Principal News

Terri Byrne

At Gladstone State High School we are always striving to improve our approaches to teaching to get the best possible outcomes for students.

This week, teaching staff and some non-teaching staff attended professional development on the Student Free Day. We were lucky enough to have Dr Tony Yeigh from the Southern Cross University present to us about student engagement. He gave us insights on recent research based on neuroscience and psychology. The presentation was sponsored by the QMEA, Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy. Thank you to Tammy Grady for organising this for us.

The staff also participated in sessions on inclusion for students with special educational needs and the disability standards for Education. We also had sessions on engaging students which was a following on from Tony’s presentation and an interactive session on Curriculum Clarity ensuring high levels of knowledge in the Australian Curriculum.

Nurse News

Amanda Van Der Wegen

HEADLICE

Head lice can be a problem for some families. Here are a few facts to help everyone understand how to detect and treat head lice.

Head Lice

- Head lice are a small wingless, egg laying insect found on human heads, they don’t fly and they don’t jump.
- Head lice live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp.
- They are the size of a sesame seed or pin head.
- Not everyone who has head lice will scratch their heads.
- Live eggs are less than 1.5cm from the scalp and are attached firmly to the hair shaft.

The most effective way to detect head lice:

- Apply sufficient white conditioner to dry hair to completely cover the scalp and hair from roots to tips.
- Use an ordinary comb to untangle hair.
- Use head lice comb (metal is preferred) to comb small sections of the hair.
- After each stroke wipe the comb onto a white tissue and check for head lice.
- Systematically comb the whole head checking for lice.
- Put all tissues in a plastic bag and dispose of in rubbish.

**Treatment**

- Non insecticidal treatment using the above white conditioner and combing can be used every two days until no lice are found for 10 consecutive days.
- Insecticide treatments fall into 4 groups.
- Use as directed by manufacturer; however you must treat once then treat again in 7-10 days.
- If lice are found after 3 weeks of chemical treatment change to a product which has a different active ingredient.
- No treatment kills the eggs. (Nits)

**Prevention**

- Avoid head to head contact.
- Keep long hair tied back.
- Don’t share brushes, combs or pillows.
- Pillow cases of an infected person should be washed daily on hot cycle, or hot ironed or hot dryer.


Or you can contact Amanda, School Based Youth Health Nurse on 4976 6171 - Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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**The Scene Project**

**Natisha Strudwick**

GSHS was one of 39 schools across the state to participate in Queensland Theatre’s ‘The Scene’ project. We started in Term 1, with a workshop involving Julia Rose Lewis, who wrote the script which we responded to. During Term 2 and 3, we worked on developing our unique scene. And last week, we presented our scene at the Pilbeam Theatre in Rockhampton, alongside Toolooa SHS, Chanel College and Emmaus College. It was very well received with a lot of laughs. We also performed the show for our Gladstone parents here at school on Thursday. It was such a rewarding activity and Miss Strudwick has been heard saying, it was her best project at State High so far!

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**Touch Football Competition**

**DJ Lambert (Coach)**

Last week 14 students from year 9-12 represented GSHS at the largest Touch Football competition in the world-All Schools. After training and playing together for most of the year the team went away not knowing what to expect with such a young team playing in the 18 years Mixed Division.

The team played outstandingly well throughout their pool matches only losing one game, to finish second in their pool of 7. For the first time GSHS made the finals guaranteeing them top 16 out of 62 teams. Although they went down to Cleveland in the finals, the teams progress throughout the competition was a credit to all involved. The team came away with memories that will last a lifetime. Massive thanks to Cooper F for being our referee over the 5 days and to John Downie who came away as our manager. Thanks also to Kevin Cridland for his guidance and support of our team over the past few months as well.

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**Quoin Island Excursion**

**Deirdre Burrell**

On Monday 10 October the year 11 Business Management class went on an excursion to Quoin Island Retreat. The purpose of the trip was to investigate the feasibility of increasing visitor numbers by 5% for a marketing assignment.

The usual trip from the barge to the Retreat by train was not to be this year as the train had broken down so we had to walk
along the train track. The students were then provided with a tour of the retreat followed by a question and answer session from Retreat Manager, Mr Richard Gilmore.

Students were also treated to a visit to the turtle rehabilitation centre where they learnt about the volunteers and the money required to keep the centre running.

After the visit to the centre and the talk from Mr Gilmore the students were given free time to experience what the island has to offer to help them establish a position for their assignment.

An enjoyable day was had by everyone involved and we would like to thank Quoin Is and Mr Gilmore for allowing us to visit.

Social and Community studies

Trudy Lawson

On Tuesday the 18th October, the Year 11 Social and Community Studies class had the opportunity to attend a range of organisations across Gladstone to observe the law. Students firstly visited the Gladstone Regional Council chambers to sit on the fortnightly council meeting. Students got to observe the councillors discuss and debate topics from across the Gladstone Region. Afterwards students got to speak with the councillors and ask lots of questions.

Afterwards students got to visit the Gladstone Magistrates Court and observed a number of live court cases. Students were very lucky after court adjourned for lunch as the Magistrate and the Prosecutor both spoke with the students. They spoke about their educational backgrounds which led to them being where they are and about how they cope with the cases they encounter. Students asked lots of questions and enjoyed this opportunity.

Afterwards students visited the Gladstone Police Station where they received a tour and got to observe how the police enforce the law. Students were amazed at the amount of different departments within the station and all of the different equipment they observed. Students also learnt from the police how all incidents need to be thoroughly investigated to consider all factors.

School Surf League

Denise Marrable

Result of students who attended the School Surf League.

Coby R, U13, 1st in board race and iron man, 2nd in ocean swim
Jacinta T, U17, 3rd in ocean swim.
Paris, Jacinta and Ella C, 1st Cameron Relay (female) team event.

Quick News

BYOx Laptop setup

Reminder to any students that are a part of the BYOx program that have not yet been connected to the school internet to see the IT technicians in F Block during either break times or before school to have this work completed.

Careers Corner

Positions Vacant

Positions are vacant for students only in the general areas of Administration and Plumbing. If you think this may be of interest to yourself, please see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block for more information.
2017 Gladstone Region Youth Council (GRYC)  
Nominations are now open and close Friday  
28th October 2016

- GRYC act as a formal advisory committee to Council on youth related matters within the Gladstone Region
- Members have the opportunity to provide a valuable perspective on behalf on their community from a youth point of view
- Young people aged 15-24yrs are encouraged to apply
- GRYC members have provided a youth input into Lions Park, Pump Track, Youth Week, SUNfest, grassy knoll at Gladstone Aquatic Centre this is only a snapshot
- GRYC meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- nominations are available via Gladstone Regional Council web page and or contact Vernetta Perrett - Youth Development Officer on 4697 6311.

Uniform Shop hours

Normal opening hours:  
Monday 8:15am – 11:15am  
Wednesday 11:00am – 2:00am  
Friday 8:15am – 11:15am  
Phone: Chris 4976 6193

Homework Centre

Homework Centre is on every Wednesday from 3:15pm – 4:30pm.  
Contact Mrs Margie Keefe 4976 6174.

Message to parents!

BPOINT available for paying invoices. Please see bottom of invoice from now on or you can request a copy of your invoice by emailing accounts@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au  
Please be aware that we do not process eftpos transactions under the limit of $10.

No Glass water bottles are aloud at Gladstone State High School  
Absentee text message number has now changed  
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Upcoming Events

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