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Welcome back!
Welcome back to another busy and fun filled Term, the last stretch as some might say! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable break and you’re back fresh and ready to tackle the last term before the Christmas Holidays!

A Thank you from Mr Mark Law (Acting Principal)
“I wish to thank the school community for my time at Gladstone State High School for last term. I particularly enjoyed working with the P and C, teachers, students and parents. This is a wonderful school and you should be very proud that you send your students here. We welcome back Sally as the Principal for term 4. Once again thank you”.

ACQ Human Powered Vehicle Race
It feels like a carnival. Marquees, brightly coloured, lining the crowded streets. Music blasting over the speakers. People everywhere. Children dashing around, grandparents sitting in the shade and parents heading for the coffee and food vans. The purpose for the gathering includes 123 Human Powered Vehicles. Eight members for each vehicle and each team supported by a Manager and a team of parents including mechanics. It is a race. A 24 hour race. Starting at midday Saturday and completed at midday on Sunday. Each team rides through the heat of the day, the blinding conditions of sunset, the chill of the night and the illusory conditions of sunrise and again as the temperature rises. Lots of sweat, red faces, burning legs, cramps and numb toes. The atmosphere is buzzing. The thrill of the chase, overtaking the team that had been above you on the ladder, the frustration as you are held up at the end of pit lane because your buzzer isn’t loud enough or not working at all. Fitness of the mechanics is tested when a tyre blows on the other side of the circuit and they run like mad dogs to change it and get the HPV back out and racing.

The manager shivering at 3am, blanket wrapped around them as they time laps, record laps, oversee team changes and the waking of sleep deprived riders. Bring on the hot milos and coffee. Sleeping conditions are basic. A mattress and sleeping bag in a tent with some team mates on the hard school oval with all the other schools surrounding you. There is constant noise of HPV’s whizzing past. Buzzers shrilling. Noises from other campites talking and zips and banging and laughing or grumbling. Gladstone State High entered 5 vehicles. 2 Senior Boys teams, Senior Girls Team, Junior Boys Team and Junior Girls Team. Each vehicle managed to complete the race. Each team saw success in collaborating and design for the vehicles, in the teamwork and camaraderie created, in the fitness and endurance, in caring for and supporting each other under stressful conditions and in personal goals achieved in riding longer or faster. We wear our Gladstone State High HPV shirts with pride. It reminds us that we have endured in adversity, we have supported each other under pressure and we have shone! It is the highlight of our year and we welcome you to join us next year. Although State High was running 3rd in three categories at one stage we finished outside the medals. “Them’s are the breaks” as the saying goes or in the case of the Great Whites, “them’s are the no breaks” by the end of the race.

A hearty congratulations should go to all the riders, teachers and parents who helped to make this such a great experience for all. Thanks should also go to our sponsors, and the Lester Family.
Quick News

**Student Planners**
Student Planners are available for purchase at the Cashier office. If you have misplaced your planner please check the last place you had your planner and ask staff members if it has been handed in. If you still have no luck finding your planner please purchase a new one from the office for $10.50. Your planner is part of your uniform. Without this you are breaking the uniform policy.

**Hats**
Student hats are available for purchase at the cashier office. Remember NO HAT NO PLAY. Your hat is part of your uniform. It must be with you everyday. Hats are $5.50 and are available in S/M (Small/Medium) or L (Large).

**School Colours**
Blue and Yellow

**House/Colours**
Damala (Sea Eagle)
Yellow
Kougari (Seagull)
Red
Parnka (Shining Water)
Green
Tyalan (Rainbow)
Blue

**REACH FOR THE STARS**
**“SIC ITUR AD ASTRA”**

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**Comments:**
Great White - Late Breakdowns cost them dearly
Makoes - Good result after dropping to 109th after early breakages
Tigera - A malfunctioning horn cost the girls late in the race
Threshers - A steady result to finish just outside the top 10
Hammerheads - A great result, just beaten by some faster teams

**UNIFORM SHOP**
**OPENING HOURS**

Mondays - 8:15AM - 11:15AM
Wednesdays - 11:00AM - 2:00PM
Fridays - 8:15AM - 11:15AM

(07) 4976 6193
USA Volleyball Trip

Monday 22 September the touring team of Gladstone State High School headed off to Gladstone High School Oregon for our signature match. Both groups of girls were very excited to meet each other.

