The Glenleighden News

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Dear TGS Families and Community,

What a great night on Saturday at the Trivia extravaganza! Good food, great company, wonderful costumes made it a special affair. Everyone had a fantastic night with table 10 taking the honours as 'best at Trivia'. Special thanks to everyone behind the scenes and visible on the night for working so tirelessly to create such a success. Well done to all involved.

History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children - Nelson Mandela

It is with our greatest thanks that we acknowledge the Danzig Family for their invaluable donation to the *Seahorses* class in Early Childhood. The Danzig Family joined the Glenleighden family this year and have already set about making our school a more enriching and safe space for our students to grow. Thank you Danzig Family for investing in our students and staff and believing in the vital work of our school.

Last Tuesday, another successful TGS Community Seminar was held. Experienced staff gave attendees background and helpful tips on 'Essential Supports in Language Disorder' including signing, literacy development, concept development, and colour coding. The next seminar 'Emotional Supports in Language Disorder' is scheduled for 19th June. We hope to see you there.

Last week we welcomed Nastassia De Aquiar, Occupational Therapist, to our school community. Nastassia will be working with our Middle School students and helping in her field of expertise. As you will be aware, we have farewelled our CEO, Nigal de Maria, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Supervised arrival times for students are 8.45am for Early Childhood, 8.30am for Junior and Middle Schools and 8am for Senior School. Children arriving before these times are to remain under parent/ adult supervision until staff arrive on duty.

With the cooler morning temperatures children are arriving in jumpers and as the day warms the jumpers are removed. Unfortunately, some garments have gone missing. Please ensure all clothing is labelled to assist staff to return garments to their rightful owners. Please check your child's cloths/bag and return any items that do not belong to your family.

Unfortunately, due to a low number of RSVPs to our scheduled Senior School Information session on 30th May, the evening event is being postponed. A new date will be advertised once it is confirmed.

Jan Morey
Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Coordinator

Jenni Machin
Therapy Coordinator

(*Presentation from the Seahorse children*)

Message from the Chair

As we swiftly move towards the end of Term 2 it is important we take time to pause and reflect on the events which have defined our start to 2018. Pleasingly this has included many highlights and only a few challenges.

To start with it is important I discuss the conclusion of Nigal De Maria in the role of School Leader and CEO of SALDA. After much deliberation, the SALDA Board felt the organisation was moving in a direction which was a deviation from its mission and vision. As a fellow parent of the school and Chairman I will accept nothing less than the best for our children. We wish Nigal well with his future endeavours.
Leadership requires at times taking the tough decisions. The SALDA Board understands your family may have concerns over this change in leadership and what it means for your family. I welcome the opportunity to discuss where we are heading as an organisation and can be contacted via email at chair@salda.org.au.

On a more positive note, I would like to express our complete faith in the ability of our existing Leadership team who have a collective length of service with SALDA of 38 years to continue to deliver world class education and services for our children and young people. I can also confirm we will commence recruiting for a Head of School as it has become clear that combining the role of CEO and Principal leaves Glenleighden without adequate resourcing.

There have been many, many highlights to date. We held a very successful open day attracting more families than ever before to view our school. Our TGS student numbers are the highest they have been in a number of years, we recently made many of our invaluable staff permanent to retain their talent and we are in the process of recruiting 2.5 Speech Language Pathologist's ensuring we remain Australia's leading speech and language school.

On Saturday night we held a very successful TGS Trivia Night supported by the school community at large. Thank you to all who attended the evening and to the PS&F and staff who worked tirelessly to make it a great success. We look forward to sharing in many more celebrations this year with Sports Day just around the corner.

The SALDA Board remains steadfastly committed to providing the optimum learning experience and services for children with speech, language and related disorders. With your ongoing support, we can continue to help children and young people find their voice.

Peter Seldon

Chairman
SALDA Board

Chaplaincy News!

Hello TGS Families,
It's hard to believe we're already half-way through Term 2!
Please see below for a couple of upcoming Chaplaincy events:

Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning

Please see the below invite for our next coffee morning coming up on ***Tuesday 5 June***.
Please note we have a change of venue this month to McDonald's Jindalee, Goggs Rd.

