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Words from the Principal

We have had incredible opportunities to celebrate the achievements of our students over the last weeks. Our Awards Evening was a showcase of the talents and determination of our students. Congratulations to all award winners and I would like to make special mention of our Student of the Year – Mikayla Ralph. So many of the students at State High have indeed, reached for the stars.

Our daytime award ceremonies continued to acknowledge our students. I was very impressed with breadth of achievement – across cultural, sporting, academic and community categories. It was also good to see the high benchmarks that have been set, particularly for academic awards. This is important because these standards are the type set by other schools like Gladstone State High. We want our students awards to be meaningful and strived for.

I would like to thank all of our special guests and presenters who attended the ceremonies. I would like to particularly thank the team from the Gladstone Regional Council led by Gail Sellers. The commitment they showed by attending back to back ceremonies, after many had attended the evening one as well was much noted and appreciated by the school community. The members of council showed the meaning of connection to the students of Gladstone State High. Thank you.

I would like to acknowledge our student leaders for 2015. Led capably by the senior leadership team, Chris, Varsicka, Brodie and Kaitlyn, they have been outstanding ambassadors for the school. I received many compliments about their assuredness and presentation at the Awards ceremonies. I want to thank not just our school captain team but all of our leaders for their commitment to State High. It is their work that often creates those opportunities that make school memorable.

Congratulations to our incoming leadership team. This group of outstanding students will do an outstanding job of leading State High into the future. I am sure you join me in congratulating them all.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Theresa Byrne has been appointed as permanent Principal for 2016 and beyond. She is currently working in Townsville Regional Office and was principal at Bowen State High School. I have spoken to her and she is very much looking forward to the move to Gladstone. Please join in welcoming her.

Christine Hills

Principal of Gladstone State High School

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Uniform Shop

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

Phone Chris on:
(07) 4976 6193

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Absentee Line
4976 6158**



Quick News

Enrolments 2016

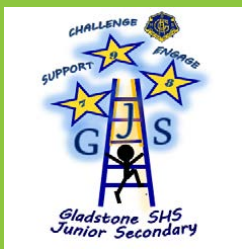
We are currently looking at numbers and forming classes and lines for 2016 so it is imperative that families in our catchment area enrol their children as soon as possible.

Gladstone State High School is enrolment managed. Only families living within our enrolment catchment are eligible to enrol. Please see the Catchment Map <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>. If you are unsure or need assistance with this please contact the school office on 4976 6111.

We are asking families who have not already enrolled their child for 2016 to please come into the office to enrol as soon as possible. **IMPORTANT:** Please bring with you proof of residence; this can include Electricity Invoice, current Council Rates Notice or a lease agreement. If you do not have any of these items please contact the school for further advice.

Upon receiving your completed enrolment form you will be contacted to arrange an enrolment interview. Interviews take approximately 15minutes.

Should you have any queries in relation to enrolling at Gladstone State High School please feel free to contact the school.



Chappy Chat

This past weekend I supported a group of students to complete their practice weekend for Duke of Edinburgh. While only one GSHS student completed this milestone, our other GSHS participants have valued their Duke of Edinburgh journey up to this stage. Lara commented that the Duke's program encouraged her to learn new skills and improve on others and that she was really glad she had participated.

Our School-based police officer, Andrew Carey and I thoroughly enjoyed the teamwork and personal participation of each of the Duke participants. For the practice expedition we camped at Byfield and the students observed and recorded the effects of Cyclone Marcia. They also used their learnt compass and mapping skills to plan a walk, implemented their plan and debriefed on what they had learnt. The students have chosen to complete a group report of their findings. In early 2016 we will complete their Qualifying Expedition which mirrors this practice expedition and that will complete their Bronze level for Duke of Edinburgh. This will automatically give them one credit which they can use for their QCE in Year 12. Students who complete their Gold level gain 4 QCE points.

I encourage parents and students to explore what the Duke of Edinburgh is all about and what's involved as it really has benefits for all participants. I hope to continue running the Duke of Edinburgh programme at GSHS in 2016.

Have a great week,
Chappy Yvonne



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Quick News

TONKA, TONKA, TONKA

Pre-order your copy of this year's Tonka magazine from the office. This year's edition will be packed full of photos of you, your classmates and awesome events from this year. It will be a great keepsake and record of your year at State High! Cost is \$20 per copy. To secure your copy of the Tonka please bring your money to the front office.

Trade Skills Centre

Any student interested in obtaining a qualification in Logistics please see Mr Hooley in K Block. This is a highly recommended qualification in the industry field. This certificate will be offered in the new Trade Skills Centre (currently getting built on GSHS grounds). Highly encourage students to apply for this course.

Start date 2016!

The Department has changed the start date for 2016 school year. With the number of students at Gladstone SHS we will again have a staggered start.

Wednesday 27 January – Yr7, 8, 11, 2016 Yr10 Peer Mentors and Yr12 School Leaders (Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Executive Committee)

Thursday 28 January – Whole School

Please find attached the link to the Departments Start Date change for 2016 http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/2016-2020.html



Do you want to work in the Automotive Industry?