There was an enthusiastic crowd at the match which was biased toward Gladstone. The crowd was loud and cheered with every touch of the ball. There was a commentator who called the game with all the pomp and ceremony of an American basketball or baseball match. It was a little confusing with Gladstone winning the point to know which Gladstone team he was referring to even though he tried to pronounce one Glad-stone (the Americans) and the other Gladstin (us) but even he was confused at times pronouncing both as Gladstyn. The American's were very amused by our Aussie accents, one man even told me jokingly that we ruined the pronunciation of Gladstone.

Our girls won the match in 4 sets 20 – 25, 25 – 18, 25 – 5, 25 – 14 which really buoyed the spirits of the girls. So now our touring record in Oregon is undefeated and out of the last three tours Gladstone SHS has a perfect record of wins against Gladstone High School Oregon. After the match Gladstone High put on a huge dinner of pizza, tacos, cheesecake, cupcakes, cookies and other sweets along with all manner of soft drinks, juice and water. The girls met their host families and many photos were taken of all the girls together. All in all it was an evening of high spirits.
USA Volleyball Trip continued..

Our first stop was the Kent school district in Washington State. We played Kentwood High School and went down to them in three sets. Saturday 20th September our girls played in a tournament at Kentwood High School. There were 30 teams involved and after suffering jetlag our girls did not play as well as they had hoped. After making it to the bronze medal playoff the girls were knocked out. The girls were hosted by Kentwood families and were truly spoiled. The time spent in Washington will be long remembered and cherished by every girl.

Oregon was our next stop. We beat Gladstone High School in 4 sets 20 – 25, 25 – 18, 25 – 5, 25 – 14, in our biannual grudge match and also beat Gresham High School not dropping a set. Saturday 27 September the girls played in a tournament at Sandy High School which consisted of a round robin of 4 teams, 2 games – no time limit, and then a drop off finals round of 8 teams, best of three sets. There were 12 teams in the competition. Our first game was against Madison High School and we won in two sets 25-9, 25-13, our second game was against Sandy High School, the host school, and we won in 2 sets again, 26-24, 25-22. Our final round game was against Newberg High School, and we won the first set 25-12 but lost the second 20-25. This put our team at the top of our pool and into the finals drop off. After a lunch break we won our quarter final against Forest Grove High School 25-12, 25-17 which put us into the semi-finals. The semi-final was against Barlow High School a team which to this point was undefeated. We went down fighting 9-25, 10-25, Barlow went on to win the tournament and we finished a creditable third.

Oregon treated us very well and it was sad to leave but we look forward to touring again in two years’ time to again beat Gladstone High and Gresham High.

The touring group then flew onto Los Angeles where we played Gladstone High School Los Angeles Monday afternoon. The girls are all looking forward to that match as previous groups have won one and lost one, so we are hoping to make this one a win for us again. The girls will also play against two other Los Angeles high school teams.

Rachel D #17 (Captain)

I am lucky enough to be the only senior player to return to the US for another tour. Last time I came I was a sophomore and played in the Junior Varsity team. Now that I am a senior we play in the Varsity team which is a whole different experience. When we play games against our host teams the atmosphere is incredible; announcers, super-fans and music being played in our warm ups. The level of play is far greater this trip also. Not only is the volleyball side so much better, but the rest of the tour is also. We visited Washington this time around, a place I’ve never been to before, and that was a remarkable experience. Staying with host families and sightseeing in Seattle was my favourite part. We went on to Oregon and I got to catch up with not only our good friend Jim Hartner but also my host families from the previous trip. This was one of the best parts of the trip so far, being able to further build my relationships with the girls I became friends with two years ago. One of the most memorable parts of the Oregon trip was seeing the Oregon Ducks volleyball team play at their home grounds in Eugene, and also watching our first highschool NFL game: Gresham High School versus Reynolds High School.