YOU'RE INVITED...

Parent/ Carer Coffee Mornings

Next date: TUESDAY 5 JUNE

Where: McDonald's Jindalee - Goggs Rd, Jindalee Homemaker Centre

Time: Just after morning drop-off, from 9:00am

Why: This is a great opportunity to meet other parents in our school community or come with a friend. If you're new to the school or would love to come for a coffee and chat, please feel very welcome!

Chaplaincy Pancake and Dress-Up Day!!

On ***Tuesday 12 June***, we are celebrating! The Chaplaincy Service is hosting a delicious pan-cake breakfast and the kids can come dressed up in the following: pyjamas if they'd like (as the mornings are definitely getting cooler); uniform with dressing gown over the top; themed dress as decided by their class teacher.

A letter and order form will be sent home with your child.

Jilanna Craig
TGS School Chaplain – Tuesdays
Jilanna.craig@salda.org.au

Roaring 20's Trivia Night a Roaring success

Wow what a night on Saturday at Trivia! It was a very special affair. Everyone had a fantastic night with Senior School table taking the honours on the night.

When we started planning for the TGS Trivia Night we had high hopes the event would be a welcome night off for our valued TGS family. 100+ guests later and we had a evening full of fun and memorable moments to share.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our PS&F volunteers and staff of TGS for their hard work both in the lead up to the event and on the night. A special thanks to everyone for working so tirelessly to create such a success.

We hope you all enjoyed the evening and we will be sure to announce the fundraising tally and where the funds will be directed in the coming weeks.

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Early Childhood News!

From the Seahorse Room

The Seahorses have been becoming experts in creating maps!

They have been working together with their friends to make different places on their maps using blocks. They have put houses, shops and even an airport onto their maps! It has been great to see them showing their social skills, especially sharing and taking turns.

These clever little people have also driven their cars around on the map and they are being language legends by telling everyone where their car is going and how to get to the different places on their map.

They are very proud of their maps and many of them are choosing to play with them during social play times!

From the Starfish Room

Funky Friday's in the Starfish room

On Friday's, after working hard on maths activities it's time to have fun in the Starfish room. The Starfish all love "Funky Fridays". We all have so much fun showing off costumes, dancing together and joining in social games with our friends.

From the Dolphins Room

'This week is National Volunteer's Week and to celebrate the amazing volunteers at the McIntyre Centre we made a lovely card.
The students have been practising their drawing skills and produced these fantastic horse drawings.

All the students love horse riding and have made great connections with their helpers.'

Junior School News!

From the Sharks Room

The highlight the last two weeks has been listening to some our parents talk about their connections to other countries as part of our Geography theme 'Places Around Us'. They shared stories, photos of animals, clothing, shared some food and zoomed in on Google Earth landmarks. It has been a real pleasure having Ezra's Dad (England), Rory's mum (Vietnam) and Eashar's mum (India) come in and speak to us. Thank you so much! We are also looking forward to Lola's mum (France), Aiden's dad (Iran), Samuel B's mum (South Africa) and Sebastian's Dad (England) speaking to us!

We have also been practising our reading strategies and reading comprehension and continuing with investigating heavy and light in maths

From the Tigers Room

In Geography this term, we have been talking about our connections to places locally, nationally and overseas. We have discovered that many of our classmates and family were born in other countries from around the world. The children have enjoyed sharing in discussions with Ezra's dad (England) and Rory's mum (Vietnam) who have kindly come in to talk about their country's food, culture, lifestyle and experiences. In particular, using Google Earth to locate landmarks has fascinated students and evoked much curiosity and intrigue. We look forward to exploring more countries with other parents who will be coming in to share their connections too.

To integrate our geography unit into our maths sessions, we have been using two different maps for our BeeBot location and transformation skills. One is of the world and the other is of the Sydney 2000 Olympic games. Students have to code their Beebots using arrows (left, right, forward, backwards) and a grid to help them follow directions and transform the Beebots from one location to another. Students enjoy doing this and are becoming more independent at using them.

