets for 2017:  
92% Attendance  
100% Year 12 Outcomes – QCE, OP, QTAC  
90% A-C in Achievement, Effort, Behaviour  
Increase in As and Bs  
100% relative gain in NAPLAN and increase in students in the Upper two Bands  
Close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students  
95% parent, student and staff satisfaction on School Opinion Survey  

School is now well and truly underway with students now settled in their classes. We have already had our Swimming Carnival, while school photos, Academic and Leadership Assemblies and break time activities are in the upcoming weeks. This includes sporting trials, chess tournaments and debating. It is strongly encouraged that all students participate in different aspects of school life. Parents, please be on the lookout for Assessment Planners for Semester One in the mail soon. They will also be emailed to every student.

Glenala strongly values parent/carer input and participation. We will always continue to communicate with our community through a range of forums to ensure that a strong partnership exists. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have a query, you can also find out more about what’s going on at the school through the following:

Website: www.glenalashs.eq.edu.au  
Facebook: facebook.com/GlenalaSHSOfficial  
Text Message: 0427 016 263  
Newsletter: Paper copy/email issued once a month

Best Wishes for 2017  
Acting Principal  
David Newman

New Staff for 2017:  
Mr Netscher – Deputy Principal  
Mr Salah – Maths  
Ms Snelling – Maths  
Mr Ricks – English/Humanities  
Ms McColm – English/Humanities  
Ms Laniya – Science  
Ms Milovanovic – Art  
Ms Petersen – Dance/Drama  
Ms Plater – Dance/Drama  
Ms Easthope – Special Education  
Mr Williamson – Guidance Officer
What a wonderful beginning for our new Year 7 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 some reflections about their experiences at High School:

“I like, no LOVE how friendly the Glenala community is to one another, and how inspirational the older year levels are. I also like the organised timetable and how the uniform looks on all of the radiant students at Glenala SHS”.

(Oscar Tran 7D)

“A stepping stone towards my life as a grown up, beginning right here at Glenala State High School. When I entered the school grounds, the hair at the back of my neck stood up and I realised, this place will be my second home for five years. A dream that I pictured in Primary School was now a reality. I was welcomed with smiles and nervous ‘hellos’. This great High School is the place for me. A place where I can learn, try my hardest and do my very best always. (Belle Nanai 7C)

“At my first day at Glenala SHS, I was nervous but excited. When I arrived, I had butterflies in my stomach, however I saw two friends that I haven’t seen for two years! We waited outside the Great Hall together before finding out our That’s Life teacher – Mr Duff!! I was lucky because all of my friends were in his class as well. High School is amazing and the teachers are amazing. What a great place to have a brand new start!! (Mackenzie Hess 7B)

“When I first started High School I was nervous, but once I started making friends and finding my way around, I started to become more comfortable and excited. The teachers are nice and friendly. Once I saw the canteen, I was excited to taste the food because I like to eat a lot!! I thought it was to going to be difficult, but actually it was easy. I also got to do new things which is exciting such as playing and learning new sports and much more”.

(Silea Tuitupou 7C)

“When I first started High School, I was looking forward to it because I was going to see my old friends. When we began our That’s Life class, I was so nervous because I was meeting new people and new teachers. However, High School is really exciting because you get to do new things and get to communicate with each other.” (Pauline Takai – 7C)

On the first day of High School I wasn’t really nervous about going because I knew my friends would be there but I wasn’t sure about the teachers……I found out that my teacher was really nice and her name was Ms Thomas. At lunch time I sit with my friends and talk, which is a lot of fun. I found my subjects easy, and the teachers very friendly; that’s why Glenala SHS is a great school”. (Jezebel Williams 7F)

Just a few wonderful stories in what has been a fantastic start for our Year 7 students. Don’t forget to come along to our Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ on Thursday 9th February at 5:00pm where you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and other staff members.

On another note, students in Year 7 will be having some Hearing Tests administered by Hear and Say Australia on the 20th and 21st March, 2017 here at school. A permission note will be going home this Friday. I strongly urge all parents to have their child’s hearing tested, as it is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that your child is hearing the way that they should. Parents will be notified by Hear and Say if their child presents with an issue. There will be no charge to parents.

