

The Glenleighden News

14 August 2017



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Important Dates

16 Aug Ekka Holiday

17 Aug TGS staff
Development Day—
Pupil Free

Working Bee 19 Aug

Open Day 20Aug

August Birthdays

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Dear Families

There is a saying “Never complain about what your parents didn’t give you - it was probably all they had”. When I speak with parents at our school I am reminded of this phrase daily. The sacrifices made by our families to ensure their child receives the education they need are an expression of true love. However making such sacrifices can cause extreme stress for families and many families carry secret burdens alone. The team at The Glenleighden School want our families to know they are not alone. Spearheading this school of thought is Belinda James, our school counsellor, and Jilanna Craig, our chaplain, please feel free to share your thoughts and concerns with them should you require support. Remember, my door is always open if you need to talk or have any concerns and ideas about the school that you’d like to share.

Ekka Holiday and Pupil Free Day

Parents are reminded that **Wednesday, 16 August 2017** is a public holiday as part of ‘Ekka’ celebrations for Brisbane City. Further to this, **Thursday, 17 August 2017**, is a pupil free day, giving our staff an opportunity to developing their knowledge and understanding of current educational and therapy trends.

Educational Philosophy

As part of the Cyclical Review process and our Self-Improving Schools program we are working on updating the school’s educational philosophy. The philosophy is a short overarching statement of what we believe in as an educational institution and drives change within the school. The draft philosophy, already workshopped with the school staff, is included in the newsletter and feedback from our community is welcome. Any suggestions or feedback should be sent to sarah.Hart@sallda.org.au and headed ‘Educational Philosophy Feedback’. (See page 4 diagram)

Curriculum Update

Sarah Hart and Jenni Machin are working on improving our school curriculum and therapy frameworks.

Sarah has formed a Curriculum Committee made up of a range of teachers from each year level. The committee meets fortnightly to review our current curriculum documents and bring them into line with Australian Curriculum 8.3 which has been recently released by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority). This review gives us the opportunity to revise our current teaching framework and ensure that required skills and content are covered within the context of our individualised, child-centered programs.

Soccer Update

Our soccer program continues to grow with lunch time coaching on **Tuesday** and our next out of school game scheduled for this **Friday, 18 August 2017**. *Please note there is no Friday afternoon after school training for 18 August 2017 due to the soccer match at Taringa.* Our team again will be playing on the Taringa soccer field against other students from Mitchelton Special School and we wish them well. Parents are welcome to watch and cheer our team on to victory.

Basketball

Basketball training continues on a **Thursday lunchtime** with the coaches from LifeStream. If your child is interested in participating please see speak to the ladies at the office or your classroom teacher.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results have been released for students participating in this assessment regime. NAPLAN assessments are a ‘one off’ snapshot of particular year level literacy and numeracy skills gathered under sometime stressful conditions for students. All results should be seen in context with other school based assessments which allow teachers to provide the appropriate supports for each child to demonstrate their full potential and various talents. Please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with the classroom teacher if you wish to discuss the results.

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Rugby League

Last Friday a group of our students represented the school in a Mini-League game at Suncorp Stadium playing against Eatons Hill State School. The only word to describe the evening and the students' achievements is 'AWESOME'. The use of strategy, confidence and sportsmanlike behaviour exhibited on the field was amazing to all who watched. The 'have a go' attitude and wonderful cheer squad on the sidelines made it a wonderful evening. We also have to extend our thanks to our 3 coaches Callum McIntosh, Vanessa Choi and Erena Huriwaka for stepping in so ably to coach the team. In Term 4 we are hoping some NRL players will visit the school and take further coaching sessions alongside the team.

Working Bee

Our next working bee is approaching rapidly on **Saturday, 19 August 2017**, and all parents are welcome to attend. Your efforts are greatly appreciated in making our lovely school environment even more spick and span. Childcare will be available and a sausage sizzle will also complete the morning's activities. Parents participating will receive a \$200 voucher towards their school fees (only one voucher per family). Please RSVP to the office if you are going to help on the morning or require child care.

Open Day

Following the working bee our school will be holding their second open day of the year on **Sunday, 20 August 2017**, at 10.00 am. There will be balloons, story reading, displays and a sausage sizzle (led by the TGS Sausage Sizzle Queen Jo Barnes). Our theme is 'Storytime' so thanks goes to Bryan Tydd who will be attending dressed as 'Where's Wally' and Sarah Hart who will be our own 'Mary Poppins'. Chatters Café will also be open for the morning. Currently we have 30 RSVPs but more guests are welcome. If you know someone interested in enrolling at The Glenleighden School please spread the word and let them know they are welcome to attend. A special thank you to our friends at Ambrose Treacy College who raised \$200 for our school for the running of our Open Day. RSVPs are to be directed to heather.Yearby@salda.org.au.

Ambrose Treacy

We once again welcomed our friends from Ambrose Treacy at our school as part of our Senior School social and communication program. I am assured by the staff from Ambrose Treacy that the visit to our school to mix with our students is a highlight of the week! We look forward to another visit in the next few weeks.

