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Words from our Principal



Last week, the school community at Gladstone State High commemorated ANZAC day. We held two services at school on Friday. Both were led by our Senior and Junior school leaders respectively. These young people did an outstanding job. These young people are assured and presented seamless services. We were reminded of the sacrifice of the ANZACS – these young men who lost their lives in the service of their nation. Along with generations of more servicemen men and women, they have ensured that we live in the free society that we do. ANZAC commemoration is not about the glorification of war, because war is not something that should be glorified. What we remember is that there have been thousands of men and women who have either voluntarily or through compulsion made the ultimate sacrifice. It is incredible to think of the deprivations that these soldiers were subject to in Turkey and photos of the people attending the service at Gallipoli in 2015 show just how cold it must have been for these men who led a charge of the peninsular at dawn, through freezing water. It is good for us in modern Australia to remember just how fortunate we are and I often think of how the average 20 year old in Australia today would fare under these conditions. It is a testament to the strength and resilience of these young people that they left this defeat behind them and to this day have secured the respect of a nation.

Thank you to all of our students who participated in the Gladstone marches. It was my first Dawn service in Gladstone and it was a very moving experience, made more so by the hundreds of locals who attended. Thank you to all of the staff who accompanied our students.

This week we will recognise our year 9 student leaders with a ceremony on Friday. It is very important to recognise students who have taken the opportunity to apply for and attain positions of leadership within our school. By engaging in the leadership processes in Junior, our students are learning valuable skills that will stay with them throughout their lives. Thank you to Ms Rowe, the year 9 Co-ordinator for organising this recognition of your students.

I was very pleased to receive this feedback this morning about some of our students who attended Touch Football trials in Mackay: "I would like to take a quick minute to say what a pleasure it was to coach your daughters at the Capricornia touch trials yesterday. They should be commended on their commitment to firstly travel all the way to Mackay in one day but most importantly for their politeness, behaviour and representation of their schools. I really enjoyed working with such a great bunch of young students." Congratulations to these students.

We are heading into what we call winter in the next month or so. My experience is that many countries would call our winter - summer! A reminder to all parents and students that the school has a dress code and that this is covered under the Education Act. The P&C endorses the dress code of the school and it is my firm belief that the parents and students of State High recognise the fact that our uniform distinguishes us in Gladstone and enhances the reputation of the school and student body. This was emphasised to me with feedback I received from members of the public about the way our students represented themselves on ANZAC day. The school has two options for students for a school jumper. Students who are not in uniform will continue to be dealt with in accordance with the school policy. Please take time to ensure that you have the correct coat/ jumper for the cooler months ahead so that we can continue with the excellent standards we have achieved at State High.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted from 3:30pm to 6:00pm on Monday 4 May 2015. Interviews will be held in the new building - Junior Secondary E block classrooms not F block as previously advised. There will be signs to direct parents on where to go for interviews and notices on the classroom doors where teachers are located.

Uniform Shop opening hours

MONDAY 8:15-11:15
WEDNESDAY 11:00 - 2:00
FRIDAY 8:15-11:15

Phone Chris on
(07) 4976 6193

Order Forms and Pricing Forms can be collected from the front office or found in Enrolment Packs

The Uniform Shop has great specials on the older style fleecy jumper, going out for only \$15.00!!!
Sizes available are 4,6,8,10,16,18 and 22. Be quick and dont miss out on this great saving.

Quick News

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues have been offered to students in years 8 and 9 through their care classes last week. Order forms are still available from the front counter in the library. Orders are due back to Ms Hipathite in the library by Friday May 8.

Photo Packages

These have not arrived at the school yet. They are expected very shortly. They will be distributed to students through their care classes. If there are any concerns, please contact the Library on 49766157.

ID Cards

These were issued at the end of Term 1. If your child does not have one, they need to go the library and collect it, or have their photo taken so it can be organised for them.

Overdue Books

Information about books overdue from term 1 was sent home with report cards. Please ensure school resources are returned in a timely manner as they are often needed by other students. This is particularly important if you are changing schools, or requiring other texts.

QCS

If you are interested in assisting in the delivery of the Year 12 QCS test by taking a position of a community representative, please contact Mr Brendan Hooley for more information.

NAPLAN

Week 4 – Tues May 12th to Thu 15th May. Year 7 and 9 students. More specific details about the test requirements will be sent home next week. Any queries should be directed to Jo Dahl jdahl14@eq.edu.au phone 49766181

Chappy Chat!

I love that I'm able to be involved in the positives of life in our school community. In and amongst the trials and hurdles the love, strength and resilience rises above and people find new-found meaning and fulfillment in life and deeper connections with others.