I look forward to sharing other positive stories with you in the future.

Mrs Bajwa
Director of Student Achievement (Junior)
Introducing Our Deputy Principal

I am very excited to have been appointed as Deputy Principal to Glenala State High School. Having spent most of the past five years as Deputy at Forest Lake SHS, I know first-hand what a great school Glenala is and I am looking forward to contributing to its continuing improvement.

My first impressions of the school are: excellent staff; fantastic students; great facilities. I had the privilege of working with the Glenala teachers in the week before school started and that experience really brought home to me what an outstanding group they are. In the first week of school, I was very impressed with the students: at how friendly and respectful they are; at how well presented they are in their uniforms and at how well behaved they are. The Glenala SHS values – Pride, Perseverance, Respect & Responsibility and Commitment to Learning are an excellent foundation for success and I can see them embedded in how students approach their studies at this school.

I am fortunate that I have always loved my job! I became a teacher because I wanted young people to get a fair go through their education, no matter what their background. My commitment to students is to support them to get the very best education possible and I will work as hard as I can to make that happen.

My teaching background is in Maths, Science and Computing and my career path has had many twists and turns. I have had two Head of Department positions; this is now the fourth school in which I have been Deputy Principal; I worked part time at the University of Queensland for twelve years lecturing in IT curriculum; I was an IT manager in a private school; I co-authored a text book and I have worked at what is now the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and at the Department of Education Regional Office.

I am really looking forward to working with the staff, students and families at this great school and to assisting every student to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

Keith Netscher
Deputy Principal

Events Coordinator

My name is Shannon Iszlaub and this is my second year teaching at Glenala. I came here after spending five years teaching in the small town of Innisfail, in Far North Queensland. I really enjoyed my first year teaching here and getting to know so many fabulous, supportive staff and the great students of Glenala. My teaching areas are English and Drama. This year I have taken on the role of Communication and Events Co-ordinator. I’m really looking forward to undertaking this challenging role and getting to know many more members of the school and wider community.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

S. Iszlaub
Events Coordinator
Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school for 2017! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and a new role at the school for 2017. My name is Kelly Stephenson and I have been at Glenala SHS for 9 years now. Over the past few years I have been the Acting English/Humanities Head of Department at the school but have been lucky enough to be appointed in the new role of HOD Literacy for 2017. The responsibilities of my role this year will include:

- Actively promoting and leading the improvement of Literacy of every student within the school, with a particular focus on Reading and Writing.
- Using many forms of student data to manage intervention programmes and ensure that all students are catered for.
- Providing Professional Development and resources to the entire staff body to help them with finding and implementing Reading in their specialised curriculum areas. We have had a fantastic start to the year, already participating in Literacy PD on the Student Free Days in January.
- Managing the library and ensuring that there is also a focus on ‘Reading for Enjoyment’ and encouraging a love of reading with our students.

How can YOU help?

Did you know that reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body?

Does your student read at home? If not, encourage them to borrow a library book from the library at school and spend some time each afternoon/night reading. This will improve their reading AND their vocabulary, writing, stress and concentration levels. Change it up a little: have your student read to themselves silently, have them read out loud to you or you could even read to them!

How can I help you?

If there is anything at all I can do to assist you or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an email and we can make a time to meet.

K. Stephenson
HOD Literacy
kstep72@eq.edu.au
Chúc Mừng Năm Mới! The phrase in Vietnamese, translates to “Happy New Year” and what a year it has been already! According to the lunar calendar and Vietnamese tradition, it is the year of the Rooster. Known to be a year full of surprises and wake up calls to rival the Rooster’s crow, 2017 has already started off with lots of energy and excitement at Glenala.

With an ever-increasing population that brings in many different, diverse cultures, I thought this would be the perfect time to introduce my role and myself. For the last three years I have been an English and Humanities teacher, and now, this year brings the role of a Vietnamese Liaison Coordinator at the G. The role allows me to communicate and network with parents, as well as the wider community. I also oversee any Vietnamese events at school, invite special guests to ceremonies, as well as touch base and check up on the well-being of the students here. My support will range for all grades, whether it’s Year Seven students needing some help settling in to high school or Year 12 students requiring guidance with pathways. If you have any concerns, questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me, and I will assist you where I can.

