

February Newsletter 2017

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the Principal's meeting, as well as the parents who visited the educators to discuss their child's progress. These meetings are scheduled to create a platform where we can communicate with you and to give you the opportunity to interact with the school.

Well done to the Grade 8 parents for supporting our meetings in such good ! Thank you again for your support. We hope to see more Grade 9-12 parents at the next meeting.

If you have missed any of the parent meetings, you are invited to contact the school to make individual appointments with the educators.

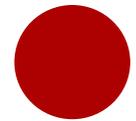
To all the parents who made suggestions on how to improve the school – your suggestions are welcomed and we will make efforts to implement them.

We are approaching a crucial time where learners will be writing cycle tests in March. Please support and motivate your child to prepare for these tests. These tests, with the formal assessment tasks (FATs), will determine your child's progress for Term 1.



Mr H. A. Abbott

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD BOY

The wisest thing I ever heard is that the value of your life must be determined by the ability of your perseverance. This life is saturated with opportunity, we must aim not to let that pass us by.

Coming to Glen Austin High School has taught me to consider my options and weigh my best course of action which is an essential ability to possess in the future.

This year, particularly at the Grade 8 camp, I learnt the true measure of my ability as a leader and I am grateful to the school for allowing me to tap into that trait.

Often most teenagers don't appreciate our God-given pockets of miracles designed to be seen only by a well taught perspective, this is one of the many skills I was offered when I joined Glen Austin High School. It is that of a different perspective.

To the students, I urge you to join us in striving towards excellence this year as we take our school to greater heights.

We can do the impossible, we only need to believe.



Bezile Ndwandwe



Libertatis Per Scientia

We may be small but we are as strong as any thousand learners' school. We spread joy and create memories so effortlessly it creates a mesmerising view. This is our family! Our family grows every day, every member blending in so perfectly. It almost seems so long overdue.

Libertatis per Scientia, a stamp we carry in our hearts just like a precious jewel.

The spirit of Glen Austin High is so powerful, it brings out the best in everyone. Glen Austin High School has given me joy that I couldn't find at other schools. I grow everyday as the deputy head girl. I learn and discover new ways to be better. I thank my teachers for helping me to strive towards excellence.

To all the students at Glen Austin High, I know that this is going to be our best year yet, lets continue to make the best out of every situation.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



Amanda Saunyama





NEW EDUCATORS 2017

Welcome

It's with pleasure that we welcome Mrs Ncube to the GAHS family (Zulu teacher)





CONGRATULATIONS!

It is with pleasure that we congratulate Mr Satuku and Mr Potgieter on the birth of their baby boys. We know that these new additions to their homes will bring all the happiness and joy that comes with being a parent.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Tebello Manyaka
Grade 9

LEARNERS CORNER

Well done to Tebello Manyaka (Grade 9) who participated at the Johannesburg Youth Ballet competition. She participated in the mixed age group category and achieved an advanced 1 certificate which is an international certificate in Ballet.



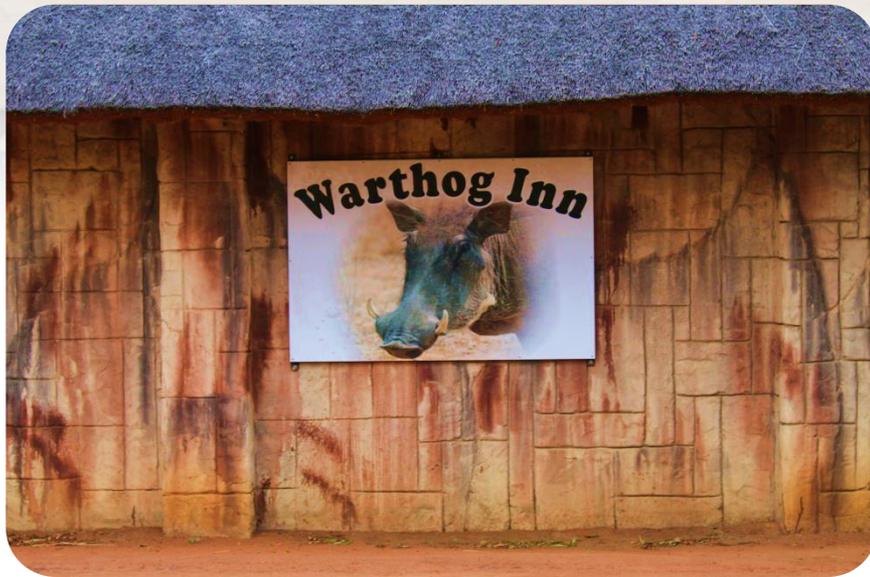


***GREAT LEADERS DON'T SET OUT TO
BE LEADERS. THEY SET OUT TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

LEARNER REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

In addition Prefects, we also have a Learner Representative Council composed of the leaders from each class. Congratulations to our leadership team for 2017. We look forward to working with you.





GRADE 8 CAMP

Our Grade 8 Learners attended their initiation camp at Warthog Adventure Inn. It was a fun-filled weekend that allowed the learners to explore nature at its finest.

