



## **Media Release**

### **Fun night to pay for child's schooling**

Funds raised at a special social event organised by parents and friends of the Glenleighden School in Fig Tree Pocket will allow a speech-impaired child to attend the school free of fees for a year.

The “Bollywood” evening on Saturday 10 October, raised a total of \$6000 to provide a bursary for a student unable to meet the annual costs of tuition at the school.

Glenleighden is the only school in Australia that caters specifically for children with severe to profound speech and language disability.

Glenleighden's Head of School, Diane Drew, said the effort of the parents and friends in raising sufficient funds for a disadvantaged child to attend the school was “a wonderful achievement”.

“This was a splendid outcome,” Ms Drew said.

“Everyone who attended the night had great time and the fund-raising result was excellent.

“A child who might otherwise not be able to access our program for financial reasons will now be able to do so,” Ms Drew said.

Glenleighden provides a multi-disciplinary curriculum for children with primary language disorder.

Its program embraces normal academic lessons as well as speech therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy sessions with specialist staff.

Eighty children from various parts of Queensland and from interstate attend the school.

A recent study in New South Wales involving 14,500 primary and secondary school students found that one in eight suffered a speech and language disability.

Glenleighden was recently awarded the Education and the Arts 2009 Disability Action Week Award for the services it provides to young people with primary language disorder.

**Information for picture: Glenleighden Fundraiser One attached**

Glenleighden parents and friends. From left: Heather Stewart, Pam Jones, Carolyne Carroll, Dee Brough and Pam Davidson

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