

The Glenleighden News

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Dear Families

We have some exciting events coming up soon. The first one is the PS&F are hosting their first fundraiser for 2018, a 'Roaring 20's' themed trivia night, on Saturday May 26 at Our Lady of the Rosary from 630pm onwards.

This coming Wednesday I'm hosting a Mother's Day morning tea for all the legendary mums, aunties, grandmothers and so on to say thank you for how amazing you all are. This will be at Chatters Café between 9:30am and 10:30am.

We also have the TGS Sports Day on Friday the 22nd June at Fig Tree Pocket State School. All are welcome.

We have two reading initiatives to encourage children to read. They are the Premiers Book Challenge and BCC Gold Star Reading Club. There is some more information regarding this further along in this newsletter.

As the cooler months are starting so too is cold and flu season. Please rug up and take all the simple necessary precautions like regular hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes and limiting contact with others who may be ill. If you do suspect that your child may be coming down with cold or flu, please err on the side of caution and keep them home to reduce the chance of others here at TGS becoming sick.

When dropping your children off in the morning it is imperative that a 'Safety First' perspective must be taken. Some families are using the staff parking area for drop off and pick up of children. Please do not do this as at times I've seen families back out across the footpath when children are walking along the footpath. I appreciate that the current parking and general traffic situation is a cause for frustration and is far from ideal. However, the safety of all must be at the forefront and is everyone's responsibility. Your patience and understanding at drop off times is appreciated.

It is with much regret that I was informed this week that Jenni Machin has accepted a position within a private practice and hence will be finishing with the TGS community in an official capacity. However, I am sure she will still be present at community events in an informal capacity.

Jenni is very much a part of the history, story, community and wonderful work of The Glenleighden School. Jenni first worked for TGS from 1990 to 1996, returned from 1999 to 2005 and re-joined the staff in 2015. She was hired by, and worked and learnt alongside the founder of TGS Mancel Robinson.

Only knowing Jenni for a short while, I have been impressed with her knowledge and commitment not only to the TGS students but also to parents and staff. Whilst, her departure will leave big shoes to fill, it is the lasting imprint that she has left on the TGS community that I thank her for and for what she will be remembered.

Please join me in thanking Jenni for her contributions, passion and commitment to TGS for so many years and wishing her all the best in her future career directions.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you around the school. Please remember that my door is always open.

Nigal

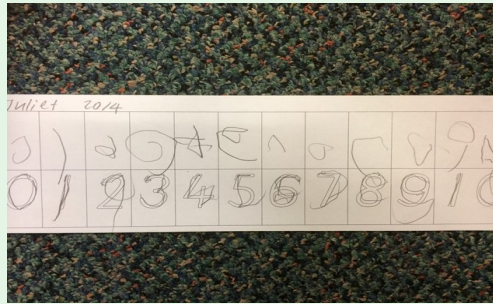
"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother". Abraham Lincoln

From the Seahorses

Number and Measuring Madness has been happening in the Seahorses Classroom!

The students in the Seahorses class have been busy measuring items to find out if they are longer or shorter than each other. Some students have also been measuring how tall they are with the blocks! They have even been using blocks to measure exactly how long their pencils are!

The students love the number books we have made in class, and they regularly choose to read them during play time. They have also been working hard on learning how to write their numbers.



Keep up the great work Seahorses!

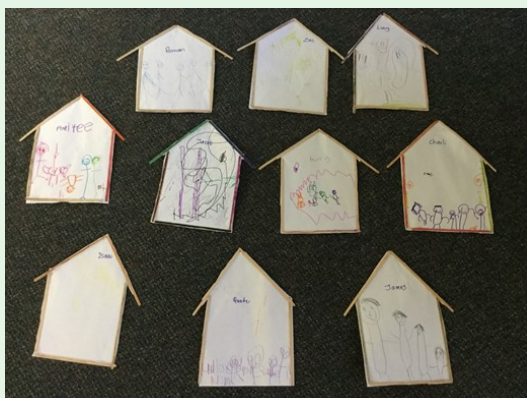
From the Starfish

The Starfish have been putting lots of love into making their cards and presents for Mother's Day.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums! We hope you all had a very special day.

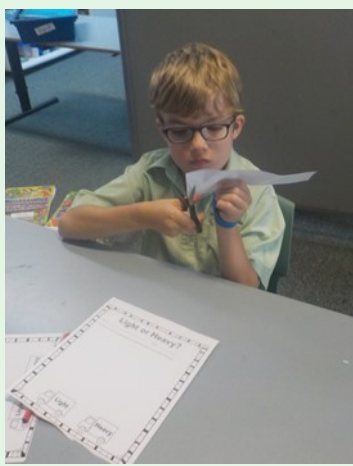


From the Dolphins



From the Sharks Room

This term the Sharks are learning about places around us in Geography sessions, looking at local, regional, national and international. We have been locating places that we know or have some connection to on maps and the globe. The highlight of course has been looking up our own house and places around where we live on Google Earth.