I am contactable through the school’s number (3877 4222) or email, jttra0@eq.edu.au (number zero after ‘jttra’).

To a prosperous and fulfilling year,

Jo (Trúc) Tran
Vietnamese Liaison Coordinator

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YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET

We invite parents/caregivers of Year 7 Students to attend our annual Meet and Greet Evening.
When: Thursday 9 February, 2017
Where: The Great Hall
Time: 5pm
This is a great opportunity for you to meet key staff, visit your student’s classroom and speak with their teachers.

The official presentation will conclude at 6pm but we encourage you to stay until 6:45 to enjoy a complimentary sausage sizzle.
We look forward to seeing you there!
Science Department

Happy New Year! We once again have an exciting and engaging Science program planned for all year levels at Glenala SHS.

Year 7 students are learning about the Earth, Moon and Sun system. ‘Heavenly Bodies’ will include an excursion to the Brisbane Planetarium and looking forward to the Brisbane Astronomical Society visiting Glenala and observing stars, planets and other celestial bodies.

Year 8 are learning about practical laboratory skills and understanding fair testing and will be increasing their knowledge of laboratory technology and procedures.

The study of ecosystems is an increasingly important science endeavour and our year 9 students will be investigating the biotic and abiotic factors and how they impact on our environment. Students will also investigate the effect of fire on germination.

For our Science extension students in Years 9 and 10 great activities have already been planned such as the World Science Festival in March. This interactive show will enable students to use their own smart devices to answer live questions and vote to separate science fact from fiction.

Our Science seniors in Year 10, 11 and 12 will be undertaking a variety of scientific investigations including chemical reaction rates, genetics, cell biology and biochemistry.

We would like to congratulate Kyle Ryan on his fantastic achievement of receiving an OP1 and being accepted into medical school at The University of Queensland.

We would like to welcome Dr Laniya to the Science Department as a specialist Biology teacher.

Keep an eye out for notices regarding Science competitions and opportunities.

The Science Department Newsletter Team;
Mr Knight and Mr Duff

Community announcement from the Workplace Health Safety and Wellbeing committee:

Looking for community members to offer yoga, tai-chi or massages at school.

Contact Anne Gantimuroff 3877 4267
Arts and Cultural Activities For Semester 1

As the new year begins, new teachers Mrs Milovanovic (Visual Art), Mrs Petersen (Dance/Drama), Mrs Plater (Dance/Drama) join Mr Arnold (Media), Mr Rodgers (Music/Media), Mrs Iszlaub (Drama), Ms Martin (Instrumental Music), Mr Simpson Reeves (Music) and Ms Hayward (Media/Drama) in The Arts Faculty. There are many co-curricular activities on offer for students this semester.

Instrumental Music lessons are taught every Wednesday by our visiting Instrumental Music teacher, Ms Martin. Students can choose to learn an instrument from the Woodwind, Brass or Percussion families. The cost is only $15 per term ($10 if you have your own instrument) which includes a half hour lesson, hire of instrument, and relevant music. This year a workshop and concert with Queensland Symphony Orchestra and our local Primary Schools is being planned.

Guitar Club will be run very second Friday at first break under the guidance of Mr Rodgers. There are no associated costs and you can bring your own guitar but this is not essential.

Mr Rodgers will also coordinate Tech Crew this year. Students will be trained to operate sound and lighting equipment for performances and assemblies in The Great Hall. They will be required to attend workshop sessions in order to become ‘qualified’ operators.

Two new opportunities will be offered to all students this year. Vocal Group, organised by Mr Simpson Reeves and Ms Hayward, will rehearse on Tuesdays during first breaks. Our new Dance Troupe will rehearse on Thursdays at first break with Mrs Plater and Mrs Petersen. Performances are planned at both school and community events for both groups.

Year 7 and 8 students have the chance to create history as part of the Glenala SHS inaugural Drumline (a marching percussion band). Students have been asked to complete an application form and only NINE students will be selected to participate this year. They will join the Instrumental Music Program, having ONE Instrumental Music lesson on Wednesdays with Ms Martin and ONE rehearsal/practice on Fridays at first break with Mr Duff.

