

*Dear Parents, Caregivers,
Staff and Students of
Glenunga International
High School.*

We have had a fantastic start to 2007, and all sectors of the school community have, from day one, been actively engaged in the learning process.

In the first week we held an orientation programme for all students. Once again, the entire Senior School met at Elder Hall in the University of Adelaide, and, following a welcome from Vice Chancellor James McWha, participated in a broad range of elective sessions. The middle school were similarly active, with "Life Be In It" activities (year 8); Woodhouse Challenges (year 9) and Career / Courses / Personal Development sessions for year 10 students.

The scale of this orientation program is quite unique in South Australian schools. It is an absolute credit to the students by way of their participation, and to the staff, by way of their organisation and supervision, that this programme has now been highly successful over more than 5 years.

The year 8 camp at Mylor Baptist was a great success. Almost every student participated, and student behaviour and cooperation was exemplary. The many different activities available included Water Polo, Archery, Canoeing, and a challenge course.

As previously, academic successes in year 12 were spectacular. Oscar Grosser-Kennedy received a TER of 99.9 in SACE, and 87.5% of eligible SACE students received their certificate. SACE results were significantly improved from the previous year. 14 students achieved higher than 95%. The following students received merits in SACE: Oscar Grosser-Kennedy, Takaaki Harada, Jason Bartram, Heather Browett, Danielle Jansse, Louise Kay, Divya Pratap.

Maxim Matyagin received a perfect TER (99.95) for his IB exams, and the average TER for IB students who gained the diploma was 93 – a magnificent result which is a credit to the students and their teachers. The following five students received certificates of distinction: Maxim Matyagin, Garland Hu, Katerina Lebedev, Sergiu Petrescu, Katherine Radoslovich. 14 students received one or more certificates of merit, at the Annual IB Award Ceremony held on Monday 19th February at the Adelaide Town Hall. These students are: Matthew Boniciolli, Aleksandr Dolgopol, Garland Hu, Sasha Ivanova, Ken Hoc Lam, Katerina Levedeve, Maxim Matyagin, Fletcher O'Leary, Sai Perchard, Sergiu Petrescu, Aliya Popkova, Katherine Radoslovich, Brajesh Rajopadhya, Chong Zhou. I particularly want to acknowledge Katherine Radoslovich whose name, inadvertently, was not called out at the award ceremony.

Our six new tennis courts are nearly ready to be used: funds of \$150,000.00 from the Federal Government, and another \$30,000.00 from Burnside Council, have ensured a world class facility. This complex also includes 2 outdoor basketball courts. I'm also pleased to announce that the air-conditioning of the Maths wing is completed.

The Swimming Carnival provided an opportunity for all students in years 8 and 10, as well as House Leaders, to compete for individual awards and for a House Shield. This year's winner (narrowly) was Fire house.

I encourage all students to enter fully into Student Life activities at Glenunga. This year we will again be offering a huge range of sporting and co-curricular activities, including: the Glenunga Idol; the Battle of the Bands; Interhouse competitions; Leo Club; World Vision Club; Duke of Edinburgh program; Key Club; Amnesty International Committee; Chess Club; Debating teams; Livewire Club; Mooting Group; Student Activist Alliance; Environment Club; Tournament of Minds; Future Problem Solving; Subject Competitions; and Year Level Camps.

This year we welcome, as acting Deputy Principals, Jeremy Cogan and Robyn Cane; and as Acting Assistant Principals Julie Humphreys and Jan Provis.

Our new Student Pathways / VET Coordinator is Melanie Groves; Roy Croft is welcomed as a Senior Student Counsellor, Trevor Thomas as English / Critical Literacy Coordinator, and we welcome Paul Williman back as H & PE Coordinator. The new Director of Sport is Ben Leaver, and Sinead Kenneally is the Sport Coordinator.

The AGM will be held on Monday 26th February at 7.00 pm, in the Performing Arts Centre of Glenunga International High School, Governing Council Chairperson Bruce Guerin will present his report; and I will be presenting a detailed Principal's Report and distributing the Schools Annual Report, which shows a very healthy, vibrant and forward looking educational institution and community, which is keen to develop excellence in student outcomes still further. Two major reviews in week 9 of term 1: the CIASa International Accreditation Evaluation; and the 5 year IBMYP review, will help us with future plans for school improvement.

I wish all students, their families and staff, a happy and productive association with Glenunga International High School in 2007.

Yours sincerely



R. A. Knight
Principal

Flinders University Continuing Robotics Program extension program

A small number of students from Blackwood HS, The Australian Science and Mathematics School and Glenunga International HS have been invited to participate in a 'Continuing Robotics program' during Semester 1 2007.

Students will travel to Flinders University Thursday mornings and learn about the following: Electronics and advanced Sensors Control Systems Programming languages – e.g. RoboLAB, NQC, Robot C Programming techniques – State Machines and structure

RoboCUP Junior Soccer learning activities will feature in this program. In term 2 students will work in small teams to build and program robots that will play soccer.

Students will work with University Lecturers and Undergraduates from the Flinders University Informatics and Engineering Faculty and explore future study and employment opportunities. This program will provide an excellent opportunity for students to extend what they are doing in their technology classes and has links with Mathematics and

Science. As this is part of the Flinders University Community program with neighboring schools there is no charge to students.

CAD Design Award

Last year Glenunga International High School was successful in winning the State Schools Junior Engineering Design Award, in 2005 Glenunga won the Senior Schools Award. First prize was 20 sets of Inventor 11 software (value \$3000). This will provide students at Glenunga with the most up to date Autodesk Engineering Design Software.