EQIP Technical College will be offering students Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation in 2015.

This exciting program focuses on the trade orientated areas of mechanical and auto electrics and is an ideal transition from school to employment in the automotive industry. By successfully completing this program you will increase your chances of gaining an apprenticeship in the automotive industry as you will have existing workshop skills and require less on campus time to complete the mandatory study requirements of an apprenticeship.

For further information contact Karen or Natasha at the Technical College 49766175



Technical College Applications 2016

The Technical College has a new program ready for 2016. The focus will be on 5 career pathways. If your child would like to gain job ready skills whilst achieving their QCE and has an interest in the following pathways;

- Construction
- Hospitality
- Business
- Automotive
- Resources and Infrastructure

Please see Mr Terry Wells at the Technical College or Mr Brendan Hooley at GSHS for more information.

The Technical College program is run in 2 week cycles. 2 weeks completing school subjects then 2 weeks out in the work force experiencing what work life is really like. This program is different because students gain 1600 hours of industry hours compared to other work experience programs. Successful completion of the course of study will enable a student to obtain a QCE and potentially roll over into a full time apprenticeship or traineeship from his/her school based arrangement.

EQIP Technical College Gladstone Region (ETCGR)

ETCGR enables students to begin a career while maintaining their academic studies through the provision of an innovative educational and training program that maximises the potential of obtaining a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

ETCGR Year 11 and Year 12 students are enrolled at Gladstone State High School (GSHS) and are provided the opportunity to attend the purpose built college, which is detached from the main GSHS campus. Students are given access to GSHS student support services and can participate in some GSHS sporting and cultural activities, where work allows, and they are also included for invitations to the Senior Formal. Students are on a two-week rotation roster with two-weeks at ETCGR and two-weeks at a local employer.

ETCGR students are equipped with valuable employability skills through our career preparation and guidance workshops. These are available to all year levels and include career mapping, resume writing, interview preparation, and business etiquette.

Choose your career pathway

	Pathway to Business	Gain practical office administration skills and enhance your experience in a business environment – develop skills in customer service, working and communicating effectively, business technology, and health and safety.
	Pathway to Hospitality	Develop skills and knowledge in a range of activities and functions that are required to work in hospitality in areas such as restaurants, hotels, motels, catering operations, cafes, clubs, and coffee shops.
	Pathway to Automotive/Mechanical	Increase skills and knowledge to perform a range of servicing operations on vehicles within an automotive service or repair business, to enhance opportunities for securing an apprenticeship in the automotive trades.
	Pathway to Resources & Infrastructure	Gain valuable skills for entry into the resources and infrastructure industry. Learn about health and safety, risk management, planning and preparing to undertake a task, hand and power tool operations, and measurements and calculations.
	Pathway to Construction	Develop skills suited to a range of construction occupations, such as joinery, shop fitting, carpentry and bricklaying. Learn about the industry, its culture, and workplace expectations.

All ETCGR students complete the following curriculum:

- Certificate I and II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Maths A or PreVocational Maths
- English Communication
- Life Skills
- Career Development Program

Two-week work placement rotations aligned to the chosen career pathway enhances the potential for a student to secure a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship and future employment opportunities.

Nationally Recognised Qualification	YES
Remain OP eligible	NO
VET qualifications	YES
QCE eligible	YES

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Career Corner

Work Experience

Work Experience at Gladstone Port Authority – 30/11/15 TO 4/12/15 or 7/12/15 TO 11/12/15
Any Year 10 or Year 11 students who are interested in doing work experience at Gladstone Port Authority in the last two weeks of school (30/11 to 4/12 or 7/12 to 11/12) can see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block. Placements available are:

Busy at Work

Busy at Work has an employer who is looking for a 2nd year chef, however he would be happy to look at school leavers' resumes – grade 12's. You will need to have good knife skills and preferably some basic kitchen experience and want to work in the industry.

If any students would like to apply please see Mrs C or Mr Hooley in K Block Senior Schooling staffroom.

Kmart Auto Gladstone

Kmart Auto Gladstone have a 1st and 2nd year apprenticeship available for interested students. Please see Mrs C in K Block Senior Schooling for more information.



Applied Care

Applied Care offer a training and employment program for people looking to start a career in health care. Participants can choose between dual qualifications of Certificate III in Aged Care (CHC30212) and Certificate III in Disability (CHC30408) or dual Certificate IV in Aged Care (CHC40108) and Certificate IV in Disability (CHC40312).

The program is ideal for school leavers who would like to gain experience in health care, before committing to the time and expense of university study. The Cert III program is delivered with 4 weeks classroom training and Cert IV with a combination of 1-on-1 tutoring and self-paced learning if participants do not wish to attend regular classes.

Once each participant completes their written assessments, Applied Care allocates them a 120-hour work placement with one of our industry partners. This provides valuable practical experience in the work place and most graduates receive an offer of employment from their placement facility.

