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### Uniform Shop

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 uniform shop



## Words from the Principal

I was privileged to be able to attend the school's production of 'Seussical' on Friday night. What an amazing experience! Congratulations to our amazingly talented students who gave us a show to remember. I know it was a combined effort from students, staff and many parents out there! It was and visual feast of costumes and sets combined with the wonderful voices of our students. Well done to everyone involved.

It's been a successful week for Mathematics at State High. Congratulations to our year 7 and year 10 teams which both won their year level of the Gladstone Regional Mathematics Competitions.

Enrolments for 2016 were due in last Friday. It is imperative that applications for enrolment are made through the office so that the Enrolment Management Catchment can be checked against proof of address. We are currently engaged in staffing for 2016 and can only make these decisions based on enrolments. The STAR academic program is also due for development and we don't want any students to miss out because of a late enrolment. Similarly, we have a number of scholarship options available for students. Please see office staff as soon as possible to finalise your enrolment.

In preparation for 2016, State High will hold a Junior and Senior Secondary subject selection night on 11 August in the Hall. Please take the time to attend this important evening of information

Parents should receive their child's 2015 NAPLAN report in the next week for students in year 7 and 9. I am very pleased to announce that State High has performed well in this year's testing. A few highlights:

- GSHS students outperformed students in like schools and Queensland schools in Writing in year 7. Our results were equal to the national results.
  - Approximately 20% of our year 7's performed in the highest 2 bands of achievement – writing at 2 years above year level.
  - 99% of our year 9 students performed above the National Minimum Standard – a rate higher than Australia generally.
  - In year 9 Writing, Gladstone State High School improved 15 mean points – against the national trend in Writing
  - In year 9, our students showed improvement in every indicator, achieving our best ever results in Numeracy and Grammar and Punctuation. It is our second highest performance in reading since testing began in 2008.
- These results mean that our year 7's are set up for future success and our year 9 cohort has set themselves up well for entry into year 7. Congratulations to all of our students and staff for the great literacy and numeracy learning that happens in classes every day.



**Mrs Christine Hills**  
Principal



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4976 6158**

## Quick News

### Botanic to Bridge

Botanic to Bridge is on again on 16th August 2015. Every year Gladstone State High is well represented by both students and families and are now seeking even more participants for this year's event. All student nomination fees and portions of all other registrations from the GSHS community are donated back to the school for funding sport and recreation equipment and initiatives. For more information on registering please visit our school website or <http://www.botanictobridge.com.au/register>

### Premier's Reading Challenge – Year 7, 8, 9

There are lots of great books available for borrowing through the school and public libraries - or you could lend a recommended title from one of your friends or you could buy a book from this month's book club catalogues. Read another book this week and add it your Premier's Reading Challenge Record sheet. Once you have read 15 books, drop the completed form into the library,

### All Rounder Awards

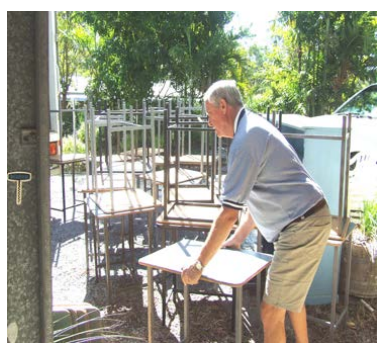
Have you achieved/participated in the following areas during 2015: Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Service? If you have you may be the All Rounder for your year level for Awards Night. Please collect a nomination form from your year coordinator and complete and return by Friday 4th September.

