

## GLENVALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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# "Blackboard" GCS Newsletter

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### Taking Your Place in the Plan of God

*"...I am...the God of Abraham...Isaac and...Jacob..."*

Exodus 3:6 NKJV

Today we're conditioned to think in terms of instant gratification. We're the generation of lunch-time face lifts and text messaging; we hate to wait for anything. Think about the last time you had to wait for something to arrive by 'snail mail' or stand in line at the checkout counter. Now, here's where we get it wrong: we expect whatever God initiates through us to be completed while we are still around to see the end result. We don't like it when He decides to continue the work through another person - or worse - another generation! But that's how God works. When God reveals something to you it's usually within the framework of what's already taken place before you came on the scene. He told Moses, 'I am the God of your father...of Abraham...Isaac and...Jacob.' God had made certain promises to Moses' forefathers hundreds of years earlier, and now it was Moses' time to take his place in the plan of God. Accepting that you're a small link in a big chain can be humbling, but once Moses understood it he was able to connect with and focus on something bigger than himself. 'It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.' (1 Corinthians 3:7-8 NLT) It's amazing what you can accomplish when you're not concerned about who carries the torch over the finish line.

## Assemblies

On Mondays we will be having an information assembly from 2.50pm in the demountable. On Wednesdays we have a service with singing, Bible readings and this term we are looking at the student Code of Behaviour from a Biblical perspective. All parents are welcome to both assemblies.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who have been working hard to make sure our school is a safe place for all students. It has been a challenge making lunches and snacks nut free but this allows all students to be safe at the school. A reminder that students are not allowed to share or trade food but must eat their own lunch that parents have provided.

## School Timetable

We have had a very enjoyable start to Term 2. Our timetable for this term has been changed due to changed hours of staff and the gymnastics programs. Some changes include:

Rebecca Newman teaches all day Monday and Tuesday, and up to lunch on Wednesday to Friday.

On Wednesday and Friday afternoon Years 4-7 are with Mrs O'keefe and are working on a SOSE unit. Years 2 and 3 work with Mr Peden and Prep/1 stay the same.

On Thursday afternoon Years 4-7 are with Mrs O'keefe working on science projects and Prep to Year 3 are with Mrs Kempfe enjoying music, drama and art lessons.

## 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.

## Mothers day Stall

Thanks you to all the families who supported our Mothers Day Stall. You will be pleased to know that we made \$177 profit which will be spent on Christian books for our new library.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Our school is taking the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2010. This challenge takes place between 10 May and 27 August. The requirements to meet this challenge are: Prep to Year 4 must read or experience 20 books and Year 5 to Year 7 must read 15 books. We are encouraging all students to participate. A form will be sent home for your child to keep a record of the books he/she has read. (If we get 100% participation, our school goes into a drawing for a prize!) We thank Rebecca Newman for doing a fantastic job organizing this challenge.

### Piano Lessons

It was great to meet Michelle Dawson who is interested in giving piano lessons at the school on a weekly basis. She teaches up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade AMEB. Cost will be \$20 per half hour and a workbook will need to be purchased which will be around \$20.

### Old Health School Dental Service

Students will soon be offered dental treatment at the Toowoomba Dental Clinic in Gilbert Street.

Parents are required to arrange transport to the clinic from school for their child as well as accompany them to the appointment.

Please return the registration forms to the school office by next **Friday the 21st of May**. Dental staff will then phone you for the first appointment.

For enquiries—please phone the North Dental Clinic on 46 327 014

### THANKYOU

A huge thankyou to Rowena Entwistle and Janet Worrall for volunteering to change the sign at the front of the school. This will allow us to have the sign give up to date information to the community on what is happening.

On Friday Mr Peden will be away from school. He will be going with Edward van der Velde to the annual AGM of CEN (Christian Education Network). He will be back by Monday.

## Library update

Well our library is nearly at the stage where we obtain our keys. Hooray. During the past week, paths have been made, carpet has been going in and that the cabinet makers have been in and fitted the fixed desks and kitchen.

Things are looking great and the committee is very please with the progress.

There are some electrical changes happening over the next few weeks including the full installation of the new switchboard at the amenities block.

The committee is currently working on the fit-out items. We have a budget for some landscaping and anyone with a flair for landscape design is welcome to submit some ideas and drawings to the library committee.

Our next library committee meeting is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and if you intend on submitting ideas, (in writing), please have them to a member of the committee by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. A reminder for everyone that the people on the committee are David Hogg, Ed van der Velde, Sandra van der Kley, Jane Strahan, Terry Kronk and Sue O'Keefe.

From the library committee

### What's Happening – Term 2

Gymnastics – Friday Weeks 1-10.

Information Assemblies – Monday at 2.50pm.

Chapel assemblies – Wednesday 9am.

GCS Cross Country – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (Week 9)

Reports posted out – Week 10.