

## AGM

We have our Annual General Meeting for Glenvale Christian School Board. This will be held at the school admin block on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. See the office if you would like information about becoming a member of the Association or just about the meeting. All school parents are welcome at the AGM.

## Communication

We are a school that values the partnership that we have between teachers and parents. It is essential that if you have a concern that you contact your child ('s) teacher and discuss the matter with them. If you have done this and require further assistance then make an appointment to see the principal. We ask that discussions with teachers in the morning before school are brief and that you arrange a more suitable time to meet.

## Community News

The Modern Language Teachers Association Queensland Darling Downs is planning a Languages and Careers Night at Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre, USQ, West St Toowoomba on Tuesday May 18 from 7 to 9pm. They are bringing together a group of young people under 30 that have learned another language and have used it in their chosen careers. The young people will tell stories of the advantages gained from learning a language with school students, teachers and parents.

## Calendar Check

- Gymnastics – Friday Weeks 1-10.
- ANZAC Day service – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.50pm.
- Public Holidays – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> (ANZAC Day). Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Labour Day). Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June (Queens Birthday).
- NAPLAN Testing (Years 3/5/7) in Week 5.
- Weekly Information Assemblies – Monday at 2.50pm.
- Weekly Chapel assemblies – Wednesday 9am.
- GCS Cross Country – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (Week 9)
- Reports posted out – Week 10.

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# "Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

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## SCRIPTURE FOCUS

*Psalm 27*

## Welcome from the Principal

I am here at last! The last 12 weeks have been quite a journey but we (my family) are finally here and excited about what God is doing at Glenvale Christian School. It was great to have the two weeks in the holidays to settle into the school and to become familiar with what is happening at the school. I especially enjoyed coming to the swimming carnival and meeting a number of parents and seeing the school in action.

Since leaving Litchfield Christian School in the Northern Territory nearly 10 years ago I have wanted to come back to a small Christian school and be part of a Christian community again. I believe that Christian education is vital so children see the world from a Christian perspective and so we can equip them not only to live but to thrive in a world that gives so many false messages.

When reading the Psalms I looked at Psalm 27 and was encouraged with what it had to say. David starts in verse 1 by saying that "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?" We have many things that try to instil fear in us from the world, but as we look to God to illuminate our path He will guide us and His salvation is what we can depend on. We should not be scared knowing that God is in charge!

David says in Verse 13 that we will see the goodness of the Lord "in the land of the living...". It is important that we can see how God has blessed

this school community with great resources, skilled and dedicated teachers and a wise and hard working board.

Finally, we should “Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” Let us as a community seek what He has for this school and wait on Him to guide us forward as a school.

We have plenty of challenges ahead! As we seek God and His direction for this school we know that He will help us develop an exciting place of learning for our children.

#### **“ALLERGY ALERT “ “ ALLERGY ALERT”**

Parents of **ALL** children are asked not to send lunches or snacks to school which contain **nuts or whole eggs**. Examples of these foods include- peanut butter, Nutella, egg sandwiches and all varieties of nuts.

Glenside Christian School has a student enrolled in the school who suffers from a severe life threatening allergy to these foods. The school wishes to provide a safe environment for all our students. Also we do not want to place unnecessary stress on our teachers by triggering a medical emergency.

Other measures the school will take to reduce the risk to severe allergy sufferers include.

- No trading and sharing of food, food utensils and food containers
- Drink bottles and lunch boxes need to be clearly labelled with the name of the child to whom they are intended.

Simple good hygiene measures -Hand washing on arrival to school and before & after each meal break.

NB- the majority of schools over Australia have adopted these practises to reduce the risk of allergy.

#### Times for Term 2.

We have made some minor changes to the timetable for Term 2. Please note:

Session 1: 9am to 11am.

Session 2: 11.30 to 1pm.

Session 3: 1.45 to 3.15pm

Our communication assembly is now at 2.50pm on Monday afternoon.

#### Volunteer Needed !

Help is needed on a Thursday afternoon to change the sign at the front of the school. Please see Mr Peden for further information.

#### Gymnastics

This term students will be attending a gymnastics program at the local PCYC. Students will be travelling on the school bus and will participate in a 45 minute session on Friday each week. **In the event of an emergency the school will rely on information provided on the emergency contact form held at the office. If this information requires updating please contact the office.**

We expect high standards of behaviour of our students while at PCYC out of school. If a student has to be withdrawn from the lesson due to poor behaviour they may miss the next week's lesson.

#### Anzac Day

This year the students will be taking part in an ANZAC Day service on Friday afternoon at 2.50pm. This will be held at the school. The Years 2-7 will be studying ANZAC Day over the next few weeks in class. A reminder that Monday Week 2 (26<sup>th</sup> April) is a public holiday.

#### Senior Camp 2010

We have just booked a camp for the students in Years 5-7. The camp will be held at Edmund Park Education Centre, which is located near Thornton via Laidley. The camp will be in Week 5 in Term 4 and will be run from Monday November 1st. We are in the process of finalizing the program.

#### Supervision Before School

A reminder that school supervision starts at 8.30am. Students that arrive before this time are not supervised. If you need before or after school care for your child/children please see the office for a list of providers.

#### Snack for Session 1

As some children have eaten breakfast a couple of hours before school has started we are providing time in the first session for students to have a quick snack. We suggest a piece of fruit or something healthy that will not take a long time to eat.

#### Board Meeting

The Board meeting that was scheduled for tonight has been moved to this Friday the 23rd of April, 7pm at the school.