## Chappy Chat!



### Chappy's Chat

Earlier this year, GSHS was able to replace old furniture with newer tables and chairs. Thanks to the generosity of GSHS, the old furniture was released to be used in the Solomon Islands where Rotary is helping set up schools. Four years ago I was fortunate to be able to volunteer to work for two weeks in the north-western section of the Solomon Islands where Rotary was focused on setting up 4 schools (both Primary and Secondary). I visited one classroom where 90 secondary students were studying hard and not a seat in sight! Without help from Australians, they would not have any school equipment. Rotary has been able to send over furniture, computers, books and building materials. Qualified Rotarians and volunteers help train electricians and builders and give tuition to locals on a variety of computer programmes. Fourteen schools are now being set up. Some of these schools can only be reached by a 2 hour boat trip as there is no other form of transport available. Rotarians collect useful and working items, disassemble many so that they can pack more into the containers, pay for the cost of shipping containers and then organise someone at the receiving end to reassemble and transport to the required locations. Rotarians have project teams at the ready to help install and ensure that the locals are confident in using whatever has been installed. It is my hope that in 2016, GSHS students can enjoy two weeks Schoolies doing volunteer work overseas. It can be a life-changing experience!



Are you in Year 10 or 11 and maybe a little curious about doing some volunteer work overseas instead of the usual schoolies? Come and see photos from the Sri Lankan schoolies in 2013....

Until next week, dream big about future possibilities and make one small step towards your dream!

## Yvonne

### CQ 9's News

After a semester of hard work in the boys Rugby League class, the boys efforts paid off after winning the CQ 9's in Rockhampton in the last week of term 2. The boys went undefeated throughout the pool rounds and faced Rockhampton in the semi-finals, where a whitewash occurred 30-0. The boys came from behind in the dying minutes to win the Grand Final 16-12. The boys would like to thank Rod 'Rocket' Dahl for all his help throughout the semester and Mr Hooley for coming away to the tournament, and lastly Miss DJ Lambert for being there with us since day 1 of the class to the first day of the tournament.

By Year 9 RL Class



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## Career Corner

### Eagle Boys Position

Eagle Boys Pizza Sun Valley is Looking for in store staff and delivery drivers. Hiring from 13yrs and up. Need to be available for approximately 12hrs of shifts per week. Training Provided.

Contact via email:  
lucas-doc@hotmail.com  
or in store.

### Senior Transition Evening

All Yr 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to attend this important information night.

WHO: Current 10, 11 and 12 Students and their parents

WHEN: Tuesday 11 August 2015

WHERE: Gladstone State High School – School Hall

WHAT: Senior Transition Displays – 4.00 - 6:00pm

Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Presentation – 6:15pm (Year 10 students and parents only). This presentation will outline the year 10 into 11 subject selection process and overview senior schooling processes.

School Departmental Displays, University Information (CQU, QUT, UQ, Griffith, USC) and local companies (NRG, GPC, QAL, Rio Tinto, ENGAGE, Stockland, McDonalds, MRAEL, Busy at Work, EQIP, Centrelink, Medicare, GAGAL, Gladstone Regional Council, Home Loans etc, BSL) will be available for students and parents to talk to about future pathways.



## Junior Secondary News

Welcome to Week 4! I was saying to Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Junior Parade this week that next week marks the halfway mark of Term 3, and that time is flying by very fast. It is important to make every moment count because it all adds up to our future. How can we make every moment count at school? By following our four expectations which are now displayed on posters around the school ... We are:

- Engaged
- Respectful
- Responsible and
- Safe

Rather than just thinking of these as our school expectations – they are wonderful attributes for life in general, for adults, teens and children to aspire to. They are qualities that Australian employers look for in an employee. I asked students to think every day: today I am practising for my future, and to consider these expectations at home, at school and in the community.

When we are engaged, we are present and connected to whatever is happening in that moment. We are involved. In the classroom, it means we are focusing on the lesson objective and working with the teacher to reach it. We are part of a team striving towards a common goal.

We are respectful when we consider others around us. We are courteous and polite and honour the other person in our presence. We don't do them any harm, physically or emotionally. We leave them a better person than when we found them.

We are responsible when we are accountable for our actions, when we do what is expected of us, when we take on a task and complete it. We take the blame for our own actions or lack of action and don't find excuses for not doing it. We respond to calls for help and don't say "Shotty not!".

