



Glenelg Primary School Reunion

General Newsletter No. 8
4th October 2006

Welcome to 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

If you want accommodation you might consider the Morphett Arms itself! 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. (See time-table below.)

The Dinner List

As usual the updated list is attached with this Newsletter. Nearly every seat is now booked! But we need your help. We are trying to include everyone's name accurately on the Dinner List, so we can use it for table place-cards and so on. Please check the Dinner List (attached) and, if we don't already have it, send us your *partner's name* as you wish it to be displayed on the night.

Your Life-Summary

Don't leave this to the last minute! We repeat this request from the last newsletter. We intend to give you a book containing the four Grade 7 photographs with class lists, a list of teachers and perhaps stories about them. Most importantly there will be a set of brief autobiographies of as many of the 1957 Class as possible. You will find a form for your autobiography attached with this newsletter. *Even if you won't be at the dinner*, please complete it so that, we can all know at a glance some of the essential things about your life since 1957. We want it to cover every student from the Grade 7 classes in 1957.

Please note the following before you complete the form.

- *Remember you need complete only as much – or as little – of the form as you wish.*
- *Do not go beyond the single page, as the book will have only one page of information per person.*
- *We will have no time to edit your page, so please check that it is just as you wish it to be published.*
- *When you have completed the form please send it to Bentley before 21st October. But he would rather receive it now so rather than have a huge pile to handle at the last minute!*

E-mail as an attachment to

Bentley Atchison at bentleya@vifm.org

Post or hand-deliver to

Peter Corbett, 7 Nilpena Ave., Parkholme, SA 5043
(08) 8276-9472

List of Teachers

Our Reunion Book will include a list of the teachers we encountered during our time at the school. With this newsletter you will find the list as it currently stands. We are not yet confident of its accuracy, so please browse through it and let us know of any additions or changes you think advisable.

Glenelg School 125th Anniversary Carnival
Sunday November 5th
Timetable

11am

Brighton Secondary Swing Band

11.35am

That's Belly Dancing

11.45am

Starlite Dance Group

12 noon

Formal Ceremony

National Anthem

Welcome by *Principal, Lyn Langeluddecke*

Governing council Chairperson – *Chris Dinnison*

Minister of Education

Choir

Cutting of the cake

JROCK presentation

Time Capsule Launch

1pm

Glenelg Cheerleaders

1.15pm

Starlite Dance Group

1.30pm

Cirkidz

2pm

Flava Dancers

2.15pm

Zen Do Rye Karate

2.45pm

Flava Dancers

3pm

Silent Auction closed

3.10pm

Glengowrie YMCA

3.30pm

Glenelg School's Bush dancing

4pm

Closing of celebration

Memories and Reflections

Our primary school years were *not* the stagnant decade of non-events that many people describe today. A lot happened in the '50s and we were part of it. The past still had its grip, of course. The monarchy, the colonial roots, the experience and repercussions of World War 2 – these and other factors influenced the behaviour of our parents and teachers. But we found more and more people from non-English-speaking backgrounds entering our space. Adults were outraged when rock 'n roll got kids jiving in the aisles of the Ozone on Saturday arvo. And we stared across Brighton Road to the north-west in the hope of glimpsing the mushroom cloud from the A-tests at Maralinga. And, as for children of any era, everyday life brought surprises and shocks, puzzles and pain, delights and drudgery. So tell us what you remember of those schooldays and share your reflections in the Reunion Book as outlined below.

Pulling the Pieces Together

Our book will have a few pages devoted to the anecdotes, images and feelings you recall from the years we spent in the Infants and Primary Schools. Each of us will have a different slant, but from all those diverse snippets we can assemble a rich portrait of our group experience.

Send me anything you think may fit under one or more of the following headings.

- Teachers
- Routines
- Sports
- Music, Dance, Art
- Special Events
- Learning
- Lunch & Recess

If your story doesn't seem to belong to any of these, send it anyway and I'll see what we can do with it. And don't worry too much about the grammar and writing style.

I'll be rewriting everything anyway to combine the various contributions into a coherent account. Just give me the material in your own words and I'll do the rest. You can use email or post.

(See the contact details at the end of the newsletter.)

But get it to me before 16th October or I may not have time to include your

contribution!

Stephen Crabbe

Programme for the Dinner

The dinner should essentially be a time for relaxed meeting, mingling and spontaneous talking, and for that reason we aim to keep formalities to an absolute minimum.

- There will be a short introductory address and a toast to absent friends.
- We will ask a representative from each table to introduce each person in the group by name to the whole gathering.
- Fairly early in the evening we will give each table-representative three minutes (strictly timed) to tell the gathering any anecdotes, memories or comments about schooldays from the table-members. (Note: we intend to present these as comprehensively as possible in the Reunion Book, so any additions at the dinner should be very few and very brief.)
- In a short formal session an MC will help the gathering get a picture of the variety of places people have travelled from and the sorts of experiences they have had over the last five decades.

So it won't be a night of stultifying speeches. Beforehand though it is important for you to contribute your autobiography and any stories and reflections you think should be part of the Reunion Book. This will help us avoid any need for further speeches on the night. I welcome any comments you care to make on these ideas.

**Visit our own website!
Glenelg School South Australia
Old Scholars**

<http://www.drovers.com.au/gpos/index.html>

**Best wishes to all until the next newsletter
from**

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