Having already been to America before makes it more exciting because I get to revisit not only the people I met but the places as well, which is why I’m very excited to return to Disneyland this week! I would have to say that coming back on the tour a second time changes puts the tour on a whole new level – in a good way – and I would recommend all of the younger girls this year to return when they are a senior. Another reason why this trip has been so worthwhile is the exposure to American Universities and Colleges. I am highly interested in achieving a scholarship to an American University so that I can earn my degree whilst playing volleyball at a high level in college.
**Quick News**

**Have you seen Stan?**

Students, we all know Stan! and most of you had a selfie with Stan as a statement against Bullying. Well Stan is now out and about again, this time he is wanting to know what the students at GSHS do to “Look after themselves and their friends” So if you see Stan out and about make sure you go over and share your strategy for looking after yourself.

**Indigenous Student Bursary**

Any Indigenous students in year 8 or 10 who wish to apply for the Gladstone Ports Corporation bursary, please see Miss Polglase in the year Co-ordinators room ASAP.

**Senior Jersey Photos**

Year 12 students, please wear your Senior Jersey on Friday the 17th October as this is the day that you will have your Senior Jersey photo taken.

**Graduation Rings**

Don’t miss out on purchasing your Graduation ring. Please pay at the Cashier and then you will find the recording and ring sizing sheet outside the Year Co-Ordinator’s office.

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**Awards Day/Night Celebrations**

Awards Night is to be held on Tuesday October 28, 2014 at the Gladstone State High School Assembly Hall commencing at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale at the School Office from Tuesday October 14 – Tickets cost $5 each (limit of 2 tickets per family of award winners). Award winners are displayed outside the School Office and the Resource Centre. If your student is receiving an award, they will not need to purchase a ticket. Extra tickets will be available to the wider school community on Tuesday October 21 2014. Tickets can only be purchased at the office (not by phone or internet banking).

Snr Secondary Awards Day (Years 10–12) is Tuesday November 4 starting at 10am and Jnr Secondary Awards Day (Years 8-9) is Thursday November 6 starting at 10am in the Gladstone SHS Assembly Hall. Tickets are not needed for these events.

**STUDENT CHECKLIST (before the event)**

1. Is your student attending? If not attending awards night, student is to see Mrs McDonald, Mrs Fechner or their Year Coordinator - Do this ASAP.

2. Ensure that your student has a complete formal uniform for Awards Night / Day
   - 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 there is a problem with the uniform please contact Mrs Fechner or Mrs McDonald.

3. Awards Night rehearsal on Monday October 27, will be as follows:
   - 8:00am - Setup of chairs
   - 9:05am - Award Winners seating run through (Students will meet at the assembly hall)
   - 12:10pm - Captains, Speakers (practice run through from speech book)
   - 12:10pm - Singing / Bands (practice run through of entertainment pieces at the assembly hall)
   - 2:45 pm - Finish (Students will be dismissed from the assembly hall and return to class).

4. Awards Night rehearsal on Tuesday October 28, will be as follows:
   - 9:05am – Captains (speech book run-through), Award winners (seating run-through), final band practice.

5. Snr Secondary Awards Day rehearsal will take place Monday November 3 for all award winners.

6. Jnr Secondary Awards Day rehearsal will take place Wednesday November 5 for all award winners.

**Additional Information**

- A photographer will be available all evening. 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 their achievements with you at the award ceremonies.

Kind Regards,
Sally Thompson
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

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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.

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