

# The Glenleighden News

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## Important Dates

Senior School info  
night 31 May

Sports Day 16 June

## May Birthdays

*Willow  
Masoud  
Elijah  
Marcus  
Aaron  
Rhys  
Dhruv*



Dear Families

Last week the students of the school were thrilled to host the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP. Prime Minister Turnbull spent the morning visiting with some of the students, parents, teachers and therapists.

We were also delighted to be joined by the Hon. Jane Prentice MP, Federal Member for Ryan and the Hon. Scott Emerson MP, State member for Indooroopilly.

The Prime Minister made impromptu visits to meet astonished students who were given a once in a lifetime chance to speak with him. One student took the opportunity to promote his home business and sold him honey from his own beehives. Families attending our special 'pop up' Chatters on site today were also given an amazing opportunity to enjoy a coffee with the Prime Minister and share stories of their children's educational journeys.

As you can imagine there was tight security around the visit with members of the school community only being formally notified the morning of the arrival.

The visit highlights the Federal Government's commitment to invest in our children's future through the additional funding to be provided to independent schools under its Quality Schools reforms. Australian Government recurrent funding for Queensland independent schools is projected to increase from \$909 million in 2017 to \$1.145 billion in 2021, an increase of 26%. Under the new arrangements The Glenleighden School will receive significantly higher funding from the Federal Government in the future meaning the school will be able to increase resourcing to better support our wonderful students.

We thank the Prime Minister for sharing his valuable time so generously with the school community. Pictures from the visit may be found at our Facebook page (link below) and the story was expected to be featured on all news stations, including Sky, tonight.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheGlenleighdenSchool>

### Sports Day

Pack your pom poms ready to cheer for your child at our annual Sports Day on **16 June 2017**. We again gratefully acknowledge the use of the Fig Tree Pocket State School oval for the event. For our new families your child will be allocated a house, either Robinson, Mueller and Turnbull and students are encouraged to wear house colours on the day. The program promises to be a jam packed one with races, ball games and track and field events. This year our students will start the day with a 'march on' around the oval. All parents are welcome to attend and assist with the events. Please ensure you have submitted your order for the sausage/chicken sizzle for the day.

### Senior School Business Studies Project

You may have noticed delicious cupcakes appearing each Friday afternoon. They are part of our new Business Studies program in the Senior School that teaches our students how to establish a profitable small business. Remember to pre-order your cakes each Wednesday as not only are they tasty but also support this wonderful student initiative.

### TGS Community Seminars

Last week the school hosted another TGS Community Seminar on reading and numeracy strategies for students with language disorder. We thank Jo Wood and Jan Morey for sharing their expertise and also thank the parents who made the time to attend. Please highlight your diaries for **13 June at 6.30 pm** for our next Community Seminar on *Speech and Language Supports for Learning – Paget Gorman, Colour Coding, Shape Coding and Cued Articulation*.

### Soccer

Is it Soccer or Football? Either way, our students are enjoying the training by Grasshopper Soccer on a Tuesday lunchtime and learning the specifics of the game. We have several big events coming up this season including a Soccer Carnival in June and interschool Soccer games in Term 3. Due to the generosity of Classic and Muscle Car Club of Ipswich the students will be receiving official TGS soccer jerseys for the games. We thank them greatly for their contributions to the school community alongside Ben Wallace who has been the driving force in establishing a school soccer team. If your child is interested in participating, please contact the school at reception.

### Pancakes and Pyjamas

Our amazing chaplain Jilanna Craig has once again organised an exciting event in honour of Chappy Week. On **29 May** we will be holding a pancake breakfast and students are welcome to come in their pyjamas for the day. Please ensure you have completed a permission slip if you would like your child to participate.

### Fig Tree Pocket Fete

The Fig Tree Pocket State School P&C have kindly invited our school to have a stall at their fete on **Sunday, 11 June 2017**. The PS&F has organised a coffee cart and will also be running a version of 'Chatters Café' on the day. If you are able to assist, please contact Rowena Coles or let us know at the school reception desk

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

From 5 June to 16 June teachers will be holding parent/teacher interviews. A letter will be distributed this week allowing you to book a convenient time to speak with your child's classroom teacher. The focus of the meetings is to discuss the academic, social-emotional and behavioural progress of your child. The teachers look forward to sharing information around the growth of your child at school.