Middle School News!

Brisbane Then and Now

Middle School students have enjoyed discovering more about their city during recent History sessions. Using artefacts, books and websites, the students have been guided to answer questions about particular aspects of Brisbane. They have been most interested by some of the changes that have occurred throughout Brisbane's development.

Did you know ...

The Turrbal and Jagera people are the descendants of the original owners and custodians of the region of present-day Brisbane.

During some of the earliest chapters of Australian exploration, a penal colony was established in Brisbane to house the most recalcitrant of Sydney's convicts. By 1829 there were almost 1000 prisoners, more than 100 of whom were women, but by 1839 only 107 convicts remained.

Brisbane River was once home to the Brisbane River Cod but the species became extinct in the 1950s due to overfishing and pollution.

From its opening in 1940 until 1947, there was a toll of sixpence (5 cents) to use the Story Bridge.

A locomobile driven by James Trackson, electrical pioneer, is described as Brisbane's first motor car. He is riding it here with his wife in 1902.

Senior School News!

In Senior School the students experience many different activities within and outside of our school environment.

Some students go to Tennis while others go to the Gym at Jindalee. We even have students doing trips to Indooroopilly shops to practise their English, Maths and navigation skills.

Throughout the year the Senior School students will rotate through many different activities.

School Language Legend Awards!

Early Childhood

William K
Milan F
Isaac P

Junior School

Eashar N
Gabriel F

Middle School

Tate W
Jordan W

Senior School

Youssef H
Joshua S
Sophie S

Congratulations to Henley from Middle School for being a Language Legend and enacting the School Value "for demonstrating school values, particularly being kind and helpful."

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.

Soccer Update!

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.

So far the following dates have been confirmed:

Friday June 1 – Goodna Special School at TGS—Middle School Players
Friday June 8—Intra-school game—All TGS Players
Friday June 15 – Sycamore School at TGS—Junior School Players
Thursday June 28 - Indoor Soccer Carnival at Ipswich Basketball Stadium, Bundamba—Middle and Senior School Players. STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

Remember, there is no Friday afternoon soccer on game days

Friday 1st June

- Our first Soccer game! Goodna Special School vs TGS Middle School

Tuesday 5th June

- Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th June

- Chaplaincy Pancake and Dress-Up Day.

Wednesday 13th June

- Paget Gorman Signed Speech

Friday 22nd June

- Sports Day is scheduled to be held at Fig Tree Pocket State School.
- Last Day Term 2.

Tuesday 17th July

- First Day Term 3.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

We are 2 weeks into the Premier's Reading Challenge. Your child should have received a School Reader Record Form and Book Mark. The Challenge commenced Monday 14th May and closes Friday 24th August.
The Challenge entails your child to read the expected number of books. (Prep – Year 4 are required to read 20 books & Year 5 – Year 9 to read 15 books). Children are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. Prep – Year 2 students can include shared reading, being read to, or reading books independently. For more information please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

On completing the Premier's Reading Challenge and reading the required number of books, all registered students will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Students who participate but do not complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Participation from the School.
Please don't forget to flick me an email to register your child as I have not received many responses.
My email is library@salda.org.au, hope to hear from you soon.

Happy Reading
Karen Smith (Library Assistant)

Thank You!

We would like to sincerely thank our **PS&F** for their kind donation of $1500 for purchasing home readers for our children. We were able to increase our collection with nearly 300 books.

McDonald's.
BRISBANE MARATHON FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST

JOIN THE **LANGUAGE LEGENDS** TEAM

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A LEGEND FOR KIDS WITH SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND RELATED DISORDERS. HELP RAISE AWARENESS & FUNDS FOR THE GLENLEIGHDEN SCHOOL BY RUNNING OR WALKING AS A MEMBER OF OUR BRISBANE MARATHON FESTIVAL TEAM ON SUNDAY AUGUST 5 2018.

CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE

MARATHON (42KM), HALF MARATHON (21KM),
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