Parent Drumbeat had us laughing on Monday and enjoying "the rhythm of life" with others. Sometimes we messed up, struggled to "get it right" or just felt totally challenged, but by returning to "the base beat" found our way. Really quite synonymous too life.

Consider coming along to fortnightly Parent Morning teas and having the opportunity to discuss daily issues in regard to supporting our teenagers. Hopefully, we can emphasise the strengths and resources rather than problems and deficits. This way we will be able to learn new tools for our "toolbag"; celebrate the expertise that our children have on their own lives and explore hopes and preferred futures rather than past traumas. An added bonus will be deeper connections within the parent body.

Until next week, have a "seriously optimistic" week,

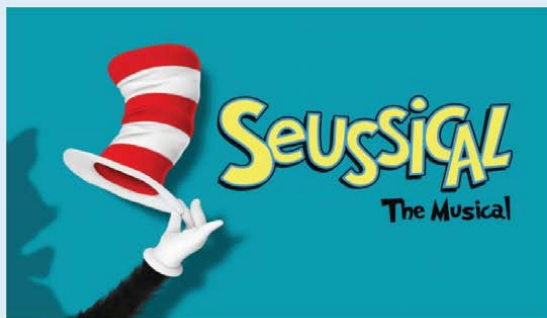
Career Website Poster Comp

At the end of last term a poster competition was run at GSHS to celebrate the introduction of our schools new Career Website. We had a fantastic response to this competition and the level of posters submitted at a very high standard.

Thank you to every student who found the time to create a poster and congratulations to Tama Williams, Oscar McNaught, Jenna Smits and Jessica Zielke who all won tuckshop vouchers.

Remember to keep checking our career's websites at www.gladstoneshscareers.com as it is continually being updated.

Mr. Jackson (Guidance Officer)



Hayley Jordison as
Mayzie La Bird

Casey Keogh,
Bethany Fowle and
Mikeal Bobart as
The Bird Girls

Andrew Abeyta, Stephanie
Abaincia, Darren James
and Tahlia Crighton as *The
Wickersham Brothers*



Izzy Tait as *The Cat in
the Hat*

Elizabeth Crighton as
Sour Kangaroo

Rowley Mannion and
Cheyna Frahm as *Mr and
Mrs Mayor*

Jordan Kocks as *Jojo*

Ella Maitland as *Horton
the Elephant*

Daisy Burns as *Gertrude
McFuzz*

Sam Duckham as *General
Ghenghis Khan Schmitz*



Congratulations Gladstone SHS! You are going to put on a wonderful show! Thanks for your enthusiastic auditions. Mark your calendars for 31st July and 1st of August!

Introducing your leads!



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Quick News

Positions Vacant

Please keep an eye out in the Student Notices for positions that could suit you if you are looking for work. You can also see Mr Hooley or Mrs Christopoulos in K Block for more information on positions, work experience etc.

Kids dont have to put up with OCD

A free OCD treatment program is available for 12-17 year olds for a short time only

Does your son or daughter:

- seem particularly fussy about keeping their hands clean?
- find themselves checking, touching or counting things even though they know they don't really have to?
- have trouble finishing school work or chores because they have to do something over and over again?
- worry a lot if something isn't done exactly the way they like?

Does your son or daughter have difficulty stopping these habits, and do they seem to interfere with their lives?

These symptoms may be signs of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

The University of Queensland is offering a FREE OCD TREATMENT PROGRAM for teenagers aged 12-17 for a short-time only.

The 12 week internet-based program is supported by a clinical psychologist who is a specialist in treating teen OCD. Parents can also access an online program and specialist support.

Please contact Dr Cynthia Turner at Cynthia.turner@uq.edu.au to discuss your child's suitability for this free program or find out more about the program at:

<http://www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/ocd>

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps troops at Gallipoli, Gladstone SHS commemorated the event with solemn and respectful services. Due to an expanding cohort, the ceremony was split to a junior and senior service with a heart-warming display of respect and remembrance shown by all students.

On Anzac Day we paid tribute to all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force, those lost in training, on operations, the wounded, injured and ill. It was highlighted in our senior ceremony, led by school vice-captains Kaitlin W and Brodie K, that we still have the need for the qualities of the ANZACs, for they can continue to make our community stronger and our nation more confident.

During both services, the Army and Navy cadets formed the guard – their professionalism and sense of duty is to be highly commended. The school symphonic band also put on a proud performance, in particular an excellent rendition of the Australian and New Zealand national anthems. Sam D also performed the last post in both services with expertise and integrity. A special thanks also needs to go out to Mr Peter Young, member of the Gladstone RSL, for being our guest speaker during the service.

