



GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students being safe crossing roads

Last week I had the opportunity to speak to a member of our community about a 'near miss' involving one of our students running across the Dawson Highway. The community member was extremely shaken and understandably so. This is one of a number of incidents that we been contacted about regarding our students and close calls – some directly in front of the school and others involving students running the lights in front of the Night Owl complex. We will continue to address this with our students but we need the support of our parents in highlighting the danger in this behaviour. We need our students to be safe and for your child to make it home safe each and every day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We encourage our parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers at the upcoming parent teacher interviews. This is an ideal time to gain some valuable information about your child's progress, but also to maintain strong relationships with the school through our teaching team. We had strong parent numbers at our first parent teacher process in term 2 and we are again looking for a strong showing this term. Information regarding booking in for interviews was posted home with the recent report cards, with the Parent Teacher meetings occurring next Thursday afternoon.

Legends of League Dinner last week

I would like to congratulate the Gladstone Rugby League for their work developing and implementing the Legends of League Dinner and Invitational Game last weekend. Having the local

legends of the game recognised alongside the NRL equivalent legends was a wonderful concept. The weekend provided me personally with the opportunity to speak to a significant number of ex-students of Gladstone State High School who either played in the game or came along to watch. The discussions throughout both events identified the influence that our school has had in forming the person many of these students have grown up to be. Not surprisingly, the conversations often revolved around the teachers they connected with or the opportunities that the school had provided them. We also had a number of offers to come and get involved in our school community. It reminded me again how important the role of our teachers and our schools are in the lives of our young people. I would like to thank our teachers and our staff for the work that they do.

Wheelie Bin Race

One of the unique events on our school calendar is the annual Wheelie Bin Race. Essentially, we have a 'jockey' (for use of a better word) inside a wheelie bin which is then raced around a track set up on the oval. I believe the mighty Parnka house may have got away with the victory; unfortunately I wasn't there to see it.

Set Planning

A team of our staff are currently meeting with every year 10 student and their parents to work through their Set Plan. Essentially this process enables students to start working through their future pathways for employment, further education or training. It also allows our team to work with the families to provide guidance and support for subject selections in year 11. This is additionally important this year as we prepare for the New QCE system starting in 2019. We thank our staff, our year 10 students and our families for their commitment to this process.



Garry Goltz
Principal

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Senior Executive Team is committed to see every Gladstone SHS student succeeding at school and in life in general. The team includes our Principal, Deputy Principals, and Heads of School. Together they work on ensuring all Gladstone SHS students are safe, engaged and improving. Melissa Daniels is Acting Deputy Principal (Year 7 cohort); she oversees student wellbeing, welfare and behaviour.

Last term, I wrote in the school newsletter how integral strong, productive connections between home and school are to students' academic results and positive social outcomes. Keeping a close connection with school can be more challenging in the secondary years, compared to our children's primary schooling. While it is delightful to see our young people grow in maturity and independence, this can also make forging links with the high school more difficult.

Next Thursday, August 16, is our second round of Parent-Teacher interviews for the year, and an opportunity to reinforce these connections. Bookings are now open and will close on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 3pm. Visit schoolinterviews.com.au and enter dfs5h as the event code to make your appointments. Teachers are more than happy to speak to parents about their students' past performance as well as introduce parents what they are to expect in the semester ahead. Remember: if you are unable to make August 16 or all the spaces for the teacher you wish to see are booked, we are able to make alternative times. Please contact Mrs Karen Cloherty kcloh2@eq.edu.au for more information.

In addition to our Parent-Teacher interviews – and our school newsletter (which you are clearly reading now) – here are five additional suggested ways to stay connected with our school events and news:

1. **Facebook:** Our Gladstone SHS is a hub for updates on school events and student achievements, as well other news that may be relevant to you and your child/ren. Be sure to like our page, if you have not already.
2. **QParents:** Have you signed up for QParents? QParents is a secure Department of Education online portal where parents can keep their student/s' details up to date without coming into the school. It also includes being able to access student timetables and past report cards, and explain student absences, which can come in handy. Email 2030_QParent@eq.edu.au if you'd like more details.