### Senior School Information Evening

On **Wednesday, 31 May 2017** the school will be holding a Senior School Information Evening. This will be an opportunity to learn about the subject choices, therapy options and future career progression for students in the TGS Senior School. This is an exciting time in the history of our Senior School so we are looking forward to sharing with you our new initiatives.

Kind regards

*Debra Creed*

Principal

# The Prime Minister's Visit



Thank you for coming to visit  
our school Prime Minister,  
Hon. Jane Prentice MP and  
Hon. Scott Emerson MP we  
are honoured you came to  
meet us!!



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# Chaplaincy News

In week 7, we are celebrating 'Chappy Week'! Our School Chaplain provides emotional, spiritual and practical support to our school community. Chaplains (or 'Chappies') are in the **prevention and support business**; they provide a **listening ear and a caring presence** for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They are also on-hand to provide support for staff and parents in school communities.

'Chappy Week' is an annual event run by SU QLD to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains.



## Pancake and Pyjama Day!!

On **Monday 29 May**, we are celebrating! We will be having a delicious pancake breakfast, and even better, the kids can come in their pyjamas for the day!!

Pancakes will be served on the morning before school from 8:15am. Make sure to be here early on the 29<sup>th</sup> to grab your pancake! This is going to be a great school community event - you won't want to miss it!



Please note, due to popularity and ensuring that everyone gets served, there is a limit of one pancake per child. This includes two toppings of your choice. Gluten Free option will be available.

Parents are, of course, more than welcome to have a pancake also! Copies of the below permission slip have gone home with the students, but it is also attached should you need it.

# Notice from the Chair of the Board

*As you may already be aware, Hilary Martin's employment with the Association ceased as of Friday, 28 April 2017. The Board would like to thank Hilary for her contribution to the organisation over the past couple of years.*

*I can now confirm that the Board has moved swiftly to appoint an Acting CEO. I am very glad to announce that Karen Hauff has accepted this position and commenced in the role as of 15 May 2017. Karen comes to SALDA having previously volunteered on the Board for four years as Secretary and Deputy Chair. Karen has a vast range of experience as a Legal, Company Secretary and Governance Executive. We are very lucky to have Karen, given her extensive expertise and knowledge of the association. The Board is confident that Karen will provide valuable leadership and direction for the association during her interim appointment, allowing us to seek a suitable replacement.*

*The Board sees this as an opportunity for SALDA to consolidate our operations and to continue with business as usual. Karen will make herself available for any questions or concerns and no doubt will be around meeting with staff, parents and stakeholders, where possible.*

*In other news, the Board is currently advertising for new Board members to fill vacancies created by the departure of some of our long serving members. Applications have been placed on various boards and we welcome parents and suitably qualified persons to apply. For further enquiries please contact me via [chair@salda.org.au](mailto:chair@salda.org.au)*

*After an exciting week with the visit of the Prime Minister, the Board remains confident that we can continue to capitalise on the groundwork put in over the last few months and are very excited about the future.*

*Kind regards*

*Gareth Davies  
Chairman of the Board  
[Chair@salda.org.au](mailto:Chair@salda.org.au)*

# Mental Health

## Keeping vigilant about mental health awareness.

Children and families are no strangers to adversity and challenges in everyday life. In 2017, with exposure to online materials, the message of healthy and responsible behaviours can become distorted and unclear. Misunderstood mental health issues can make this even more complex. Today youth can have access to controversial materials online, through TV and internet streams, games and social media. They can be exposed to material that depicts substance abuse, mental health and self-harm, violence and assault. Children with language and learning difficulties may have an increased vulnerability to the negative impacts of inappropriate content. Discussing harmful acts, including assault, self-harm and suicide are an increasing trend in many school aged children throughout Australia with a rise in shows on Netflix and other materials easily available and parents need to be equipped with the appropriate resources and supports in helping their children understand mental health and the ramifications of self-harm and suicide. If you feel that you or your family need additional support in discussing any risks. Please contact Julia or Luke to speak with a psychologist about support strategies. Otherwise consulting with your local GP can help in starting the process of intervention.

If you or anyone you know is feeling at risk of harm or suicide, please contact

### **Lifeline**

For support and advice in a personal crisis

**13 11 14**

[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

### **Suicide Callback Service**

Support if you, or someone you know, is feeling suicidal

**1300 65 94 67**

[www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

### **headspace**

**Age: 12-25**

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**1800 650 890**

[www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

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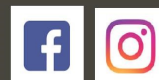
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