We are safe when our thoughts and actions are in the best interests of everyone's safety, physically, socially and emotionally. When we have fun, it has to be within the boundaries of what is safe. We have to be mindful of consequences of our actions and our words.

If we practise these four expectations, not only will we be contributing towards a wonderful school culture, we will be building our capability to be an excellent employee. I encouraged students to be mindful of these expectations today and every day, at school, at home and in the community, and to see what a difference they make between a good day and a bad day.

Have a great day today – make it count!

Lisa Donohue, Head of School JNR

Subject Selection Evening: Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the School's Subject Selection Evening on Tuesday 11 August from 4pm to 6pm in the Hall. A Junior Secondary presentation will be given in the Lecture Theatre from 5.30pm to 6pm.

Star and Academy Applications: Just a reminder that applications for the Star and Academy Classes close on 31 August 2015. For enquiries, please phone the school office on 49766111.



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### KFC Gladstone

KFC Gladstone Restaurant is re-opening their new Restaurant soon and are looking for Part-Time and Casual positions for individuals aged 14 – 17 years (Junior Wages Rates apply) to work day, night, weekend and public holiday shifts. After successful employment, KFC can also offer individuals the opportunity to participate in School Based or Work Based Traineeships, completing a CIII in Business. Interested students can apply online at [www.kfcqld.com.au](http://www.kfcqld.com.au)

### Apprenticeship Intake 2016

The major industries in Gladstone have commencing advertising their Apprenticeship intake for 2016. The industries include NRG, GPC, QAL, Ergon Energy. Students interested can see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block for further information.

## Athletics Carnival 2015

On Tuesday the 14th of July Gladstone State High School held its annual athletics carnival. Approximately 1000 students participated well in track and field events, or collected house points in novelty events such as the tug-of-war, or sack race. It was great to see the house spirit of Damala, Tylan, Parnka and Kougari throughout the day. A vast majority of students upheld our school values of responsibility, excellence, safety, respect and honesty during the carnival. Congratulations goes to the winning house Damala who were simply too good on the day. Overall age champions for 2015 were:

| Age Group      | Name       | House   |
|----------------|------------|---------|
| 12 Years Girls | Sophie W   | Kougari |
| 12 Years Boys  | Curtis F   | Tylan   |
| 13 Years Girls | Ella C     | Tylan   |
| 13 Years Boys  | Tyrese F   | Parnka  |
| 14 Years Girls | Kiarra H   | Damala  |
| 14 Years Boys  | Seth G     | Tylan   |
| 15 Years Girls | Maddison S | Damala  |
| 15 Years Boys  | Jack S     | Tylan   |
| 16 Years Girls | Shania P   | Kougari |
| 16 Years Boys  | Matt H     | Tylan   |
| 16 Year Boys   | Jarrold O  | Parnka  |
| Open Girls     | Shanice F  | Parnka  |
| Open Boys      | Nic P      | Damala  |
| Junior AWD     | Coery M    | Kougari |
| Senior AWD     | Tama W     | Parnka  |

A special mention must also go to our female and male Gladstone Gift winners (a staggered 100m race) Kiarra O (Year 7), and Garrett D (Year 12).

### PORT CURTIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Port Curtis Athletics carnival was held at the Gladstone TAFE College on the 22nd and 23rd of July. Once again a number of State High participants did themselves proud in not only the way they competed, but also their sportsmanship and the way they conducted themselves throughout both days. We were particularly well represented in grades 7-10. Well-done to the following students who have made it into the Port Curtis Team and travel to Rockhampton on Monday 17th of August to compete in the Capricornia Athletics Trials: Helani B, Matangi B, Ilanda C, Mikaela C, Garrett D, Tyrese F, Krista G, Seth G, Brad H, Kiarra H, Matt H, Jacob H, Joel K, Claude M, Monique M, Patrick N, Jarrod O, Maddi R, Maddison S, Bailey S, Waqar Y, Kayla Z, Emma Z, Hannah W (U12 Port Curtis Carnival) and Greer S (U12 Port Curtis Carnival).