Each of these activities offers opportunities:
- For personal growth and development
- For positive contribution to school and community
- To display the Glenala Way Values
- For the recording of Positive Behaviour on One School and possible inclusion in references towards future employment.

Students interested in joining any of these programs are encouraged to either talk to the relevant teacher/s or just come along to a rehearsal. All are welcome!

C. Hayward
The Arts HOD

DATE CLAIMER
WHAT: GLENALA’S GOT TALENT
WHEN: Thursday 18 May (Term 2 Week 5)
AUDITIONS: Term 1 Week 6
REHEARSALS: 1st breaks Tuesdays and Thursdays and after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays
Special Education Department

A big welcome back to school from the Education Services team. Our faculty supports students with a Language Background Other Than English and students with a verified disability. This support may include in class support from teacher aides, case management or cluster classes which are taught by specialist teachers and where improving literacy and numeracy skills are the focus.

Glenala SHS is a very multicultural school with around 62% of our students having one or both parents speak a language other than English at home. The graph below shows the main language background of our students. The top 5 individual languages at Glenala are: English, Samoan, Vietnamese, Somali and Tongan.

We look forward to working with you this year.

H. Broderick
Head of Education Services

Maths Department

We’ve had a great start to the year in the Maths Department. All our brains are well and truly turned back on after a refreshing summer break.

Please encourage your children to bring the correct equipment to school every day, for maths they need a scientific calculator.

These are available from most department stores for about $10-$20.

An upcoming event for Year 7 – 9 parents and guardians is our Family Maths Night:
Week 5 Tuesday the 21st February 2017

If you would like to learn some tips and tricks to help your student complete their maths homework or have a bit of a maths refresher, join the maths teachers for a night of fun!

Find out about the curriculum your student will be completing this year, their assessment and meet their wonderful teachers.

Nibbles will be provided, as well as some take home resources to help you help your student.

O.Vicary
Maths Teacher
Senior Schooling

Congratulations to twenty five 2016 graduates for their successful completion of a Certificate III qualification through their participation in SAT’s whilst at school.

A huge congratulations also goes to 16 graduates who participated and completed the DET programs.

2017 initial enrolments and interest from students clearly indicate another eventful year for the senior schooling team.

Again, Glenala students will be taking advantage of the 10 DET run SVETE programs. These industry specific SVETE School to work programs were established by the Department to create pathways to employment for students in years 11 and 12.

Current enrolments from Glenala stand at 30 students participating in 7 of these programs.

GenR8 – 15 AccelR8 – 2 AllevE8 – 3 BuildD8 - 3 LamiN8 – 2 MariN8 – 3 StyL8 – 2 CultV8 – 1 TechN8 - 2

I would personally like to acknowledge all the students who have committed to participate in this opportunity. Attending interviews, competing for a spot with students from other metropolitan schools, Glenala students have shown, they value every learning opportunity possible.

School Based Traineeship numbers have started well for this year. Ten current year 12 students should complete their SAT’s programs by August and early indicators show 12 students from grade 11 have also been signed up for SAT’s program.

Glenala Trade Skills Centre opened its doors to students in the beginning of Semester 2 in 2016. Sixty five enrolled in two CERTIFICATE II level qualifications and sixty successfully completed their certificate which was delivered by Skills Tech and Brisbane TAFE.

A number of students since have used their qualification to gain traineeships this year or are engaging in further training in their area of interest.

The Senior Schooling team this year will also focus on supporting the year 12 students form 2016 (Year 13). Mrs Gibney has made contact with most students to date and encourages any student who has not been contacted to call school and ask for Mrs Gibney.
Senior Schooling cont…….

The 17th of February has been reserved for all 2016 graduates who are seeking training and employment (part-time/fulltime) to attend an information session at the Glenala Trade Skills Centre at 10:30am. A light morning tea will be provided but most importantly, this is a great opportunity to come and meet old school friends and see if school can help you find a training program which could help you with employment options. A number of agencies will be present so don’t miss out. Please call school to let us know if you will be attending.

