



**THE GLENLEIGHDEN  
SCHOOL**



**TGS** *Voice*

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### Message from the CEO

**Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 3. Going forward we will be publishing our new look newsletter, TGS Voice, on the last Friday of each month. I hope you find the new format useful and informative.**

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Kelly McBurnie, our new Head of School. I am delighted that Kelly has now joined us. As Executive Principal of TGS, I look forward to working closely with Kelly, and the wider school team, as we lead what will be some significant changes and developments within TGS over the coming 6 months and beyond. The Looking Forward at TGS section of the new newsletter will keep you informed about new developments, as we move forward, and I will provide a more detailed overview of the vision for The Glenleighden School in a separate communication which I expect to publish before the end of September.



**Mark Yeowell,  
SALDA CEO,  
and Executive  
Principal of TGS**

We are passionate about ensuring the very best educational experience for every student at Glenleighden enabling them to achieve those extraordinary outcomes we unapologetically seek, as declared in our vision statement. Our Glenleighden students amaze and delight me every day with their zest for life, friendly and caring nature, as well as their determination to overcome the challenges they face each day in their learning. A school is not a set of buildings in a specific location, but rather a community of people; students, staff, parents, and others; who work together on an educational journey for each child. Our students, your children, deserve an amazing education and this will remain

central in everything we do. Our partnership with you as parents is critical in achieving this vision. As always, I encourage you to connect with us, share your ideas, provide constructive feedback, and most importantly be actively part of the Glenleighden School community in every way you can. Together we can achieve amazing things for the wonderful children and young people who make up The Glenleighden School.

*Mark Yeowell*

## Message from the Head of School

**Can I firstly say I have thoroughly enjoyed my first three weeks as Head of TGS and I look forward to many future 'firsts' on my journey with this incredible school. The students are an absolute delight, full of positivity and joy and as such, have so much to teach us.**

Thank you to the families who have contacted me with feedback. I truly appreciate your input and the honest discussions we have been able to have. Without these invaluable connections with families, students and staff we are not able to move the organization forward to ensure we meet the needs of our students. We are dreaming big dreams and need your help to realise them.

I also continue to be surprised by the passion and energy of our staff who work tirelessly to provide an incredible environment for our students. In fact, they have welcomed me so warmly, I feel like I have been here for years!

I truly appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with students, staff, families and the wider community and as such commit to the SALDA values by ensuring I remain:

- Open-minded and understanding
- Creative and solutions focused
- Considered and courageous in decision making
- A staunch advocate for students with speech and language difficulties

They are many changes on the horizon and I am incredibly excited about the possibilities of TGS long into the future.

Please introduce yourself to me at the gate in the mornings or alternatively I would welcome a conversation at Chatters on the 4th and 18th August when I will be available to families.

*Kelly McBurnie*



**Kelly McBurnie,  
Head of School**

*Warm welcome  
Kelly McBurnie  
to the TGS family*





## Whats happening at TGS

- The revised drop off and pick up procedures are improving the flow of traffic around the school at peak times – thank you for your support in this
- The staffroom and uniform shop have undertaken a revamp and cleanout to ensure the wellbeing of staff, students and families
- The school has purchased a subscription to the online reading resource 'Sunshine Online' which will enable students to access texts suited to their current ability level
- Early Childhood has renewed their focus on child-centered, transdisciplinary learning. Currently our students are exploring the concept of differing environments. We look forward to seeing our little ones dressed as farmers in coming weeks.
- Senior School students recently undertook first aid training with St Johns. The photos tell the story!
- Connection was made with the leadership team at Fig Tree Pocket State School, with Mark and Kelly meeting with Jason Day. This allows us to explore the potential of accessing each other's facilities throughout the year for a variety of events and strengthening our existing partnership.

## SALDA School Fee Bursaries for 2022

Annual applications for 2022 school fee bursaries will open on 1 August. The SALDA Board is pleased to be able to offer the equivalent of 20 full bursaries for 2022 to support families experiencing financial hardship or difficulty paying their school fees. We are aware that some families not requiring bursaries may wish to offer this support to other families by contributing to the Bursary Fund for 2022, enabling SALDA to offer support to even more families. If you would be interested in donating to the Bursary Fund for 2022, please contact David Vojinov, Head of Finance and Commercial Operations for SALDA, to pledge your support, or for a confidential discussion. David can be contacted by email [david.vojinov@salda.org.au](mailto:david.vojinov@salda.org.au) or by calling 1300 881 763.