The following students were successful in gaining an individual award (student version of Inventor value \$250)
Jacob Kleinig 11.9 (3rd - Junior Division)
Sam Roberts 9.9 (3rd - Open Division)

Glenunga International High School technology students will have the opportunity this term to participate in an online Autodesk Student Community. Glenunga will be the first High School in the Asia Pacific Region to trial this community, before it has been restricted to University students and TAFE Colleges.

Students will be invited by their teacher to register. They will then have access to a range of expensive Autodesk software at no charge to use at home, including Inventor,

3DS Studio Max, Maya etc. This will allow students to experiment and extend school class work in CAD Design or Animation Classes at home. In addition to having access to this software teachers and students will have access a wide range of shared resources, tutorials and other support materials and keep up to date with future developments in this exciting area.

Steve O'Connor
Innovative Technologies Coordinator

PODMO Project

Glenunga International High School has been invited to participate in the "**PODMO PROJECT**". This project is a great opportunity to look at innovative and engaging ways students can publish content and access information through mobile phones.

The pilot program will aim to engage students from two regional areas e.g. Mount Gambier and Whyalla and two metropolitan High Schools (Glenunga and Marden).

Students will engage creatively with technology across numerous curriculum areas to develop an insight and awareness of the potential of mobile phone technologies. This may mean creating and

publishing; artwork, maps, tourist information, animations or even short movies or simply learning how to access useful information on their own phones for free.

Students will have the opportunity to work with universities, industry and T.S.O.F. through this project and may even forge a business for themselves.

It is hoped that involvement with this project will enable numerous Glenunga students and teachers to become leaders in educational mobile technologies. Although the project is only in its primary stages we are encouraged by some of the early developments and look forward to updating the GIHS community on its growth.

Steve O'Connor & Andy Mewett
Arts teacher



**International
Baccalaureate
Diploma report 2006**



**A big welcome to
our new IB
Coordinator for 2007
Mr Mark Grantham.**

39 Students successfully completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma in 2006. This number is consistent with what we usually have and as usual we have many successes to celebrate.

One way of measuring success is through academic achievement. Our top student was Maxim Matyagin who scored 42 out of a possible 45. Max's score converts to the maximum possible 99.95 TER. In total, there were five students who scored 40 or more and who received a special Distinction Certificate from the Australasian Association of International Baccalaureate Schools. The other four were Kathy Radoslovich, Katerina Lebedev, Garland Hu and Sergiu Petrescu. They achieved a TER of 99.8.

Number of students awarded a Merit/s: 14 (33.3%)

Number of 7's (Merits) scored: 21

Number of students awarded a Distinction (Score of 40 and above): 5 (11.9%) (Equivalent TER of 99.8 or above)

Number of students with TER result of 95 or above: 16 (38%)

Number of students with TER result above 90: 32 (76%)

Average TER of students awarded diploma: 93.4%

Percentage of students awarded Diploma: 92.8%

As a school we are very proud of all of these students. Their success is the result of their hard work and of the excellent teaching they received at Glenunga. The support and encouragement of families is the other part of the picture.



**Congratulations to
Maxim Matyagin IB
DUX 2006**

I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to Kris Paul who was International

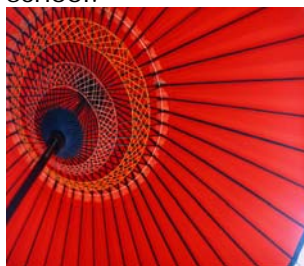
Baccalaureate Coordinator in 2006.

Mark Grantham
International
Baccalaureate Diploma
Coordinator

**Up and coming
International
Activities**

Study Tours from

Japan: This semester we are again hosting students from Japan – Kogei HS art students (April – 1 week) and Morioka Chuo HS students (June – 2 weeks). If you haven't hosted a student from overseas yet, it is a fun thing to do and the whole family gets to enjoy the experience. You are paid a homestay fee. These study tours benefit not only the students who participate but the school generally and we really appreciate the support of our families who host. If you would like to do so, please contact Ms Robyn Brown at the school.



**Mahidol Student
Exchange, Thailand:**

Every year we run this exchange program with our sister school in Thailand. Six Mahidol students will stay with us for the last 2 weeks of this term. We still need students who are interested in both

hosting and visiting Thailand in December this year. Please contact Robyn Brown for more info.

**GIHS goes to Japan
in October**

After our very successful visit in 2005, we are offering a 2 week visit to Japan again this year. We will spend a week at our sister school, Kita Otsu SHS and a week travelling in Japan. This is open to students studying (or who have studied) Japanese and anyone else with a real interest in going. More info soon or contact Ms Hayano.

Other international excursions will be advertised soon.

**Ms Hayano & Ms
Brown**

**HOMESTAY
FAMILIES
NEEDED
URGENTLY**

If you would like further information on becoming a homestay parent please contact
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**WELCOME TO ALL
NEW
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**

In 2007 Glenunga International High School has had record numbers of new international students enrolling at the beginning of the school year. 37 new ISEC (Intensive Secondary English Course) students and 5 new students beginning their studies in mainstream classes have joined our student cohort. The ISEC students attended special orientation excursions

to the city of Adelaide in their first week of school. Rundle Mall, Chinatown, Victoria Square, the South Australian Tourist Office, State Library, SA Museum, Art Gallery and Botanic Gardens were visited to introduce students to the facilities and cultural offerings of the city. Visits to International Education Services and the Trans Adelaide office enabled them to become more familiar with the services available. They greatly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know their new classmates and adopted city better



Chinese New Year is, for many of these students, the biggest celebration of the year in their home countries and they will celebrate it in Adelaide in 2007. We wish you and them a happy, healthy and successful Year of the Fire Pig.