Applied Care will award one program as a scholarship to a school leaver in each of our training locations at the end of this year. I have attached a copy of the program guide to this email. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has an interest in working in health care and has displayed a caring, compassionate nature when interacting with their community.

Applications can be lodged on our website. Below is a link to the application page:

<http://www.appliedcare.org/scholarships.html>

Applications close on Friday 27th November and we will notify the recipient no later than Friday 11th December. We will also publish the successful applicants name and their school on our website.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our education consultant, Andrew on 0421 508 539 or by email.

PCYC Gladstone Get Set for Work

Are you interested in a career in Education Support or Early Childhood Education and Care?

Are you aged 15.5 – 19.5 years old (must be 16 – 19 years old on the 29th April 2016 to gain qualification)?

Are you an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident (includes humanitarian entrant), temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on a pathway to permanent residency, or a New Zealand citizen?

If so you may be eligible for PCYC Gladstone's Get Set for Work Program with Intake 1 commencing Monday 16th November 2015 and running 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday (excluding 14/12/15 – 03/01/2016).

PCYC Gladstone's Get Set for Work program consists of

1. Ongoing case management to provide assistance throughout the program
 2. A four week life skills phase including outdoor recreation, self-confidence sessions, community excursions, blue card, assistance to get your learner/provisional licence (dependent on age) and more to get you ready for tertiary study and work.
 3. A sixteen week qualification phase where our project coordinator assists you to gain your certificate III in either education support or early childhood education and care. This phase also includes work placement of 192 hours in the relevant field to ensure you are confident in the workplace and make contacts within the industry.
 4. A final job skills phase where you get to hone your resume writing skills and complete mock interviews with industry professionals to give you the best possible job seeking outcomes.
- The program is offered at no cost to participants and allows you to be job ready and qualified for the field in six months.

If you are interested in the Get Set for Work Program please contact GetSetForWorkAdmin@pcyc.org.au for further information or to receive an application form.



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Dates to Remember

10th - 13th November - Yr 12 Exam block

16th November - Yr 12 Church Celebration

17th November - PROM

20th November - Year 12 Last Day/ Graduation Service

23rd - 27th November - Yr 11 Exam Block

27th November - Yr10/11 Last day

1st/2nd December - Yr 7 2016 Orientation Day

29th November - 4th December - Year 9 Canberra Trip

11th December - Last Day of Term 4 for years 7-9



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

- BPOINT - NEW PROCESS AVAILABLE FOR PAYING INVOICES. PLEASE SEE BOTTOM OF INVOICES FROM NOW ON

- PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT PROCESS EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE LIMIT OF \$10

Join the Green Army



GREEN ARMY with CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS AUSTRALIA

Are you passionate about the environment?
Are you interested in gaining practical skills in the environment?
Do you want to learn about the environment?

Are you aged between 17 and 24, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and would like to be a part of a team that will make a REAL difference to the environment in your local community?
Would you like to be paid an allowance while gaining skills, training and experience that can help you enter the workforce, improve your career opportunities or further your education and training?

- 20 to 23 week programme, 30 hours per week
- Uniform provided (boots, pants, shirt, hat)
- Earn an allowance up to \$16.45 per hour
- Gain a first aid certificate and safety certificate
- Gain accredited units in Conservation and Land Management
- Learn practical skills from environmental Rangers
- Potential employment opportunities
- Meet other people and experience working outdoors

To Apply Applications Open for Gladstone projects starting December 2015
Complete the application form online at conservationvolunteers.com.au/green-army
Phone: 0418 603 503 | e: jjones@cva.org.au

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply



More Information
Visit: environment.gov.au/green-army



BYOx is coming to GSHS in 2016!

"Bring your own device (BYOx) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student's family), staff or guests". Put simply, BYOx is a solution where students quite literally bring their own device to school in order to access the Internet and/or school network through a managed Wi-Fi connection. There are various models for BYOx which can be adopted. In 2016, Gladstone SHS is permitting laptop devices meeting a certain specification to connect to the School's wireless network to enable students to access classroom content.

Students with BYOx devices will have access to a filtered Internet connection, access to classroom content, and a connection to printers within the School. All devices are maintained by the owner of the device and any loss, theft or damage is the responsibility of the student and their family. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the device. All BYOx participants must adhere to the rules set out in the signed BYOx User Agreement, as well as follow the rules outlined in the Acceptable Use Agreements for the Internet and Mobile Devices signed by all families upon enrolment.

More information will be provided at information sessions on Tuesday 1 December, 3.30-4.00pm in the school lecture theatre (F Block) or contact Narelle Hayne, Deputy Principal 49766111.

To register your interest in participating in 2016 email byox@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

REMINDER TO PARENTS.....

If you know your child is not attending Gladstone State High School in 2016 please phone Administration on 4976 6111 or come into the office and collect an intention to leave form. Please also return any textbooks to the library or laptops if you will not be attending in 2016

If you have changed address recently please update with the office staff by doing a change of details form. This is important for when it comes time to send out our report cards.

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



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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