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JUST Mountain Biking Camp

A few weeks ago a number of brave year 9 boys met before dawn on a chilly Wednesday morning in preparation for 160km of hard riding and adventure over the next three days. After the drop off at Granite Creek Forestry Road 37km south of Miriamvale the hard work started as the group rode up and into the mountains and into Bulburin National Park. This is the largest piece of rain forest in Central Queensland. Morning tea at the bottom of the 4km steep, continuous (did I mention steep) climb marked a change on the workload and the start of the real test that rarely let up until we arrived at camp that afternoon around 5pm. Uphill and down dale the terrain tested the endurance, skill and tempers of all involved.

The second day brought a new perspective and a new adventure. 8km of continuous downhill was great fun. Half way down though, our lead car surprised some workers doing road work who in two weeks of work had not seen a single car emerge from Bulburin National Park. A relatively easy ride to Harmony Farm preceded set up for a solo night where the students were required to sleep alone and away from others.

The night sessions included “man stories” from each of the adults on camp who shared about events in their life that made them realise they really were a man. Topics such as courage, emotional honesty, attitude to work and self-control were covered and the lads were challenged to step up. A few night games added to the fun and excitement.

The final day was a 90km ride back into Gladstone. On the back of two days of hard riding this was a real test and only a select few were able to ride every pedal. However everyone was pleased to arrive back on Friday for a celebration meal as the sun set in the west.

School Opinion Survey

Parents/Caregivers, of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been mailed home. These are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department. The survey closes on the 3rd August. Please help us improve our school by completing the survey.

If you haven’t received survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Karen Cloherty on 07 49766 130 or email kcloh2@eq.edu.au.
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
GSHS students have been invited to attend a “Vietnam Veterans Day” ceremony and service which will be held at Anzac Park (corner of Tank and Goondoon Streets) on Tuesday 18th August 2014 Commencing about 10.30am

LOST AND FOUND
We have a large supply of towels and other items in our Lost and Found. If you are missing any items can you please encourage your student to have a look in our Lost and Found which is located in D Block in front of the Uniform Shop

ALL ROUNDER NOMINATION FORMS FOR AWARDS NIGHT
If you are interested in nominating for an All Rounder Award for your year level please get a nomination form from your Year Coordinator. Nominations close on Friday 5 September 2014.

DRESS CODE
As stated in our Dress Code policy on page 37a of our planner students are only permitted to wear plain foundation and no other make up, 1 flat ring, a plain stud/sleeper for all body piercings, a fine silver or gold necklace, and a watch or medi alert bracelet on your wrist only. Everything else is considered out of uniform. Last week you were reminded about the policy and asked either to remove make up or jewellery. This week there will be consequences given for not following the Dress Code. The jewellery will also be handed in and taken to the PBC to be collected at the end of the day. If you don’t want this to occur, do not wear it.

Chaplain Chat
Hi from the Chaplain!

Our Tour de Chaplain went off without a hitch. A fabulous day was had by all and the most common comment was “I had heaps of fun!” We had the largest contingent of students and several keen teachers! Congratulations on being such a supportive and community minded school. Not only that, but every one of our students completed their ride. I was told that our youngest student in yr 8 had seriously contemplated finishing at the 70km mark, but after lunch said “NO, you know what? I set myself a goal and I’m going to reach it!” and she did! Congratulations Madison! So our Tour de Chaplain isn’t just about fundraising, but about encouraging and mentoring our youth – tomorrow’s leaders. If you still wish to donate to school chaplaincy, please send me an email at ykamh2@eq.edu.au and I can organise an official tax receipt or I can send you the link to make a donation that goes straight into supporting youth through Chaplaincy in the Gladstone region.

The meticulous planning by School Chaplain’s Shelley and Margita resulted in a successful day for all riders. A huge thank you to all the other school chaplains who made the event happen, to the band of volunteers who drove support vehicles, to both Toolooa SHS and GSHS who supported with the use of resources and to staff who supported by riding and encouraging others (especially Miss O’Sullivan!) An extra big thank you to all the riders who took up the challenge and raised money for School Chaplaincy at the same time!

I also wish to thank community members and riders who have supported the Tour de Chaplain over many years and been wonderful ambassadors. Thank you! A special thank you to Jill Hopson who organised interviews with Rob Kidd who subsequently took up the challenge and rode the entire 104km. Well done Rob and thank you so very much for organising news footage on Channel 7.

V.I.T.A.L has begun again and 2 groups are exploring their potential, developing team-work, becoming better team participants and developing leadership skills. I am very excited about their potential to lead themselves!

Literary Carnivale Author wows GSHS Students

Students thoroughly enjoyed Author James Roy’s workshop session on Monday afternoon. According to Emily S and Samantha S, it was “very inspiring. As writers ourselves, we took a lot out of it and we plan to use some of the techniques we were shown in the story we are currently writing. James Roy was very funny and he made everything very enjoyable. We would personally love it if he could come back and give us some more pointers.”

James Roy has published numerous novels and short stories that would appeal to many of the students in our school and they are available to borrow from the library now.
School Wide Positive Behaviour

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in our SWPBS mission “Tag It”, we had some great feedback about the helpful deeds completed by you. The follow are just a few “Tag It Missions”;

Pregnant mother had a young toddler run off in the busy mall… I ran after him and took him back to his mum. Gave Mother my tag it band.

Helped a kid when he face-planting

I opened the door for students and teachers

Taught a kid a movement on the bike at skate park

I help my care class teacher by pinning up the notices in our room and feeding the fish

Mowed the lawn and bought lunch for a friend

I helped my mum clean up the house and made her a beautiful painting to put up on the wall

Fed my brother’s guinea pig for him

Watched my little sister while my mum was out

Helped someone in a wheelchair

Helped out Mum by doing extra chores around the house

Helped a neighbour by babysitting their kids

Raked all the leaves up in the back yard for mum and dad

Washed both of our dogs

Did all the dishes for mum and dad

Fed all the animals (horses, cats, dogs and fish)

Another student gave me $2 so I could buy some lunch

Helped fellow student with study

Encouraged younger Tyalatines to participate in mini carnival

Put shopping trolley away for a lady

Mum normally cleans my room so before she got home I somehow made my room clean

I defended a child on the bus from other bullies

I gave my mate a sub

Took someone camping

Washed dishes for parents/mowed the lawn

babysat siblings for parents/gave $1 to a student for breakfast

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): Sick  Personal  Family  Other

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS
Monday: 8:15am-11:15am
Wednesday: 11:00am-2:00pm
Friday: 8:15am-11:15am

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
• Practice safe and healthy habits
• Follow the rules