In music therapy we are learning to sequence the sounds of musical instruments as well as other environmental sounds such as water, sand and marbles.



In maths sessions we have been learning about three-dimensional objects as well as measuring which objects are heavier or lighter.

From the Tigers Room

Tigers have been off to a great start this term, engaging in lots of different learning activities. A class favourite in math has been investigating the properties of different three-dimensional objects.

In Health and Physical Education (HPE), we have been learning about all the different things that humans need to stay healthy. The Tigers enjoy doing these HPE sessions with the Sharks and show great enthusiasm joining in discussions.

We are excited to start practicing in our sports teams over the rest of the term for our upcoming sports day.



Tigers have also been focusing on a particular school value each week. There have been lots of examples of classmates being kind and helpful to others. Well done to Samuel B who won the school values award this week.

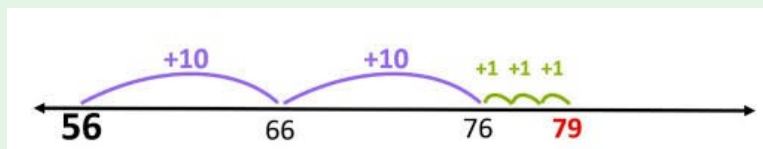
From the Paper Planes

In the past week, the Paper Planes have been focusing on the ***Jump strategy***. The jump strategy is a mental calculation method involving jumping from one number (usually the largest number first) either forwards (additions) or backwards (subtractions) to the answer.

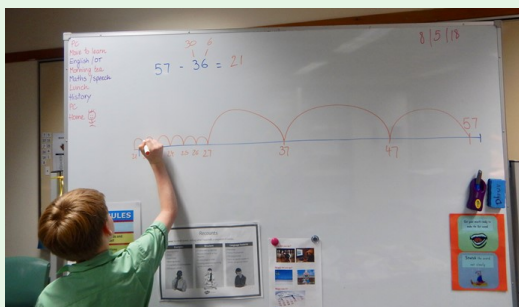
We firstly practised the jump strategy with additions and are currently moving on to subtractions. As students get more familiar with this strategy, the complexity of the operations will increase and be combined with word problems.

For example $56 + 23 = ?$

We start by placing our largest number on the number line which in this case is 56. We then work out that 23 is made of 2 tens (20) and 3 ones. We thus jump up by 2 tens and then 3 ones to get the answer.



answer: $56 + 23 = 79$

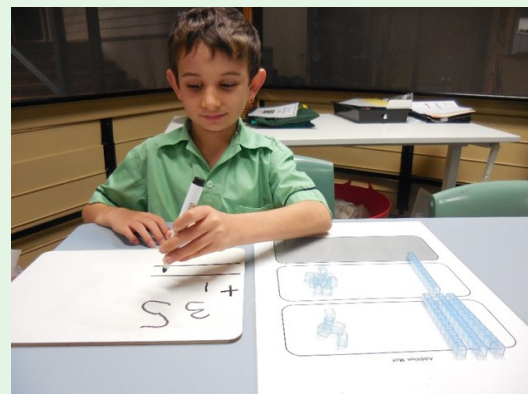
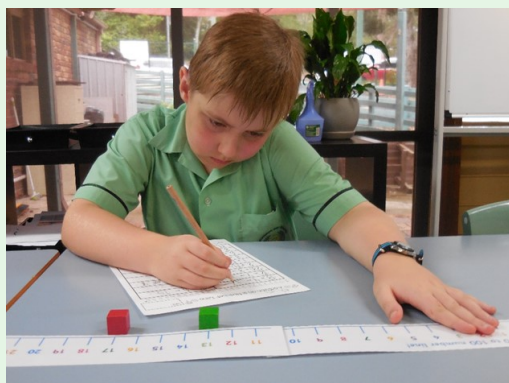


From the Pet Rocks

Marvellous Maths

In Maths over the past few weeks, the Pet Rocks have been learning strategies to help them add numbers together more efficiently. They have practised counting on, using number lines, splitting numbers into parts and solving addition algorithms. Whilst the written algorithm was most commonly taught when we were at school, today's students are exposed to a variety of strategies to help develop their ability to solve maths problems in their head.

The students have also enjoyed learning about position and direction through songs, dancing, games and activities with bee bots. This knowledge will be helpful when the students start interpreting maps later this term.



ATC and TGS Friendship Group

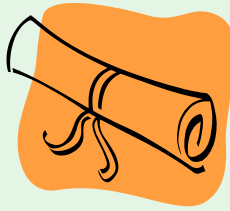
This past Friday we were very pleased to welcome the boys from Ambrose Treacy College to continue our Friendship Group and have some fun together.

We all got to play some outdoor ball games and indoor board games with the boys, and finally finished off with ice blocks.



School Language Legend Awards!

