



Glenelg Primary School Reunion

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Welcome all those who have recently come aboard!

Our Big Date

For all those who have not seen previous newsletters, here are the details of the *Reunion Dinner*.

Date: Saturday 4th November 2006

Place: *The Morphett Arms*

Address: 138 Morphett Road
Glengowrie, SA

Time: 6:45 p.m. for drinks, check in etc.
7:30 p.m. sit down

[See <http://www.morphettarms.com.au/> for more about the venue.]

And don't forget that we meet again at the *125th Anniversary Carnival* at Glenelg Primary School the next day, Sunday 5th November, 11:00 a.m. onwards.

Our Big Cut-off

For the last few weeks the main impetus in the search for 1957 graduates has come from Ros Paterson & Peter Corbett, both in SA. However, they will cease their search for people at the end of September. Furthermore, the Morphett Arms will probably not take more than 100 people, so once we reach that number on the dinner list *anyone else will miss out*. At the time of writing we have over 80 on the list, which accompanies this newsletter. So the message is: if you intend to come to our Reunion Dinner, please let me know *now*!

People Found, People Missing

I am attaching two lists of people so far not found. If you can give any clues as to where or how to trace them, please let us know.

Our own Website!

Jim Norris in NSW has put some valuable time and expertise into developing a website for us. Jim invites comments and suggestions on the site, so don't hesitate to contact us if you have something to say about it. You'll find it at

<http://www.drovers.com.au/gp1957/>

Tell us what you think and how you think it could be best used. To kick off, Peter Corbett suggests it should be just for the class of '57, at least in the short term. Peter says: "If we can find a suitable full-time web master, then I think it could be expanded to cover other (or all) old scholars, depending on what the cost would be and how the cost would be funded. Uses for the website could include

- expanded gallery of class photos
- other interesting or relevant photos.
- information about old scholar activities
- short biographies from individual old scholars
- a forum to disperse ideas about possible old scholar activities/functions.
- a way for old scholars to track down 'missing' old school friends.

Publicity

Ros Paterson is trying hard to have our reunion project publicised through the mass media. So far the outlets approached include the Glenelg Guardian, the Sunday Mail and radio station 5AA. We may also be able to have an article in The Advertiser. Keep eyes and ears open for the results.

Memories, memories

I intend to send you very soon a format for writing a short autobiography which the rest of us can read. It will be a much easier way of telling your story than saying it all a hundred times as you meet others at the reunion. We will present all the autobiographies as a book. A couple of people have suggested that we also include some memories of life at Glenelg Primary. Let's start making notes!

Financing our activities

Ros Paterson & Ann Newmarch advance the notion that a deposit should be taken from everybody who attends the reunion -- say

\$10.00. This could be used to cover all the incidentals, like place cards and decorations, and the rest to cover the cost of photocopying the book of personal biographies and memories. Everybody could then get a book and some would go towards the school's collection of memorabilia and the Mortlock Library of South Australian. This would avoid the hassles involved with publishing and then selling. (How many will sell? What if there's not enough to go round?) Any surplus funds could then go to cover the first jugs of juice, carafes of wine etc. to be placed on each dinner table. Your comments are welcome before we make a decision about the source of finance.

Who are we?

Rod Murray suggests we think about a group-name for ourselves. "What should we call ourselves," he says, "the Forty niners because it's 49 years since we left or the Heinz 57 seeing it was our last year?". It would be useful to have a catchy label for our group -- when advertising, for instance. Any more ideas?

Praesis ut prosis

So said the words of the school insignia emblazoned in gold upon royal blue. Who can remember when the Glenelg Primary School first introduced its uniform? I think it was 1955, and as I remember there was a bit of contention about it. My mother, for instance, conscientiously bought all the specified items of clothing with some haste so that I could wear the outfit for the class photographs. "Everyone *must* have their uniform by then," she insisted. "The school has made the rule." When I duly appeared before the camera in meticulous uniform there were only a couple of others in the class likewise attired. When she saw the photograph Mum must have lodged a query with the school about required clothing, because I recall distinctly how irate she was to be told that the uniform was not actually *compulsory* but *highly desirable*. My mother was never one to make herself or her children conspicuous, but perhaps unwittingly she had embraced the ethos codified by the motto. My rusty Latin tells me it translates roughly as "Lead that you might serve."

They cut the cuts from the records!

Remember the swoosh and sting of the cane? Or worse, perhaps, the excruciating eternity they made you wait as they fastidiously positioned the hand, trialled the stroke in the air, took careful aim.

Well, in accordance with the rules, it was all recorded in a Punishment Book, and when Ros Paterson and Peter Corbett sifted through the school archives recently they opened that book. But, would you believe it, the pages of punishments and trancies had all been cut out of the book and the deletion officially approved and signed by the Principal in 1960! I can still hear the voice of Miss Daisy Curtis in Grade 3 telling us 58 little boys to look out of the window at Mr Hosking, the Headmaster, as he walked grimly across the asphalt with hands behind his back. "Mr Hosking is not happy boys. See what's behind his back?" And as he passed us we could see the cane nestling there between his shoulder blades. They can cut it from the book but not from our memories...

***Best wishes to all until the next newsletter
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