Science Challenge 2014

On the 17th, 18th and 19th October, nine students who study both Science and Maths in year 10 participated in the annual Science Maths Challenge held at Central Queensland University-Gladstone Campus. This year students came from the four local high schools in the district.

The aim of the Science Maths Challenge is to allow students to work in teams (which is a mixture of students from all 4 schools) with industry mentors and solve a scientifically relevant and challenging problem. Each team then does a presentation in front of their peers, mentors, industry representatives, school principals, parents and family about the problem that they undertook to solve over the challenge.

The three day program also included talks from industry and university students. Students also had the opportunity to use technology available at local industry and university sites.

The students from State High who participated were:
Aime P, Joel F, Olivia W, Kanu G, Caitlyn Mc, Matthew L, Jane O, Johanna M and Fabio K.

Special thanks to Mr Peter Watson who gave up his weekend to help supervise students. Your time and help was greatly appreciated.

Ms Karen White
HOD-Science.
SEP Outback Camp

The students from Special Education Program experienced life in the outback for their camp this year at Kroombit Park Farmstay. With activities such as horse riding, bushwalk and campout under the stars, team challenges, outback dancing, goat rodeo, and not forgetting the mechanical bull, it was not surprising that there was never a single complaint. The students not only had an amazing time but were also challenged with facing and conquering their own personal fears. We are all looking forward to camp in 2015! The students would like to say a big thankyou to parents and staff who purchased products from our Senior Home Economics class. This helped raise funds to allow us to be involved in this event. Thank you also to Constable Cary for joining us on our last day and showing us his amazing motorbike and bull riding skills. What a trooper!

Testimonies
“I like the bull riding, goat rodeo and the horse riding” Ashley M
“My favourite thing was dancing with Miss Polglase to one of my favourite songs” Shantelle H
“On the first night it was nice to see the milky way at midnight” Rusty L
“I like how our school based police officer rode the motorbike in the rodeo” Jasmine Z
White Card - Work Safely in the Construction Industry

Throughout the year we have supported a number of students in getting their White Cards. As the end of the year draws near, we are receiving feedback that we still have students interested in doing this training. We will offer this training throughout next year, but if your child is leaving at the end of this year and wants this certification, the following information will support them in doing so:

What is a White Card?
The CPCCOHS1001A - Work Safely in the Construction Industry “White Card” has replaced the old Blue Card, Red Card and Green Cards which are no longer issued. A White Card is a legal requirement for anyone who works, or intends on working, on a construction site.

Where is a White Card Valid?
Although each state and territory issues their own version of the White Card, the course is based on a national standard and all White Cards are nationally recognised.

What does a White Card Course Cover?
A White Card course covers all aspects of safety on site, including identifying construction hazards and control measures, OHS legislative requirements, OHS communication, and incident response procedures.

How do I get a White Card?
Students can access http://www.narbiltraining.edu.au/white-card anywhere and anytime to complete their training. Average completion time is around 4hrs.

What does it Cost?
Payment of $39 only needs to be made over the internet once students complete the course successfully. This is the cheapest way to complete the training. Your child will need to prove they are a student at G.S.H.S, otherwise the cost will be up to $55. The school can support you in doing this if necessary, just contact Matt Wiebusch (Youth Support Coordinator) if you still have any questions.

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Yacht Club
Gladstone Yacht Club is looking to fill the positions of a full time Kitchen Hand, a Casual Dishwasher and 1 full time Jnr Waitress. No experience is required as training is provided. These positions could be a starting point to a new career. Any interested applicants should call Karen at Gladstone Yacht Club 4972 2294 to arrange an interview. Or email your resume to functions@gyc.com.au

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Gladstone RSL Rememberance Day 2014

All schools are invited to participate in this year’s Remembrance Day Service.

A service to remember all Australian Service men and women, who gave their lives because of war or subsequently from the effects of war, will be held at Anzac Park on Tuesday 11th November commencing about 10.30am.

This the 95th anniversary of the signing of the armistice in 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that concluded what we now call First World War or the great war of 1914-18. It was predicted to be the war that ended all wars but with including conflicts since there have been over 102,000 servicemen and woman killed.

All students are welcome to attend and are encouraged to lay wreath.

Wreaths are available from the RSL drop-in-centre and participants are encouraged to contact me so that your school can be mentioned during the wreath laying ceremony.

Hoping to see you there.

Peter Young
Secretary
RSL Gladstone Sub Branch
Careers Corner  
POSITION VACANT  
Resource Processing Trainee  
[18 month tenure]  
We are seeking applications from motivated candidates with an aptitude for manual work to be employed for an 18-month Traineeship (Cert II in Resource Processing) within our Production Department. This unique learning opportunity commencing in late January 2015, aligns with GPC’s local employment strategies and aims to provide experience in unloading and material handling at terminals, manual operation of various equipment and Safety & Quality Systems.  
In demonstrating your drive for results, social influencing and problem solving capabilities, you will be provided the opportunity to learn skills and gain various machinery tickets to function in a heavy equipment, coal based industry. Applicants will be required to demonstrate experience in:  
- general labouring & aptitude for machinery work  
- work safely in accordance with GPC’s policies and procedures;  
- be 18 years of age by May 2015 to obtain Machinery Tickets;  
- hold a current manual Qld Driver’s Licence (C Class); and  
- have the ability to hold a Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).  
To view a copy of the full advertisement, position description and application form please visit our website www.gpcl.com.au.  
Confidential enquiries can be made by phoning the employment team on (07) 4976 1686.  
This position will be advertised on Saturday in the Gladstone Observer. Applications are to be received prior to 4.00pm Friday 14 November 2014 and can be completed online via GPC website.
HONESTY
• Be truthful and sincere
• Be trustworthy
• Admit your mistakes
• Learn by your mistakes
• Seek truth, good and right

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
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SAFETY
• Look out for yourself and others
• Practice safe and hygiene habits
• Follow the rules

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@gladstonshs.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.

Student Absence Notification
Student Name: ______________________________________
Care Group: ______________________________________
Date: __/__/____ Reason (Circle): Sick  Personal  Family  Other
Date: __/__/____ Reason (Circle): Sick  Personal  Family  Other
Date: __/__/____ Reason (Circle): __________
Parent’s Signature: ____________________________

SCHOOL PAYMENTS
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS HAVE A $10 CARD LIMIT

Start dates 2015
Monday 26 January – Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 January – Yrs 7, 8 & 12 also Mentors from Yrs 10 & 11, & School Leaders
Wednesday 28 January – whole school
Tuesday 27th January - NRG Year 11 Students to start

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