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Extended Uniform Shop opening hours
The week before School commences:
Monday 19th January 2015 to
Friday 23rd January 2015
8:15am - 3:45pm

The first week of Term 1:
Tuesday 27th 8:15am - 11:15am
Wednesday 28th 11:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday 29th 8:15am - 11:15am
Friday 30th 8:15am - 11:15am

Orders taken over the phone
(07) 4976 6193

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She has left a wonderful legacy at State, not only evidenced in some of the programs but also in the culture and the pride of the school through our uniform, pride in ourselves and how we relate to each other and the wider community.

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Christmas can be the very best of times for some and the very worst of times for others. Have you heard of Gladstone Link Psychology Program? It’s an online-only counselling service FREE for Gladstone Regional residents. No referral or bookings are necessary. Bookings and enquiries 1800 000 974. Follow the link to learn more: https://www.anywherehealthcare.com.au/gladstonelink/

Our city council has several programs running over the holidays for students. Many of these do have a financial cost, but the activities keep both the students and parents happy! Check out the city council link for further information: http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/sunfest

Our Year 7/8 and Year 6/7 transition days have begun and it’s wonderful watching the mentors lead activities and students participate fully and enjoy. It exemplifies the saying: “The happiest people don’t have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything.”

I’ve included some highlights for the year for you to enjoy and I wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas.

Yvonne

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
(NORMAL TIMES)
MONDAY - 8:15AM - 11:15AM
WEDNESDAY - 11:00AM - 2:00PM
FRIDAY - 8:15AM - 11:15AM
Quick News

2014 Year 9 Fraser Island Leadership Camp
We would like to inform parents who paid a deposit for their child to attend the leadership camp that unfortunately we did not receive the numbers which would enable the camp to proceed. Our refund process requires that a refund form be completed which can be accessed from either the school office or you can phone the school on 49766111 and request the form be emailed through to your email address. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Volleyball School of Excellence
The Volleyball School of Excellence is heading down to Melbourne on Saturday to play in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. This is a national Competition where the best of each state playoff for a chance to be crowned number one in the country. The Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Senior Teams will be all playing in their respective divisions in hope of backing up the awesome results from last year. We wish all the players and coaches good luck for this competition and hope they can bring home a medal for the school.

TONKA 2014 For Sale Now!!
Order the 2014 TONKA yearbook today! Pay $20 at the office. Full of pictures and memories of all the events of 2014!

Report Cards
- Semester Two Report Cards and 2015 booklists will be sent home in the first week of the school holidays
- 2015 booklists are also available on: GSHS website home page/enrolments/enrolling in our school(on the right hand side of the page)

Year 12 Graduation Week
It has been an exciting year and I am very proud of how the graduating class of 2014 have contributed to our Gladstone State High School Community. They are leaving behind a legacy of “UNITY” and a positive school culture where “the brighter each star shines the more magnificent the galaxy”. I feel extremely privileged to have had the opportunity of working, together with parents and care givers, to help secure the best possible learning outcomes for every student in the graduating class of 2014.

As parents and teachers we are all looking forward to the students reaching that important milestone, “Graduation”. At Gladstone State High School we celebrate this significant milestone with a series of events run over what is now known as “Graduation Week”. On Monday students and parents attended a celebration service held at the Port Curtis Christian Centre and then on Tuesday the greatly anticipated “Prom” was held at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre. Wednesday we all met at Spinnaker Park for a beach breakfast. On Thursday the entire cohort travelled to Canoe Point to join together for one last day of activities and fun. Then on Friday the entire school along with over 400 parents witnessed the Senior Class of 2014 receive their graduation certificates.

As more than a decade of schooling comes to an end for the senior class of 2014 and their families, I can imagine that it is not only with excitement and anticipation that they looked forward to Graduation Week but also with feelings of nostalgia, as like myself, wishing the graduating class of 2014 “goodbye and good luck” as they move on with the next chapter of their lives bought about mixed emotions. Both Ms Thompson and I, along with the staff of Gladstone State High School, would like to wish the Senior Class of 2014 all of the best for the future.

I would like to end with my favourite quote: ‘Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away.’ Seniors of 2014, make sure your life is full of such moments - live each day to the fullest and remember you are only limited by your imagination… “Do not cry because it is over but smile because it happened!”

