



Glenelg Primary School Reunion

General Newsletter No. 5
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You are booked!

We have booked our dinner venue:

The Morphett Arms

138 Morphett Road

Glengowrie, SA

<http://www.morphettarms.com.au/>

Mark your diary for Saturday 4th November, from 6:45 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. sit-down. Some of us may like to meet earlier than that for more leisurely drinks and conversation before the more hectic larger gathering begins. There is no “kick-out” time stipulated, but 2:00 a.m. would probably be the limit because that’s when the nearby gaming area closes.

We will be using the a-la-carte dinner menu with full table service for both food and drinks. The hotel can cater for vegetarians, diabetics and so on, but if you have an “extra special” diet you should let us know well beforehand.

More about the night will come in due course.

Please Commit Yourself

We really do need to know for sure who is coming to dinner. It seems that there are many people who know about the reunion but have not confirmed whether or not they will attend. Please check the attached dinner list for your name and let me know if it is missing.

Dinner Confirmation & Contact Lists

The current list of dinner attendees is attached. Also attached is a list showing who has had definite contact with us about the reunion. If you know that someone is missing from either of these lists, please let me know. And don't forget to send me their contact details (especially email if they have access).

Friends Who Left Before Grade 7

Our research has reminded us of people who were in our classes for some years but left Glenelg Primary before Grade 7. I'm sure you will all agree that they should not feel excluded from our reunion. We have recently contacted one such, David Walter, who went to Pulteney Grammar in Grade 7 and is interested in the dinner. I am beginning a list of others in this position so if you know some names please send them to me. Eventually some of our photos from Grades 1 to 6 should be circulated, and that will help our recall.

Local Contact Persons

You may like to give or clarify information, feed ideas into our planning, and discuss names or memories with someone. You may just like to talk to someone not very far away who was in our school year-group. If so, try one of these people who have volunteered to be provide local liaison.

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2 John Allen
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3 Ros Paterson?? (nee Phillips)
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Introducing us to the Glenelg School Community

Ros Paterson has written a message to the people of the current Glenelg School, announcing our reunion project, describing the amazing mixture of people in the 1957 group both then and now, and saying how much we look forward to joining the community on November 5th. We hope the school will publish the message in its regular newsletter. This should foster plenty of goodwill and maybe spark some wider searching for former students.

Glenelg School Website

You may like to browse through the website of Glenelg School (an amalgamation of the Primary and Junior Primary). Click here <http://www.glenelgsr7.sa.edu.au/> Click on the regular newsletters to get an impression of what is going on. You'll notice some information about the Anniversary Carnival, a whole history book of the school (with photographs) available for reading online, and plenty more. That special "125th Birthday Wine" looks very interesting! Shouldn't we get some for our dinner? There's a worthwhile job for someone...

Our Own Website?

Last newsletter mentioned the idea of a website designed for former students of GPS. Jim Norris, with experience in setting up

websites, has offered to work on it. As his time is very limited, however, he emphasises that if anyone else wants to do it he will happily bow out. He estimates the cost of setting up to be \$100-\$200 per year if it has its own domain. An alternative is to hang it from an existing site, and Jim has offered one of his for this purpose. Is anyone else with expertise free to devote time to this?

Fishing Results

Ros Paterson has summarised the current position in the hunt for the other fugitives from '57.

Missing Girls as of 27.08.06

This list is of girls who have been identified in the class photos but are unable to find them owing to possibly having married with a subsequent change of name. The ones we are looking for are; Helen Batty, Denise Atkinson, Bev Roberts, Anne Ogilvey, Margaret Stacey, Adrienne Hicks, [Name?].Maunder, Kay Jenner, Lorraine Harman, Janette Shield, Dianne Stannard, Marlene Short, Margaret Ascione, Pauline Webb and Pam Thorpe.

Girls whose names are remembered but not identified in the photos. Some names that have been suggested are: Gloria Williams, Valerie Moyle, Judith Hall, Jill Clarnett(?) Adrienne or Donnalie Chesterfield, Andra McDonald, Ann Mercer and Pam Dowsett. (This list will grow substantially when Peter, Sue and Ros transcribe the school's admission registers).

Positive Contacts

Contact has been made with Dallas Lutz, Barbara Cox, Linda Basford, Beverley Quimby, Beverley Biddle, and Helen Thompson in the last seven days.

Girls who are currently in the sights of the researchers

Christine Pike (in Brisbane), Shirley Pinnington, Andra Langevaard (in W.A.), Dianne Walker. Yvonne Kenyon's mother wrote all the girls names on the backs of all Yvonne's class photos and so she was going to her mother's house on Saturday to check on these. Also her mother often remarks that she'd seen so and so. Yvonne hopes that her mother's interest will help us find more of these girls. Mrs. Kenyon used to umpire netball and knew lots of people as she lives opposite the school on Brighton Road.

Missing Boys as at 30.08.06

Glen Donnell, John Kidman, [Name?] Shea, Trevor/Warren Lloyd, Robert. May, Peter Snigg, Trevor Pope, Llewellyn Griffiths, Peter Ey, Chris Dowsett, Ralph Wells, Desmond [Surname?], Gary Hocking, David Allen, Roger Hill, Brenton Tilbrook, Rex Doyle, Roger Bates, Peter Reece, John Whittle, Robert. Connor, Stuart Fletcher, Gary Dalziel, Wayne Gambling, Alan Boag, Robert Lindsay, Christopher Martin, Kingsley Bullock, Errol Aikman

So what has to be done?

It's time to begin planning activities properly so we can make the most of the few hours we'll all be together again on those two days now only nine weeks away. To start the action, I've drafted a simple "To Do" list. Let's modify it as necessary and then allocate people to specific jobs. *Do we have any volunteers to handle any of the jobs?*

Before the Reunion

- Contact as many of our year-group as we can.
- Gather photographs and memorabilia for display or circulation at the reunion.
- Compile brief half-page biographies (and reminiscences?) from everyone (especially those not coming) to be circulated and/or included in a book later.
- Arrange for photographs to be taken both incidentally and in sessions on the weekend (both days).
- Get some *125th Birthday Wine* from the school to offer everyone at the dinner.
- Organise a programme for the dinner.
- Organise decorations, music etc. for the dinner (if we want that).
- Organise seating positions for the dinner.
- Make name-badges for all attending the dinner.
- Ensure everyone has full information about the reunion weekend – times, places, events, etc.
- Anything else? There must be plenty!

November 4th

- Meet at *The Morphett Arms*,
- People to act as announcers/MCs.
- Set up any decorations, place-name cards on tables, etc. beforehand.
- People to meet and greet at the entrance.
- Get photographs throughout the night.

November 5th

- The official opening is set for 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. This is for speeches, resurrecting the time-capsule buried at the centenary, etc. We should all be there en masse to stamp our year on the history books.
- Get photographs taken.

That's enough for now. Keep up the searching and help me to keep our records up to date and accurate. Any volunteers for any of the tasks are extremely welcome!

**Best wishes to all.
Stephen Crabbe**