The learners had the opportunity to go on a game drive, shoot a rifle and sleep under the stars, among other adventurous activities.



GRADE 8 CONCERT

The grade 8s participated in their first concert on 23 Feb. Well done grade 8s for all your effort. We are proud of you and welcome to the family.

Congratulations to Seth Butler and Mbali Skosana who are the rookie boy and rookie girl for the year!

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

The Eagles and Elephants geared up for the Annual Interhouse athletics competition.

The Elephants won the first round in battle as they beat the Eagles by 271 points to 216 points.





INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

GAHS competed with 7 schools in Midrand on 10 Feb for the Interschool Athletics event. We are proud to announce that we witnessed our best year yet, with our learners taking away 9 medals on the day! Two learners will move on to the D9 competition at the end of Feb.



WINNERS!!!



INTERSCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Well done to our learners that won medals at the athletics event (2 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze) .

Tebogo Makgaloa and Lethabo Seotloe will be our representatives at the D9 event.



ARTS AND CULTURE - DANCE



The dance team attended their first round of competition during the month of February.

Well done to Owethu Sithole who placed 2nd in the u14 age group.

Keep shining Mrs van den Berg and the dance team!





ARTS AND CULTURE - CHESS

Our chess team has officially commenced with their season. The matches take place at Dainfern College every Tuesday. All the best for the season ahead! Well done to Bonga for starting his season off with a win!





MATRIC FAREWELL 2017

FUNDRAISING - MATRIC FAREWELL

It is with great anticipation that we prepare for our first group of Grade 12's Matric Farewell. Our Grade 12 learners need your help to raise funds for their Matric farewell. If you have the heart and means to sponsor a part of their farewell, or if you would like to get involved in any way, please contact Mrs Robertson:
admin@
glenaustinhigh.co.za





SOCIAL - VALENTINES DAY

14 February was a day filled with red and white and romance. A big thank you to our land service team and the sponsors who took part. Delicious cupcakes and beautiful novelty items that were sold on the day. Proceeds from the Valentines Day Activities went to the Land Service as well as the Matric Farewell fund.

MOVIE NIGHT

You are invited!



03 MARCH

18:30 – 20:30

SPORTS FIELDS

TICKETS: R50.00

SOCIAL - MOVIE NIGHT

Support the Grade 12's as they host a movie night to raise funds for their farewell. Hot dogs, boerewors rolls & cold drinks will be sold at the school.

N.B All learners must be fetched at 20:30 as there will be no supervision after the movie



SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The school buses leave the school at 4pm everyday.

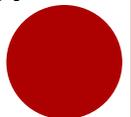
If there is an away sports game, parents are required to pick up their children from GAHS on the time that is given by the sports department.

This notification will be in the indemnity letter that you are required to sign if your child is attending an away game.

The sports cell phone number is 074 851 4655

Drivers' Supervisor
Sam 062 961 0021

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MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note the following important dates:

06/03 – Cycle Tests Begin

24/03 – Cycle Tests Ends



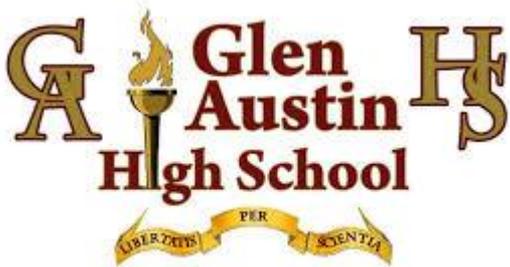
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Cycle Tests starts	7	8	9	10 <i>Proposed Open Assembly</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 School Holiday	21 Human Rights Day	22	23	24 Cycle Test ends	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 School closes Reports issued		



All-important information regarding the school, such as important dates and homework will be uploaded on D6. Follow the link and keep in touch with us:
<http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php>



Follow us on Facebook for an update of all our activities at the school:
Glen Austin High School - Midrand



If you need any information regarding the school, have a look at our website
www.glenaustrinhigh.co.za

D6 COMMUNICATOR AND SOCIAL MEDIA





2017 OVERSEAS TOUR

Thank you for your interest in our trip! We are so excited! Please ensure that the deposit is paid for the trip so that you secure your child's place. A big thank you to all the parents that have already paid!

ACROSS THE ALPS





Parent Pointers

Focusing on the Importance of Learning

- ▶ Talk positively about the importance of education.
- ▶ Let your child see how much you enjoy and value learning.
- ▶ It is OK if you do not have all the answers to your child's questions, but it is important to show that you know how to find the answers.
- ▶ Learning builds confidence; and a child who is confident is more open to new opportunities to learn.

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Parent Pointers

Providing Homework Support

- ▶ Set a regular time each day for doing homework. That time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone calls.
- ▶ Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure all the appropriate materials -- such as paper and pencils -- are available.
- ▶ Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.

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Parent Pointers

Communicating With The School Year-Round

- ▶ Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- ▶ Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, or email or phone the teacher. *We need you on our team!*
- ▶ Think ahead: at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's successes and challenges.

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