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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



Student Absentee Line 4976 6158

Words from the Principal

We have rounded the corner to term 4. In 6 weeks, our year 12 students will graduate from Gladstone State High School to start their life journey as educated young men and women. It is a very exciting yet daunting time for them and I look forward to sharing the celebrations and the journey with them. With 6 weeks to go it is very important for them to keep their eye on the main game – their academic work. We all saw last weekend that things can go horribly wrong – even with 30 seconds to go!

It's great to see our students taking advantage of the opportunities offered by a school like Gladstone State High. I'd like to acknowledge our Instrumental Music students on tour. They will have invaluable performance experience from this trip and also get to experience a few of the delights of SE Queensland. I am sure they will represent our school well. I'd also like to acknowledge the Volleyball girls – Georgia, Chelsea, Denzi and Georgia who represented Queensland in the U/17 competition in Canberra. Queensland came home with the bronze medal. I would also like to acknowledge Jack Ireland for his amazing efforts at the recent INAS games held in Ecuador. Jack came home with silver. State High is very proud of you Jack!

We are in the middle of developing subject lines and timetables for 2016. If any parents have students in year 6 who are eligible for enrolment under the Enrolment Management Plan, please ensure that your student is enrolled so that their interview can take place and they can be placed into classes. We will cease interviews towards the end of the year as reports become a priority. Students will not be able to start school in 2016 until they have had their interview.

As the year moves on there will be a number of events that your child may need formal uniform for. Foremost amongst these is Speech Night. This is one of the most important events on the calendar at State High because it recognises the excellence achieved by our students. You will receive notification if your child will receive an award on speech night and we ask that you assist us with having the necessary uniform so that they are able to attend. Please contact the school if there are any issues around this.

A reminder to parents that there will be a number of events towards the end of the year not the least of which is Prom. Students at State High must be Eligible to attend events as per page 41a of the student planner. One of the requisites is fees. We understand that this is not the responsibility of students, but with approximately \$46 000 in outstanding fees, it is imperative to have these settled. That's a big slice of our school budget and could employ extra teacher aides or buy many extra resources. Please contact the office to arrange payment or set up a payment plan.

I had the opportunity to spend a session with our year 11 OP eligible students on Tuesday – what a great bunch of kids they are. We have begun the journey of preparing these students for the Core Skills Test in 2016. I have very high hopes for this group – they are certainly very engaging and I enjoyed working with them on writing. Thanks again to Mr Hooley who oversees the QCS Test preparation. There is certainly a lot invested into your students by the staff to ensure they have the best preparation.

It was an enjoyable Grand Final last Sunday – one which I was a little less invested in since Manly was knocked out of the top 8. Still it was great to see the Cowboys get up – not the least because I was with a bunch of Broncos supporters. I think the other reason why it was so great that they won was because of the last couple of years when they certainly wore the brunt of some calls that did not fall their way. At Manly, we would call this being robbed. The determination to succeed was etched in all of those players. As Wayne Bennett said before the game – there isn't a lot of difference in the skills of the top teams – the difference is mind set. What a great lesson for us all – and how much sweeter the victory when it comes after disappointment.

Quick News

Library NEWS!

Scholastic Book Club catalogues are available again through the Gladstone SHS library. Students are welcome to collect these and then make their choices, bringing the order form and money to Ms Hipathite in the library before Friday 23 October. There are so many bargains to be found inside these catalogues, perfect for those organising and preparing small gifts for Christmas.

It is term 4 and it is time to start locating any books that will need to be returned as students start leaving for the year or to move on to new horizons. There are many students with outstanding texts currently. Year 8s are going fairly well with only 10 students with overdues currently. You will be asked to pay the cost of the book if they cannot be returned at the end of the year. Please have a good check in rooms and cupboards and locate our school resources.

INTERACT NEWS!!