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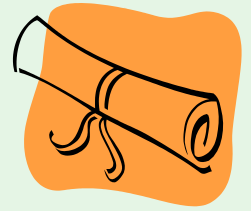


Early Childhood

Ava B
Henry H
Charlie N

Junior School

Gianne N
Khayden B



Middle School

Oliver G
Lincoln O

Senior School

Will D
Laura E
Max G



Congratulations to -
Samuel B from Junior School for being a Language Legend and enacting the School Value "being kind and helpful to his classmates."

Library News

Two exciting reading events are commencing this month—Gold Star Reading Club and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

All Students are invited to join the fun!

Gold Star and Little Star Reading Club programs at Brisbane City Council Libraries

Our students have been invited by Indooroopilly Library to take part in the Gold Star Reading Club this year.

Children from all over Brisbane are invited to take part in reading programs at Council libraries this winter. The 2018 Gold Star Reading Club program for children aged 6-12 years will again be joined by the literacy program for young children, the Little Stars Reading Club program. Designed for children aged 0-5 years and their carers, the Little Stars Reading Club program is a wonderful way to connect and bond with your child while developing their early literacy skills. Both programs commence in Brisbane City Council libraries on Tuesday 1 May and run until Tuesday 31 July 2018.

The aim is for your child to read at least 3 books per month. Libraries give incentives (e.g. prizes) for children who reach this goal and some libraries have a party at the end of the program. Check your local library for details or join the fun at Indooroopilly library.

For more information and registration: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/library-programs/gold-star-little-stars-reading-club-programs>



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students to read or experience books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2018 challenge is to engage more students than ever before.

Full details of these events will be sent home in a separate mailing.



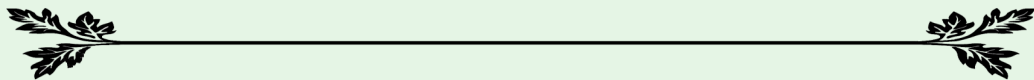
Just a
friendly
reminder...

PAGENT GORMAN SIGNED SPEECH

Paget Gorman Signed Speech (PGSS) is used at The Glenleighden School to assist students to understand and use language. This semantically and grammatically correct signing system also helps children to categorise and then recall language for effective communication. It is not used instead of spoken language but as a visual tool for developing receptive and expressive language skills.

Parents and extended family members are provided with the opportunity to learn this sign system with training provided by a PGSS certified Speech Language Pathologist.

PGSS Sessions run each Wednesday (alternate to Assembly), in the School Library 8:45—9:15 am, with the next scheduled session being the 16th of May.



COMMUNITY SEMINARS

Our next Seminar will be on Tuesday 22nd of May, with a start time of 6pm in the School Library.

The topic of this Seminar will be ‘Essential Supports for Language Disorders’

This one hour session will outline the key strategies and tips for supporting children and young people with Language Disorders, such as Paget Gorman Signed Speech, Cued Articulation, colour coding, concept development, auditory processing support and other supports/programs associated with the school.

Key strategies and supports used at school will be explained, and ideas for how to incorporate them into home life will be discussed.

Please register your interest by contacting school reception or emailing school@salda.org.au



Sports day is scheduled for Friday 22nd June (last day of Term).

Track and Field will be held at FTPSS, then Ball games at The Glenleighden School.

More details to come closer to the date, once confirmed.



It has been pleasing to see our soccer players hone their skills and enjoy a fun game at lunchtime training and on Friday afternoons.

This term players will have the opportunity to play some friendly games with other schools. The focus will be on participation, fun and good sportsmanship. To cater for the age range of our and other schools' students, different groups of students will participate on different dates.

Further details will be sent to players and their families later this month.

So far the following dates have been confirmed:

Friday June 1 – Goodna Special School at TGS

Friday June 15 – Sycamore School at TGS

Thursday June 28 - Indoor Soccer Carnival at Ipswich Basketball Stadium, Bundamba



Event Reminders!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Tuesday 15th May to Thursday 17th May

- NAPLAN Testing for some students

Tuesday 22nd May

- TGS Community Seminar—
‘Essential Supports for Language Disorder’ **6pm in the Library**. Please register your interest by contacting school reception or emailing school@salda.org.au

Following the Seminar, please stay and join us for the **PS&F, 7pm in the Library**.

Saturday 26th May

- Trivia Night! At Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kenmore Starting **6:30pm till late**. Bookings essential, call 3378 8625 or drop into Reception.

Wednesday 30th May

- Senior School Information Night

Friday 22nd June

- Sports Day is scheduled to be held at Fig Tree Pocket State School.



You're invited to join the Glenleighden 'Family'

Saturday May 26, 2018

6.30pm till Late

Our Lady of the Rosary School

1 Kenmore Road, Kenmore QLD

\$35 pp / \$350 per table includes entry & dinner

We will be competing as tables of ten

Bar - Best Dressed Comp - Raffles

Babysitting available - Bookings essential

Secure your table now on

(07) 3378 8625 or drop into TGS reception

Proudly hosted by The Glenleighden School PS&F