Cheers
Kim-Maree Lambert
Year 12 Coordinator

2014 Year 12 Graduation Week Graduation images
Welcome Chris Hills

Christine Hills is the Principal of Glenmore State School in Rockhampton. With a background in High School English teaching in a range of rural/remote schools in Central Queensland, Chris took up the opportunity to branch in to Primary Principalship in Moura, a CQ mining town. Working with John Fleming of Haileybury College, Chris has used the principles of Explicit Instruction and the Fleming Model of School Improvement to drive school improvement and achieve better literacy and numeracy outcomes for students. The improvement achieved at Moura and Glenmore was recognised in 2012 with a National Excellence in Teaching Award for Primary Leadership and with a Harvard Scholarship in 2014.

I started my career at Emerald SHS longer ago than I can believe. I arrived in Emerald fresh from UQ! From there, I went to Moura SHS where I became a Curriculum HOD serving 3 schools – Theodore, Baralaba and Moura SHS.

I am married to Brian (who works on a shot crew at Moura Dawson Mine) – and we own a 4000 acre Brahman cattle property outside of Moura where I get to spend my down time – with my 4 kids.

I am honoured to be appointed to Gladstone SHS.

Year 10 Informal

Last Thursday evening the Year 10 cohort celebrated the end of their compulsory schooling with the Year 10 Informal. A Hawaiian themed evening held at the Grand Hotel was the opportunity for the Year 10’s to celebrate the year and say goodbye to many friends. The biggest farewell of the evening was that to the Year Co-ordinator Mr Ben Meredith who has been with this cohort since they entered high school in 2012. His farewell speech will be well remembered by the students for the remainder of their schooling. We wish to congratulate all Year 10 students on their achievements and wish them all the best in their chosen study options. We also thank Mr Meredith for all of the hard work and time spent with these students over the years ensuring they reach their full potential and wish you all the best in the next stage of your educational career.

Quick News

Follow safety tips to ensure you enjoy your summer in Council’s parks

Summer is here and, with school holidays soon upon us, many residents will take the opportunity to get out and enjoy the Gladstone Region’s wonderful parks.

To make the visit to any of the region’s parks more satisfying, Gladstone Regional Council offers the following tips for safe outings:

- “Slip, Slop, Slap!” to reduce sunburn;
- Use insect repellent to keep biting insects away;
- Stay in the shade during the hottest part of the day;
- Check the temperature of sand at the beach and in the playground before walking through with unprotected feet; and
- Drink water regularly to reduce dehydration; take your litter home when you leave and leave the area clean and tidy for your next visit.

These simple steps will ensure that you have a great day in our region’s parks and that the facilities are in good condition for your next visit.

Residents can access information about the region’s facilities and parks from Council’s website at www.gladstone.qld.gov.au

Those wishing to make a park booking for groups of 25 people or more can phone Council’s Department of Parks & Environment on 4970 0700 during business hours.

LIBRARY NEWS

All textbooks need to be returned to the library ASAP.
Sneak Peak of Gladstone State High School and Tech College 2014 PROM....
We are on......

Like our page to keep up to date with what is happening within the school.
https://www.facebook.com/GladstoneStateHighSchool

Our Facebook page is predominately a one way communication tool for the school to update parents and supporters. It is not a discussion page. Queries of a complex or personal nature should be addressed personally through the school office. Comments that allow students to be identified within photos are avoided. Comments are allowed supporting the work of teachers and students.

Register now with the QSchools App

FEATURES
• access the latest news, events and newsletters from Gladstone State High School
• easily access our tuckshop and uniform shop information
• view information about Gladstone State High School including class times and contact details
• view our social media feed
• receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCES
If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.
• Phone on 07 4976 6158
• Email on absentees@gladstoneshs.eq.edu.au
• Use the notification slip in the Newsletter each week
• Use the slip in your student's diary
• Text absences on 0407096034

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

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
• 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
• Practice safe and hygiene habits
• Follow the rules

Student Absence Notification

Student Name: ____________________________
Care Group: ____________________________
Date: / / Reason (Circle):   Sick   Personal   Family   Other
Date: / / Reason (Circle):   Sick   Personal   Family   Other
Date: / / Reason (Circle):   Sick   Personal   Family   Other
Parent's Signature: ____________________________

Reminder:
If you know your student is not attending GSHS in 2015 please phone Admin or come into the office and pick up an Intention to Leave Form.

School Payments
Please be aware that all Eftpos transactions have a $10 card limit

GSHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REVIEW
Existing and future members and families of the GSHS Instrumental Music Program are invited to attend a review of the program on the 10th December 2014. It will be held in room R2 from 5 – 6pm. This review will consist of a feedback session where families may share stories of our successes throughout the year and also identify areas we could do differently. For whatever reason families are unable to attend this review, correspondence can be forwarded to Mrs Peta Pitt (Head of Department –The Arts) or emailed to Mrs Pitt ppitt1@eq.edu.au.