Our mission is to help every student achieve their best whilst at school! Students are encouraged to read daily notices and check the notice board in the student centre for SAT’s vacancies as well as other training or employment options.

S. Gibney
Senior Schoolling HOD

LamIN8 Students

First day of training for the LamIN8 students: Jacob Conway and Carlin Rima
QuickSmart- Literacy and Numeracy Program

We are excited to again be able to provide students the opportunity to participate in the QuickSmart Program. This Program is offered to assist students lift their results in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy in the Junior school.

After introducing the Program to Glenala in Semester 2, 2016, it was fantastic to receive student feedback and evidence of their growth and success within the Program. Here are some of the comments below.

Student Feedback:

“QuickSmart is fun and helps me read and write. It’s so so awesome and the best program ever.”

“QuickSmart has helped me a lot to improve the number of words I can say per minute and understand the basics of English.”

QuickSmart has helped me because my reading is better and my spelling is better too. I feel happy to do QuickSmart.

“It helps me with my learning in class and next year in grade 8.”

“QuickSmart helped me a lot with my work in class because what I learned here. I feel I have really improved and I feel like I can keep up with everybody with my work.”

“All the number activities I’ve done are SO cool, so I wish for all in QuickSmart to stay the same.”

“QuickSmart has helped me say words correctly and spelling has improved too.”

The QuickSmart Team very much look forward to commencing the Program on 6 February 2017.

K. Armstrong
QuickSmart Coordinator
Student Representative Council Update

Last year the Student Representative Council, together with the staff at Glenala, participated in an Easter Raffle pledging the monies raised to the victims of Cyclone Winston in Fiji. The school was able to donate $300 to go towards the rebuilding of a Kindergarten in Nausori Village in Fiji. The following letter is from the Rotary Club in appreciation of our donation towards this cause. A big thankyou to all of those who contributed.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary
Willis Court, Mt Ommaney Qld 4074
rctbrisbanecentenary@ rotary9640.org

18 January 2017

Glenala State High School
Glenala Rd & Hampton Street
Durack QLD 4072

Dear Nirmala

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary I wish to thank the students and staff of Glenala State High School for their generous donation to our campaign to rebuild the kindergarten in Nausori Village, Fiji. You can be assured that this is a very worthwhile project and that your donation will make a difference. Every cent of the donation will go towards rebuilding the kindergarten in Nausori Village.

Nausori Village is a small village, situated in the northwest of the main island of Fiji. It was devastated when Cyclone Winston struck Fiji in February 2016. This was the severest cyclone ever to make landfall in Fiji. Buildings and their contents were simply blown away, and the crops on which people depend for their food, were destroyed. The kindergarten was one of the casualties; it was totally destroyed. Following the cyclone it began operating in a tent provided by UNICEF. However, the tent became the casualty of yet another disaster recently when the village was seriously flooded in December.

We are working with ‘Habitat for Humanity Fiji’ to rebuild the kindergarten as soon as possible. It will be built on higher ground so, to the best of our capability, it will be both flood-proof and cyclone-proof. Let’s hope so anyway! At this stage we are expecting the building to commence late in March. In the meantime we will keep fundraising, with the hope of reaching our goal of at least A$30,000.

Thank you for your support, Nirmala, and thank you again to the students and staff for helping us. You can follow the progress of the campaign, and see some photos, on both the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) website or on the gofundme site that I’ve set up.

gofundme.com/2c2xxmo

Yours sincerely

Glen Palmer

Dr Glen Palmer
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) is an independent public trust that provides eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students with scholarships to assist with their senior years of education and gaining their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The funds used by QATSIF are drawn from the interest earned on the original capital provided to the Public Trustee. The original capital is from two sources: the former Aborigines Welfare Fund and the unspent funds from the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme. These funds represent the toil of previous generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. By only drawing from the interest earned on this protected capital, the QATSIF Scholarships are converting past injustices into a positive legacy by helping to advance the education of the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

To be successful in obtaining a QATSIF QCE Scholarship, students must consistently demonstrate high levels of attendance, behaviour and academic achievement. They must also be committed to finishing Year 12 and exiting with a QCE.