Coming up we have our annual staff relay competition. This year funds raised will be put towards the Nepal Earthquake recovery fund. Staff will represent their house groups ie. Damala, Parnka, Kougari or Tylan in an effort to provide for their child (doll) that they have to carry as well as collect water from a dangerous environment!!! It is a lot of fun and will help complement the afternoon of house activities that is scheduled for students on Tuesday 20 October, with House Presentations and House Tunnel Ball races. We are also about to elect our 2016 executives of the club. All nominations need to be in to Ms Hipathite by next Thursday 15 October. Any questions about what is required or the process please email shipa1@eq.edu.au

Chappy Chat!

Last term saw the end of our boys' Strength Programs and our girls' My Life Rulz program. We were excited with some of the boys' feedback. Comments such as the following:

- Helped him work better in a team, listen more in class, listen more at home and do "what's gotta be done"
- Helped him ignore kids who are giving him a hard time; he just knows "just get on and do what's gotta be done"
- Maths has improved
- Don't argue with friends
- Made a difference because not as loud, listens more, more engaged
- In future he has better people skills, better team work and better problem solving
- Life is a good bit better for him now
- "Gonna try to have a more positive outlook on school and life"
- It's made a little bit of difference in class – not calling out and not back chatting and listens more
- In future he will follow instructions straight away and it's helped him be more focussed
- In future he's going to ask more politely and stuff – it's already made a difference
- Learnt if you do good things then you get good things in return
- If you don't get your way – suck it up and try again
- I've improved at listening and passed English this term
- Feel better about self and make better decisions
- I've learnt to be more respectful when others talk
- Life in general has improved and Mum's noticed

So again, a huge thank you to Jarek, Josh and Andrew (our School Based Police Officer) for facilitating this group. We hope to begin another boys' opportunity next week.

The girls' My Life Rulz celebrated on the last day of term in Period 4 and I am so very proud of all the things they believe they are now implementing into their lives. The girls were always open to discuss and share and learn from each other.

Some of the final comments included:

- "I'm learning not to put everything on to others"
- "to work with people rather than against"
- "Home is getting better because I am not getting to trouble."
- "I have a stronger relationship with my parents because I show respect and honesty."
- "Be yourself. Everyone else is taken. There is never going to be another me."
- "dealing with consequences. Improving with my listening to both friends and family."
- "Learning to be okay when I am disappointed will make me a great person."

I thoroughly enjoyed being part of their journey.



Deep Blue Line has now finished and celebrated with an amazing weekend at Agnes Waters at the beginning of the School Holidays. It is hoped that with time and reflection, the participants of this group really appreciate the opportunity they have been given. We stayed in fabulous accommodation, swam, canoed and shared cooking and household responsibilities. Upon our return, parents and loved ones had been invited to celebrate with the girls.



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 areas 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 15 minutes.

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



Chappy Chat continued...

Just prior to the holidays, our Scripture Union CEO visited Gladstone and several Chaplains seized the opportunity to meet with him and discuss what we are doing in our schools and how he can best support on the corporate level.



Gladstone State High School welcomes Jarek Reah this term. Jarek will be joining with me as a school chaplain for two days a week. Jarek brings much vitality and enthusiasm and I'm looking forward to the extra programmes we can implement.

A note from Jarek:

Hi everyone. My name is Jarek Reah and I am starting as the second Chappy at Gladstone State High alongside Chappy Yvonne. I will be working here Wednesday and Thursdays and will be running a number of boys groups aimed at building teamwork skills and self confidence. I am really looking forward to what this term brings and being able to provide support for students, staff and parents. As an ex student of Gladstone State High I know that this is a great school that equips its students for the real world and I look forward to being a part of that process.