TGS Community Seminar

The next seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, 22 August 2017**, at 6.30 pm and is entitled 'Learning how to Think and Remember'. The session will be run by members of our occupational therapy team with Andrea O'Brien in the lead and supported by our Therapy Coordinator Jenni Machin. If you are interested in attending this worthwhile event please RSVP to the office as soon as possible.

Chaplaincy Art and Wine

On Friday, **25 August 2017**, there is a Wine and Paint Evening facilitated by our chaplain Jilliana Craig. It is being held at Brush and Barrel in Paddington and the cost is \$60 per head but due to the generosity of our PS&F parents only need to pay \$30 per head. Please RSVP to jilanna.Craig@salda.org.au by Friday 18 August 2017. It plans to be wonderful evening full of creativity and fun.

Men's Shed

Jilanna is also organising a special event for the fathers, uncles and grandfathers with the men's shed on **1 September 2017**. This will be a great opportunity to network with other fathers and enjoy a night out. If you are interested please email jilanna.Craig@salda.org.au - further information is to follow.

Middle School Sleep Over

I understand the Middle School parents are booking evenings out on **Friday, 1 September 2017**, and enjoying their night of freedom as their children participate in this year's sleep over! The sleep over, and our camping program, is an important part of ensuring our students learn skills that make them organised, independent and self-sufficient. It also helps to get students ready to cope with separation from home at camp. A great evening has already been organised and it plans to be one of our best sleep overs yet! Parents are asked to support the planning by ensuring their permission slips and medication permission forms are returned as soon as possible.

Concert

Concert preparations continue to snowball ready for the big event on **Friday, 8 September 2017**. We would like to acknowledge the support of the PS&F in providing donations for each year level to go towards props and costumes for the concert. The evening plans to be an amazing one, culminating in the whole school grand finale. Please note the school day ends at 12.30 pm - if any parent has difficulties providing supervision or picking up their child at this time please let us know. We will be welcoming several special VIP guests on the night so stay tuned for more information.

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Pre-Orders for School Concert

The Senior School will again be selling hotdogs on the night, with a new addition of pumpkin soup. Our marvellous PS&F will be selling bento boxes with cheese, meats and antipasto delights. I sampled one as part of our 'quality assurance' process and promise they are delicious. Glow sticks can be purchased on the evening. Due to the growing size of our school population it is essential you **pre-order** any of the above treats. If you require a new form for your order please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Raffles Tickets

We have been astounded at the generosity of our school community in providing prizes for the 2017 school concert. The prize list has continued to grow please see the list in the newsletter.

IEPs/Personalised Learning Programs

Preparations are being made for your 6 monthly IEP meeting and correspondence will be forthcoming. As we move from IEPs to PLPs (Personalised Learning Plans) you will notice a change in the format. The new format now includes individual goals, pedagogical adjustments, environmental adaptations, curriculum modifications and therapy focus areas for your child. Our aim is to provide a truly individualised program to support your child's needs so they are better placed to reach their full potential. Any family thinking of transitioning at the end of 2017 to another school are also encouraged to notify the classroom teacher at these meetings so we can prepare an outplacement report for your child. If you are unsure what the best option for your child would be please discuss this with the classroom teacher at the meeting.

School Parking Restrictions

Parents are encouraged to check all signs when parking in the streets adjoining the school. We do understand the difficulties of obtaining a parking spot as enrolments continue to grow. Please also be considerate of the local community when trying to find a parking space and do not double park. Safe parking is important for the safety of our children.

Before School Care

Families are reminded that before 8.30 am Primary School students should not be left unaccompanied on the school premises. Senior school students should go directly to the Senior School precinct for supervision. We do understand the complexities of school drop offs so Before School Care is available at Fig Tree Pocket. Please contact the office should you wish to obtain information about this service.

Illness

With winter upon us we have had a spate of student (and staff) illnesses. If your child has a contagious illness please ensure you contact the office as soon as possible so we are able to take appropriate action. It is also important to follow the time out guidelines by DET - if you are uncertain please don't hesitate to contact the office for an updated factsheet.

Duke of Edinburgh and Bridge Program

Its official we have joined the Bridge and Duke of Edinburgh programs. All Senior School students will receive further information on participating in the program which is internationally recognised throughout the world. For more information about either programs please contact victoria.Massey@salda.org.au

PS&F

A reminder that the next PS&F meeting is being held on **Tuesday, 5th September**, at 6.30 pm in the library. All parents are cordially invited.

Kind regards

Debra Creed

Principal

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

We are committed to supporting children and young people for whom language is their primary disorder.

We believe that nurturing the individuality and holistic wellbeing of our students will see them flourish.

Our unique combination of teaching and therapy enables all students to achieve their personal potential.



Upcoming Event!



The Glenleighden School Open Day



**You are invited to find out why we are Australia's
leading specialist school for speech and language.**

We welcome your family to meet our Therapists and Teachers.

Time: 10am - 12pm

Date: Sunday 20th August

Location: 33 Cubberla St., Fig Tree Pocket

Join us for...

Classroom Displays • Presentations

Story Time Corner • Balloons • Sausage Sizzle

...and our famous Chatters Cafe!!

**Register your interest via
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