This year we would like to congratulate Hayden, Ky and Justin who are our Round 8 QATSIF Scholarship recipients. These three students consistently uphold the Glenala Way values, show pride in themselves and their culture and are fantastic role models at school and in the community.

C. Grant
Community Education Counsellor.

Community / Pasifika & Maori Liaison Officer 2017

= Talofa Lava(Samoan), Malo e Lelei(Tongan), Fakaalofa Lahis atu (Niuean), Kia Ora (Maori), Kia Orana (Cook Islands), Bula Vinaka (Fijian), Namaste (Fijian Indian), Malo ni (Tokelauan), Halo ola keta (PNG), Mauri (Kiribati), Fakatalofa atu (Tuvalu) to our Pasifika & Maori Parents and Community.

The start of 2017 term 1 has been a great success; it’s been eventful but rewarding. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Pasifika & Maori parents and Community for your support and effort so far. On behalf of Glenala SHS I would also like to say a massive thank you to Ms Debbie Mason who donated 100 stationery packs (Yr7 – Yr11) for our students. This is not the first time Ms Debbie Mason has blessed our school with stationery packs. Our school community and wider community thank you for your generosity and contribution into our school. (See picture below). Second Bite (Food Hampers) has also started back this term, so if your family is struggling to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, please don’t hesitate to contact our school to arrange a food hamper for your family. Secondbite deliveries arrive every Tuesday.

2017 has certainly welcomed us all with challenges that have resulted in victories. We truly believe that a key factor that will contribute strongly to the success of our school community is your support. Henry Ford said “Coming together is the beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” We value your active participation and support in our school community. We’re looking forward to continuing on our partnership for the betterment of our students’ education.

B. Manu-Sione
Community / Pasifika & Maori Liaison Officer
Student Services
Welcome back to all of our returning students and a warm welcome to our new students. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break. The Student Services Support Team are here to support students and their families and also staff to ensure learning can occur.

### The Student Services Team

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The Community Education Counsellor (CEC) is responsible for providing educational counselling and support to ensure that the best possible assistance services are available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students. The CEC also develops or coordinates activities and programs designed to enhance the involvement in education and encourage regular attendance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The Pasifika Liaison Officer assists students and the wider community in the following ways:
- Community and family engagement in schooling
- Working collaboratively with teachers to assist students
- Promoting education through L.E.A.D
- Home visits to speak with parents & carers
- Building positive relationships in the community
- Providing support for students that require assistance

Services provided by our School Based Police Officer include:
- Build positive relationships with all students and staff
- Contribute to the rich life of the school
- Provide information sessions as requested by staff or the school community
- Deliver information on law, police duties and related topics from the school curriculum
- Liaise with local community and businesses

The Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) provides:
- Individual/family counselling and support
- Group counselling
- Referrals to other organisations (accommodation, Centrelink)
- Advocacy for young people

The YSC can see students during or outside school, in the community, or by doing home visits. Anyone can make a referral to the YSC including school staff, family members, friends or self referrals.
TEXTBOOK HIRE SCHEME PAYMENT

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 2016, any payments made will be deducted from this debt first. Your child will be entitled to their Textbooks and **Student ID card** as soon as you have:

- paid $50 part payment for 2017 and
- have entered into a payment plan for the remainder of fees owing

All fees need to be paid in full by 15th September, 2017. 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.

Payments can be made at the school office between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Payments can also be made using the BPPoint Online System, or by telephone (07 3877 4222), via EFTPOS, using a Visa or Mastercard. There is an option to have deductions taken from Centrelink payments. Application forms can be obtained from the School Office.

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

Julie Vukovic,
Business Services Manager

LOOK AFTER OUR STUDENTS:
DRIVE SAFELY ALONG GLENALA ROAD!

Parents/caregivers are asked to note the following road safety tips:

1. Please don’t park on the yellow lines
2. Please don’t park in the school grounds to pick the student up/ drop off
3. Please follow the speed limit signs
4. Please be cautious when driving along Glenala Road

Thank you for your cooperation
PARENTS INFORMATION

1. **Online System | Pay School Invoices**
   - Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps, etc.)
   - Access via **ANY** Computer or Smart Phone

2. **Payments Accepted:**
   - MasterCard | VISA

3. **Secure Payment Method**

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