## Looking forward at TGS

- We welcome Shannai Clissold as May Selkirk's replacement in Middle School from Monday the 16 August
- A review of the PLP process and format will occur this term ready for implementation in 2022
- Austin the Story Dog will be joining the Junior School for targeted reading during this semester – you are invited to meet him and his owner, Sam at next week's Assembly
- Early Childhood educators will be visiting a local kindergarten, Prep Centre and ECDP on Monday the 9 August to gather information and resources in terms of current best practice
- The Library storerooms are undergoing a clear out to ensure important resources are in classrooms and being used regularly. This also frees up space to allow us to explore the provision of additional clubs and/or a technology hub
- Two TGS staff members will be working with the SSS team as part of the PLP review. We encourage you to provide feedback to classroom teachers about this process and the features of the current document you most value
- We will be rolling out our new digital School Management System (SMS) called TASS. This will bring together and streamline all elements of operations for staff, parents and students onto one platform – more information to follow.



## Thriving at TGS - Wellbeing News

### Have you explored the newly launched Student Wellbeing Hub?

The Student Wellbeing Hub is a central online space with information, resources and professional development for Australian teachers, students and parents, to promote the wellbeing and resilience of young people. Education Services Australia was engaged by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training to develop the site, and to develop and curate the resources.

The site offers targeted support for the whole school community:

- an interactive version of the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework, endorsed by Australian Ministers of Education
- professional learning modules with videos, support materials, educator podcasts and practical strategies to build understanding of student wellbeing and other topical issues
- a school survey tool to help schools check the effectiveness of their wellbeing policies and procedures
- a large and growing resource gallery, including interactives and videos aligned to the Australian Curriculum for key topics such as making safe and responsible choices around alcohol and other drugs, respectful relationships education, online safety, resilience, and respecting diversity.

The Hub can be accessed by clicking the link below.

[Student Wellbeing Hub | Home](https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/)  
<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/>



## Allied Health

**Lisa Quinn was recently appointed as Head of the Allied Health Services team at SALDA. This team includes all the allied health professionals who work within The Glenleighden School, School Support Services and those providing direct fee-for-service therapy and supports, predominantly in the NDIS space.**

An increasing number of students at Glenleighden, as well as students from other schools here in Brisbane and in Townsville, are accessing individual and group therapy / other allied health services through the SALDA Allied Health Services team. As an NDIS registered organisation SALDA is able to provide these services with a specialist lens of speech and language related disorders. In coming weeks, we will be announcing further spaces for these services as well as a broader range of service offerings. TGS parents will have the opportunity to register first for these fee-for-service offerings before we broaden our advertising more widely.

Did you know? SALDA runs a service available to all Queensland schools in the state, Catholic and Independent sectors, funded by the Queensland Government. Our School Support Service (SSS) has 12 allied health professionals and 3 educators who travel to schools across the whole of Queensland and work with them in support of students with Speech and language related needs. The teams work out of our Brisbane and Townsville offices and annually support over 900 students across nearly 200 schools. Some of our SSS team members generously gave of their time this week to share with TGS colleagues their expertise and some of their excellent resources. The Allied Health Services team is currently working on plans for the next School Holiday Program, based at the Glenleighden School site, during next school break at the end of Term 3. More details to follow soon.

## PS&F

**The PS&F held its regular monthly meeting in July. As well as receiving reports from the Executive Principal, Head of Glenleighden School and others, ideas were discussed for PS&F activity in the current semester and beyond.**

The PS&F are planning to hold a social event early each semester to welcome new families and provide opportunities for social connection for our students and adults.

The PS&F continue to operate the tuck-shop service which enables students to order and enjoy Subway on Tuesdays and sushi on Thursdays. Order forms for Term 4 will be sent out in the final week of this term.

The PS&F will take over the operation and administration of the existing Glenleighden Parents Facebook Page with the support of a moderator from within SALDA. This will provide focus and purpose to this page and ensure it is utilised to support communication, the school and its community.

All parents are welcome to join the monthly PS&F meetings which take place on the last Tuesday of each month.

**Vanessa Hollis, PS&F President and Junior School Parent, can be contacted on 0412 517 017.**



## Key Dates

**REMEMBER** that Chatters Café is open every Wednesday during term time from 8:45am to 10:30am

### AUGUST

**3 AUGUST:** Community Seminar – ‘Supporting your Child’s Communication using Key Word Sign’ presented by Lisa Quinn

**6 AUGUST:** Current PLPs sent to families

**11 AUGUST:** Public Holiday

**20 AUGUST:** Middle School Sleepover

**24 AUGUST:** PS&F meeting

**25 AUGUST:** Met West Athletics Carnival

**16 AUGUST TO 27 AUGUST:** Parent/Teacher Conferences

**27 AUGUST:** Book Week Dress Up Day

**27 AUGUST:** Premiers Reading Challenge ends

**31 AUGUST:** Author Visit

### SEPTEMBER

**1 SEPTEMBER:** Indigenous Book Swap

**3 SEPTEMBER:** Student Free Day

**10 SEPTEMBER:** School Concert

**16 SEPTEMBER:** Last day of term 3

**17 SEPTEMBER:** Student Free Day

**17 SEPTEMBER:** Year 12 Graduation Dinner