### SPORTS AWARDS DATA COLLECTION

A brief mention about sporting awards for Awards Night next term. I am in the process of collecting information on students competing at Interschool, Port Curtis, Capricornia, State, and National Level. By the end of next week a list of students who have represented the school at any of these levels will be put on the notice board outside the PE staffroom (in front of administration).

In-case I have missed anyone, could I ask that all parents/guardians ask their child to check the noticeboard to see they are getting the credit that they deserve. If they are missing, or missing a particular sport, I would ask that they see me (along with some sort of form, receipt or evidence of participation will suffice) and I will endeavour to fix this up as soon as possible. I would hate to have your child potentially miss out on getting an award because we were unaware that they had represented the school or achieved sporting excellence without us knowing about it. Any questions about this or any other sporting matter please don't hesitate to contact me via the PE staffroom or e-mail: [mshal5@eq.edu.au](mailto:mshal5@eq.edu.au)

Kindest Regards

Matthew Shallcross  
Sports Coordinator  
HPE/Maths Teacher  
Gladstone State High School  
(07) 49766119



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## Quick News

### HPV Training

HPV training is on a Wednesday afternoon meeting on the terraces near the hall. Mr Crighton will be eager to take you for training sessions for general fitness in preparation for the upcoming events at Benaraby and Maryborough.

### Murry Homework Centre

Come along and get help from teachers with your homework on Wednesday afternoons in D6. Computers are also available for assignment work.

### Change of details

Please remember that if you need to update/change details for your student to please do so at the administration office where you will find Student Change of Details forms.

### Assessment Schedules Released last Week

Students were given their assessment schedules last week in care class. This very important document gives all the dates that assignments are due and exams are held. We recommend that this document is displayed in a prominent place in the home such as the fridge. Often teenagers need support, help and encouragement to organise their studies to ensure all their assessment is complete. Making yourself aware of the assessment schedule and helping to manage your child's assessment deadlines is of enormous benefit to them. When exams are approaching it is important that students spend extra time preparing and studying for them. Please contact the school if you have any questions or require a new copy of the assessment schedule.

## School Nurse News

### NUTRITION TO HELP FIGHT DENTAL DECAY

What you eat and drink plays a role in whether you will suffer from dental decay.

An increase in soft and sport drinks is contributing to a decline in the dental health of Australian teens. Research has also shown that obesity can be linked to gum disease.

The Australian Dental Association, recommend the following-

- Keep sugary snacks to a minimum and try to have them close to meal times. This reduces the amount of bacteria attacks
- Chewing sugar free gum after sugary sweets is good. This stimulates saliva flow and protects teeth from decay
- Follow a diet high in fruit and vegetables and ensure dairy products are eaten as they contain calcium
- Minimise the amount of sugary, high acid soft and sports drinks and fruit juices
- If these beverages are consumed, follow with a glass of water
- Maintain good oral hygiene. Brush, floss and rinse your mouth
- Visit your dentist regularly

For more information visit [www.ada.org.au](http://www.ada.org.au)

Yours in Health

Jan Guerassimoff  
SBYHN

Ambrose State School P&C  
presents it 's Biennial  
**Auction**  
Saturday 15th August, 2015

**700 lots — bidding starts at 10am**

Gates open at 7am

*Listings include furniture & household, baby items, machinery, saddlery, building equipment and tools, antiques & collectables*

*Lunch 12-30-1pm Antiques sold at 1pm*

**Auctioneers—Neville Messer, Savage Barker & Backhouse & Team**

10% of sales will be directed to funding a new undercover multipurpose area at the school.

A detailed auction listing will be available from Monday 13th July on the Ambrose State School website and our Facebook page.