3. **Teachers' Email Addresses:** While many of our teachers work with upwards of 125 students, the ability to email parents helps us stay in touch with parents and guardians. If you do not have the email address of a teacher, please contact us at the school and we can provide you with that information.
4. **Surveys and Feedback:** As we plan the future direction of the school, we need to have the input from our parents/guardians to be confident we are meeting the needs of our wider school community. This term, there will be at least three times we will ask for your feedback: currently we are collecting responses for our annual School Opinion Survey (due August 24); we have a short marketing survey currently circulating; and later in the term we will be seeking feedback on how we influence student behaviour at GSHS. Please know this feedback is invaluable and highly regarded.
5. **Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C):** One of the best ways to have a voice in our Gladstone SHS runs and how it should look in the future is to become a member of our school's P&C. Meetings are every fourth Monday of the month (during the school term), and are held in the C Block meeting room from 7pm. Our next one will be Monday, August 27; we would love to see you there! If you cannot make meetings, but still wish to be involved, email 2030_P&C@eq.edu.au for more information.

How many of the things listed here can you tick off? Is there anything listed here that you could start doing to enhance your involvement in your child/ren's schooling? Make a commitment to do one more on this list before the end of the term and I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised with how more connected you feel with our school.



Yours in education
Melissa Daniels
Deputy Principal (Year 7)

SENIOR SCHOOLING

2018 Next Step - Early School Leavers survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of Year 10, 11 and 12 students who in 2017 left school without obtaining Year 12 certification. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school.

Between August and September, students who left school early in 2017 can expect to receive an invitation to complete a

web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part.

<http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep/>

Or telephone toll free on **1800 068 587**.

INCLUSION MATTERS

Congratulations to the students who recently competed at the Port Curtis Athletics Carnival on the 24-25 of July. Some of our athletes have qualified and will continue on to the Capricornia Trials in Emerald during August 2018. Students were guided and assisted at events with Miss Hunt, Mrs Wicks and Mrs Lockwood. The 2018 PC Athletics was the biggest Multi Class team ever with competitors from Toolooa, Miriam Vale, Biloela, Rosella and GSHS.

The 2018 Port Curtis aged champions are:

Senior Boys: Pacey D (GSHS)

Senior Girls: Phoebe W (GSHS)

Junior Boys: Joshua M (GSHS)

Junior Girls: Siobhan A (GSHS)

Friday 27 July saw Multiclass Athletes compete in the 12yrs age group from GSHS and Rosella.



QPARENT

To receive your QParent invitation, just email: 2030_Qparent@eq.edu.au

State your **student's name** and you would like to **request an Invitation Code**.

After you receive your code, click on the link below and register.

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/>

Registration for QParents must be completed using a personal computer and not a mobile device.

To access QParents from a smartphone or tablet, users can download the QParents app available on the iTunes App Store or from the Google Play Store. **Note that you can only use the app after you have completed the registration process using a personal computer.**

EBITS STUDENTS ASSIST BSL

Students currently studying their Certificate III in Business assisted the Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) HR Department with the production of approximately 150 name tags for an upcoming function.

The students learned how to mail merge through Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word. These are valuable skills to assist them in the future and increase their employability.

Another wonderful project and learning experience for the EBITS students.



AWARDS NIGHT 2018

The 2018 student achievement record is now available from your students applicable Year Coordinator. This document is used to assist the decisions that are made for Awards Night All-rounders award.

To ensure all students receive recognition of their outstanding achievement throughout 2018, please encourage your student to see their year coordinator to ask for a student's achievement record. **Please submit this achievement record to you year level coordinator by Friday 31 August.**

Academic achievements could include, but are not limited to: English, Mathematics and science competitions, Interschool mathematics teams.

Cultural achievements could include but are not limited to: bands, choir, arts displays, and public speaking.

Sporting achievement could include but are not limited to: Age champions, Capricornia/QLD/Australian Teams.