Chaplains Yvonne Kamholtz
and Jarek Reah



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Quick News

Positive Behaviour Cards

When you receive an "Out of class" card for displaying positive behaviours at lunch, write your name on them and drop them in the tin box outside of the PBC

Personal Technology Policy

Just a reminder that the count of offences for inappropriate use of personal technology devices DOES NOT reset each term. For example, if you have already had your device confiscated this year, then the next time is your 2nd time and will result in a 1/2 day internal suspension. Remember to pack up your equipment (device and earphones) and put away. Both device and earphones are not to be seen. Pack up at 8:50 (first bell) ready for Care Class which starts at 8:55. The device/earphones are not to be out until 11:30 (this means not to be used whilst walking from lesson to lesson)



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

Jack Flash Makes a Splash!

Once again, Jack I has made Gladstone State High School very proud. He has not only managed to achieve entry into the INAS Global Games, for swimming. The INAS Global Games is the world's largest elite sporting event for athletes with an intellectual impairment and includes over 1000 athletes competing in nine different sports from over 30 countries. This event was all the way in Ecuador. Jack was a member of the Australian Swimming Team that brought back 13 medals for a variety of events and as such won the Global Games for Swimming. Jack is a member of the Gladstone Gladiators who have been a massive support in Jack's journey to make it to Ecuador. A big shout out to Jack as he was also able to bring home a silver medal and achieve personal bests in 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle and 50m Backstroke. Top Effort Jack Flash.

The next INAS Global Games is in Brisbane in 2019 and is hosted after Australia hosts the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018. Students with an Intellectual Impairment can participate in this prestigious event if they achieve the qualifying times and results in athletics, swimming, table tennis, rowing, basketball, futsal, tennis or cycling. Wouldn't it be amazing to have some other GSHS students participate in this in the future. Thank you to Jack for leading the way and showing other students that success is certainly very possible despite the challenges of having a disability. We are all so proud of you!

Awards Night

This letter provides important information regarding Awards Night Celebrations Awards Night is Tuesday October 27, 2015 at the Gladstone State High School Assembly Hall commencing at 7pm sharp. Tickets will be on sale at the School Office from Tuesday October 13 – Tickets cost \$5 each. Award winners are displayed on the notice board outside the School Office and also in the Resource Centre. Students receiving an award will not need to purchase a ticket. Tickets can only be purchased at the office (not by phone or internet banking).

STUDENT CHECKLIST (before the event)

1. Are you attending? If you are not attending awards night please see Mrs Fechner, Miss Kim-Maree Lambert, Mrs McDonald ASAP.

2. Ensure that you have a complete formal uniform for Awards Night

- Formal School Shirt
- Navy Uniform Shorts/Pants/Skirt
- If wearing shorts/skirt wear white socks
- Closed in shoes. Black is preferable however neutral colours are acceptable
- Students who fail to follow the uniform guidelines may not be permitted to receive their award on awards night. If you have a problem with your uniform please see Mrs Fechner, Miss Lambert or Mrs McDonald.

3. Awards Night rehearsal on Monday 26 October, will be as follows:

- 8:00am - Setup of chairs
- 9:05am - Award Winners seating run through (Students will meet at the assembly hall after care class)
- 11:00am - Captains, Speakers (practice run through from speech book)
- 12:10pm - Singing / Bands (practice run through of entertainment pieces at the assembly hall)
- 2:45-3.05pm - Finish (Students will be dismissed from the assembly hall).

4. Awards Night rehearsal on Tuesday 27 October, will be as follows:

- 9:05am - Captains (speech book run-through), Award winners (seating run-through), final band practice. (Students will meet at the assembly hall after care class)

Additional Information

- A photographer will be available at each event and our photographer will be Stephen Mills Photographer (07) 49791466, www.stephenmills.com.au
- He will be taking a range of group and individual photos
- After the evening these photos will be available to view on his website
- \$1 from each photo sold is being donated back to Gladstone SHS by Stephen Mills.

On behalf of our school community I would like to congratulate your student on their hard work and excellent commitment to Gladstone State High. I look forward to celebrating your achievements with you at the award ceremonies.

Career Corner

Work Experience

ATTENTION YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS. (This is not available to Year 12's).