Bookings open 1st June  
Anthea Adams Ph: 0458 751 391  
[antheaandgraham@bigpond.com](mailto:antheaandgraham@bigpond.com)

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**Great Family Day**

Kid 's Rides  
Mum 's & Bub 's Tent  
Cake Stall  
Stalls & Raffles  
Kid 's Corner  
BBQ & Bar

*Gold coin donation at the gate is appreciated*

General Enquiries  
Ambrose State School 4975 1165  
Helen Creed 0428 246 535

## Dates to Remember

16th August - Botanic to Bridge

7th-11th September - EXAM BLOCK

15th August - 2015 HPV Benaraby Event

19th-20th August - Yr 10 Set Plan Interviews



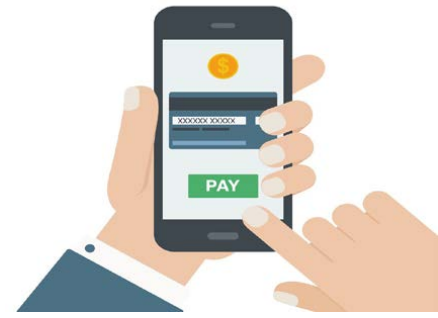
### SCHOOL PAYMENTS

- BPOINT - NEW PROCESS AVAILABLE PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS PAGE

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



# PARENTS



- 1. Online System | Pay School Invoices**
  - Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
  - Access via ANY Computer or Smart Phone
- 2. Payments Accepted:**

MasterCard | VISA
- 3. Secure Payment Method**

## Easy to Use Interface

**TAX INVOICE**

INVOICE NUMBER: 17587  
INVOICE DATE: 7-Nov-2014  
INVOICE REF: 2015LHJ  
ORDER FORM NO: 284200  
ORDER NUMBER: 4015160

David Bond  
18 BELMONT RD AVALON VIC 3083  
MORNINGTON CLS 4394

Ryan Bond EQ id: 404026203370 Page 1 / 1  
School Roll Class: 950  
Main Description: University: State Price: Str. Amount:  
Laptop for Learning Program 2015 Fee 1.00 260.00 260.00  
\* Payment Invoice Amount of 260.00 includes GST

**GST TOTAL: 6.00**  
**INVOICE TOTAL: 266.00**

Full payment of Student Resource Scheme fees are required to participate in this program

**PAYMENT METHODS**

**Online Card Payment**  
CRN: 0231000036518  
Invoice No: 17587  
This invoice can be paid via BPOINT  
<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

**Bill Code: 148544**  
**Ref: 0231000036518**

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Parents: [www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete)

**Make a BPOINT Payment**

Bill Code: 148544 (Department of Education Training and Employment)

CRN: 0231000036518

Invoice Number: [ ]

Student Name: [ ]

Amount (AUD): [ ] \$

Select your payment option:  VISA  MasterCard

**CRN: 0231000036518**

**Invoice No: 17587**

This invoice can be paid by card via BPOINT  
<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

**Online Card Payment**

CRN: 0231000036518

Invoice No: 17587

This invoice can be paid by card via BPOINT  
<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

### CRN: Customer Reference Number

#### Student Absent from School:

Parents are required to authorise all student absences.

This can be done in the following ways:

Email – [absentees@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au](mailto: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

#### Student Absence Notification

Student Name:

Care Group:

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

## 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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06 August 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is with very mixed emotions that I informed Mr Michael Charlton, President of the P&C that I will be leaving Gladstone State High School on November 18.

I have accepted an offer to be Principal of Rockhampton Girls Grammar School.

This has been an unexpected development in my career and gives me the opportunity to work in a High School environment closer to my children and husband.

State High is a great school. I am very proud of the work that has been achieved by our staff and wonderful students.

I will ensure that the school is set up to take it forward to the next chapter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Christine Hills  
Principal

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