Echoed in the junior service, led by junior school captains Drew O and Adele B, was a deep respect and honour for the men and women of Australia who have undertaken warfare to protect our sovereignty.

To them we say:

'Be proud of what you have done, as we are proud of you. Parade yourselves confident in the knowledge that your deeds are appreciated by the Australians for whom you served, no matter which of Australia's battles you have fought. You have helped create a tradition which our relatively young nation can display with honour in any company. We thank you for all of this!'



Congratulations Ben and Sophie!



"Technical College Gladstone Region would like to congratulate Ben D on obtaining a full time Electrical Apprenticeship with RCR"



Technical College congratulates Sophie M Year 11 who was signed into a Certificate III Retail Operations with Park Street Newsagency



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Dates to Remember

4th-8th May, 18th-22nd May and 1st-6th June 2015 - Year 10 Work Experience

4th May 2015 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

12th-14th May 2015 - NAPLAN

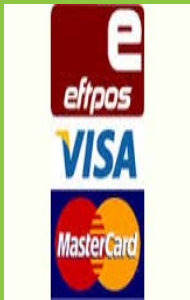
18th-22nd May 2015 - North West Trip 1

25th-29th May 2015 - North West Trip 2

17th-23rd June 2015 - EXAM BLOCK

27th June - 12th July 2015 - School Holidays

13th July 2015 - School resumes



SCHOOL PAYMENTS
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT
EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS HAVE
A LIMIT OF \$10

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE Representative Trials

U/14 – U/16



Junior Raidettes

BRIFFNEY CREEK JUNIOR FIELDS MAY 7TH

4.30PM – 6.30PM

Gladstone Junior Rugby League

Calling all girls to trial for the GJRL representative U/14 and U/16 teams.

U/14 – girls born 2001/2002

U/16 – girls born 1999/2000

Registration at the trials with all club and school players invited.

Contact: Rod Dahl

Phone: 0448813666

Email: rdahl@nrl.com.au



PLAYNRL.COM

Gladstone aspiring video producers

Grab your camera or smartphone for a chance to WIN an iPad or GoPro Hero



From ROAD to REEF

The Gladstone Local Marine Advisory Committee is calling on the region's aspiring videographers to help promote awareness of the environmental impacts of marine debris.

Individual or group entries will be accepted in two categories:

- Ages 8–12 years (primary school)

- Ages 13+ (open)

* Not open to professional video makers

Entries close Friday 26 June 2015

For more details, email: southern.region@gbmpa.gov.au or phone: 07 4921 4055, or go to www.gbrmpa.gov.au

RSPCA Million Paws Walk 2015

RSPCA Million Paws Walk 2015 will be held on the 17th May at Canoe Point Tannum Sands. This year is going to be bigger and better than ever before and we want to see you there

This year we will be introducing a second walk called "paws-with-Wheels" which will, be a shorter walk than the beach walk and will go around the wetlands and will be accessible from prams and wheel chairs and anyone wanting a shorter walk

In addition to the merchandise table and huge MPW raffle, there will also be a BBQ, Bake stall, doggy stencil tattooing, and a whole mini market of local animal related business who will be offering products and services, there will also be the 4CC pawograph for you and your doggy to leave your autograph and a photo booth

There will be plenty of competition and prizes for best dressed small and large dog, best dressed boy and girl, biggest dog, smallest dog and more.

Proceeds from the walk will go to help the Friends of the RSPCA Gladstone

You can register at www.millionpawswalk.com.au or on the day from 8am

Student Absence Notification

Student Name:

Care Group:

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Student Absent from School:

Parents are required to authorise all student absences.

This can be done by the following ways:

Email – absentees@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

Phone: 49766158

Written Note

Notification Slip found in Newsletter (to the left of this article)

Text Messaging Only – 0407 096 034 (reply only to

schools text message)

Details that need to be included on each of these are:

- * Student's Full Name

- * Care Class

- * Date/s

- * Reason

GSHS CORE VALUES

VALUES

To empower students to reach their full potential through quality learning experiences in a supportive and challenging school environment.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Give your best
- Be dependable
- Make appropriate choices
- Be fair • Have a go
- Take your opportunity to lead, otherwise be a good team member

EXCELLENCE

- Doing your best
- Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable
- Try hard
- Keep trying and pursue excellence
- Expect high standards

RESPECT

- Value yourself and others
- Respect your environment
- Act and speak courteously to everyone
- Be kind to animals
- Foster good relationships
- Foster school pride

HONESTY

- Be truthful and sincere
- Be trustworthy
- Admit your mistakes
- Learn by your mistakes
- Seek truth, good and right

SAFETY

- Look out for yourself and others
- Practise safe and hygienic habits
- Follow the rules



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