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 Christophoulos in K Block. Placements available are:

First Week – 30/11 to 4/12

Horticulture x 1
Plumber x 1
Refrigeration x 1
Marina x 1

Second Week – 7/12 to 11/12

Fitter x 2
Horticulture x 1
Marina x 1

Get in early and don't miss out.

KFC Gladstone

KFC Gladstone Restaurant have re-opened their new Restaurant 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

Junior Secondary News

Welcome to Term 4! It's hard to believe that we only have ten weeks of the school year left and we have a lot to achieve within that time.

I am always inspired when I step into a class and see the quality teaching and learning that is happening at State High. I had the pleasure of going into Miss Kim-Maree Lambert's class in our first week back and seeing the room decorated with peace symbols and "Peace and Love" banners as Year 7 studies songs with a social message for English this term. I felt like I was back in the 60s! The students showed me their goals cards where they have set Writing, Reading, Maths and Personal goals for the term (see photo right). It's wonderful to see Personal goals being addressed because it is these habits of mind that ensure academic success.

I also had the privilege of witnessing Miss Danielle Lambert's Year 9 Outdoor Education class building signals. The tarmac of our E Block Junior Precinct looked like a scene out of "Survivor" with SOS marked out in palm branches, rocks and rope, teepees formed from wooden sticks, clothing, materials and alfoil, and arrows signalling directions to rescuers. It was very impressive to see young people learning these outdoor survival skills and observe the resourcefulness of our students. Above all, our students were highly engaged in the lesson and that's what we aim for in Junior Secondary; to connect with our young people and have them wanting to learn.



The Year 7 Coordinator, Janelle Haigh, Junior Secondary Teacher, Mrs Nicki Collocott, and I are continuing our visits to Year 6 students in the lead up to transitioning them into Year 7 2016. In Week 2, we are visiting Central and Clinton State Schools and look forward to meeting everyone there.

We are having Transition Days at State High on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December. On these days, Year 6 students will attend State High for the day and experience secondary school first hand. They will be great days for familiarising with the school environment and most importantly, developing relationships with teachers and peers.

Have a great week!

Lisa Donohue, Head of School JNR



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Dates to Remember

12th - 14th October - Yr 8 Camp

13th - 14th October - SEP Camp

15th - 19th October - Volleyball School Cup Junior

19th October - Pupil Free Day

21st - 23rd October - Year 11 Leadership Camp

27th October - Awards Night

4th November - Awards Day
Jnr - 9am - 11:30am
Snr - 12:15pm - 2:45pm

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



Welcome to our new International Student Tina



Thank you to Ms Jacqy Gregory for hosting Tina. Also, thank you to Mr & Mrs Milic for hosting Miriam and Vittoria for their stay of 2 terms and Mr & Mrs Manitzky for hosting Julie for 4 terms. The success of our International Student Program is significantly credited to the quality of our Host Families. We are very thankful for the contribution these families are making to our program.

We are currently recruiting more Homestay Families to register for our International Student Program. Enquiries welcomed for students arriving in 2016.

Options of: 3 months, 6 months, 9 months or 12 months placements
Payment of \$219 (tax free) per week for Homestay Families

Major Requirements

- Caring English speaking family willing to take a student into your home and fully integrate them with your family for the duration of their stay.
- Provide the student with individual bedroom which includes desk and chair.
- All meals and snacks must be provided.
- Access to internet. Students may bring their own laptop.
- Easy access to Gladstone State High School.
- All persons over the age of 18 living in your home must be eligible for Blue Card Suitability Check. We can assist you with the application.

For further information please contact:

Vanessa Randazzo

International Student Coordinator

Ph 4976 6161

Email: vrand2@eq.edu.au

or Lorraine McCamley

International Homestay Coordinator

Ph 4976 6104

Email: lmcca39@eq.edu.au

DET International - trading as Education Queensland International CRICOS Provider Code: 00608A

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

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

Date:

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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