Service achievements could include but are not limited to: Senior positions in Interact, actions that are above and beyond the role description of a school based position (School Captain, peer mentor)

Note: Students must complete this form themselves and all forms must have the signature of the organising teacher against each entry to verify your involvement.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

To be conducted 30 July – 24 August 2018

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the State Schools Division to obtain opinion/information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff.

The survey will help our school to find out what we are doing well and how we can improve.

All families will have the opportunity to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey with survey access details being sent out to families. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual's response can be identified by the school.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey online. A randomly selected group of Year 8 and Year 11 students will also be completing the survey anonymously throughout the week.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Karen Cloherty on 4976 6130.

LOVE BITES

Over the next few weeks all of our Year 9 students will participate in the LOVEBITES program. It is a one day program with half of our cohort completing it on the 14th August and the other half on the 21st August. This year it is being run alongside our Year 9 HPE unit Respectful Relationships and Year 9 Wellbeing unit from Beyond Blue in order to consolidate student learning. Below is an outline of what LOVEBITES is about. For more information or to discuss your child's involvement please contact the Year 9 Deputy Principal Tristan Nietfeld on (07) 49 766 111 or at tniet3@eq.edu.au

LOVE BiTES

LOVE BITES is an extremely successful school-based Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault prevention program that evolved on the Mid North Coast of NSW. Love Bites is based on best practice standards for education programs as recommended by the Federal Government funded Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearing House and other leading academics in the area of violence against women.

Over 100,000 high school students throughout Australia have participated in this interactive and innovative program aimed at 14-16yr olds.

LOVE BITES promotes an integrated partnership approach to prevention and generates local ownership of the program. Local service providers facilitate the Love Bites program. Professionals such as sexual assault workers, domestic violence workers, youth workers and police can facilitate the program.

The LOVE BITES program consists of two interactive education workshops on Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault followed by creative workshops that consolidate the information from the morning.

Male and female facilitators present the program as a team and LOVE BITES consistently models respectful relationships between male and female students, teachers and workers. The

artworks and other work created in the creative sessions are the basis for local campaigns to challenge Violence against Women in their community. This campaign is led by and delivered by young people.

WELL DONE LACHLAN

Year 11 GSHS student, Lachlan H, has been selected as 1 of 5 Australian Navy Cadets from around Australia to fly to France in August to participate in the 'Battle of Amiens Centenary' ceremony. "I am honoured to be chosen to represent my country at such an important event and am excited for my first trip overseas." said Lachlan. He will be visiting many significant sites in Northern France where 'the beginning of the end of WW1' took place.



STUDENT STORIES

QMEA MINE Challenge

Between the 8th and 13th of July, I participated in the QMEA MINE Challenge which was sponsored by Adani Renewables. As a QMEA ambassador, I had the role of mentoring challenge participants. The program saw many year 11 and 12 students from Queensland research and face real-life concerns. This camp was related to the detection, cleaning and diagnosis of faulty solar panels of the Rugby Run project in Moranbah. Smaller scaled Lego Mindstorms Robots were used to replicate and refine proposed ideas. We were given the privilege to attend conventions with several key stakeholders of Adani Renewables and CQU relating to renewable energy. Aside from the major project, the program also offered fun activities such as game nights, Shark Tank and ten pin bowling. The most memorable moments for me were flying a drone and playing with virtual reality. Overall, QMEA's MINE Challenge gave us all a taste of life at university and I would definitely recommend the camp to any students who are interested in going down the energy and engineering pathways.

Rosella (Yr 12)

QMEA Stem Punks

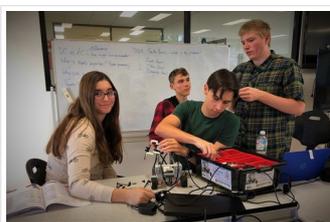
On the last day of term 2, our school was privileged to have STEM Punks come to visit. The STEM Punks activity, sponsored by QMEA, was about learning how to program and fly a drone. At first I had barely any clue what I was doing with my group, but after assistance, flying a drone was simple. There were spills and thrills as the drones were flying towards the target. Some made it, but unfortunately, some failed. Overall, Stem Punks was an enjoyable activity!

Josh (Yr 11)

AYAA Forum

In the July holidays, I had the privilege of attending Australia Youth Aerospace Association's Australian Youth Aerospace Forum for a week. 60 other like-minded students also attended, and together we experienced many new and exciting fields, all relating to Australia's growing aerospace field. We were given tours of several major universities in Brisbane, alongside several large companies, such as Northrop Grumman and Qantas, specifically their maintenance hangers at Brisbane Airport. Furthermore, we were given the special opportunity to tour the Royal Australian Air Force base at Amberly, with a static display of a C17 Globemaster specially opened up for us. All in all, it was a wonderful experience, one that greatly opened my eyes to the expanse of opportunities available to me if I pursue a career in aerospace. I would highly recommend any students interested in a similar field that are in years 10 and 11 this year to apply next year.

Josh (Yr 12)



Quick News

- Parents of GSHS students are asked not to park on the grounds of the Potters Place Art Gallery on Dawson Road, This is private property and parking is intended for their customers only. This is not a council carpark.
- **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL:** Reminder to parents that any medication that your student takes at school must come through the office or first aid. A letter from your GP needs to be provided along with the chemist labelled medication. Each time a student takes the medication it is recorded. Ventolin is the only medication a student is allowed to administer and carry them self.

Students should not leave the school grounds unless it has been arranged with the school by a parent/guardian.

1. Parent/guardian should send a note with the student or phone admin to notify of time and reason for early departure.
2. This letter must be brought to the office **on arrival at school** to receive their "Leave Request" slip. This will allow the student to be released from class at the required time. If students **do not** have a leave request Teachers will not allow students to leave their classrooms. If parents phone, the student still

need to receive a "Leave Request" slip from admin on arrival to school.

3. Parent/guardian will meet the student at the administration office to collect their student and **receive and sign** the "Authorisation to Leave" slip.

Students are not permitted to leave school grounds unless they are under the supervision of a parent/guardian.

Please help us keep our students safe by following these few simple steps.

- **ARTICLES FOR OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:** If you wish to publish a NOT FOR PROFIT COMMUNITY article in our school newsletter you can do this by sending an email to 2030_Newsarticles@eq.edu.au **with all the relevant details.** This will then go through our approval process **prior to publishing.**

School Calendar

9th - 13th August	Senior Schools Cup Volleyball
11th - 18th August	Gladstone Eisteddfod
13th August	Premiers Reading Challenge
14th August	Cert II in Volunteering Expo Val121A
14th August	Yr11 & 12 Math Comp
15th August	Qld Secondary Schools Team Tennis
18th - 24th August	Premiers Reading Challenge - CBCA Children's Book Week
21st August	13-14 Years Boys cricket proposed PC Trial Day 13-15 Years Girls Cricket proposed PC Trial date
21st - 22nd August	13-19 Years Track and Field CAP Trials
23rd August	The Scene Project (Drama)
26th August	OPTIMINDS
30th August	QSO High School Workshops
4th & 5th September	QCS Test
6th September	AIME Mentoring
11th September	13-14 Year Boys Cricket CAP Trials
17th - 21st September	Year 7 Leadership Camp at Maranatha

20th - 24th September	Arts Immersion Experience (Brisbane)
9th -14th October	Qld All Schools Touch 2018
15th - 19th October	Year 10 Work Experience
16th - 18th October	ConocoPhillips Science Experience
18th October	Urban Spaces Excursion Yr9
18th - 22nd October	Junior Schools Cup Volleyball
31st October	Awards Night 2018
7th November	The Scene Project 2018 (Drama)
13th November	Senior Formal
16th November	Final day for Year 12
30th November	Final day for Year 10 & 11
14th December	Last day of school

Uniform Shop Hours

Normal opening hours:

Monday: 8:15am to 11:15am

Wednesday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Friday: 8:15am to 11:15am

First week back each Term:

Monday: 8:15am to 11:15am

Tuesday: 8:15am to 11:15am

Wednesday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Thursday: 8:15am to 11:15am

Friday: 8:15am to 11:15am

Uniform Shop located at the Trade Skills Centre building on the school grounds behind the Technical College. Uniform shop contact number is 4976 6193.