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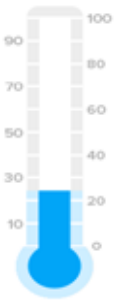
I'm being Brave and doing the World's Greatest Shave!

In 2014 you may have noticed one of our teachers got a bit of a crazy haircut. Miss Holly Lambert shaved part of her head to support her friend having brain surgery for Chiari Malformation. Well, she's at it again. In 2015 she'll be finishing the job raising much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation and World's Greatest Shave!

Today, 31 Australians will get the news they have blood cancer. That's another 31 reasons to support the Leukaemia Foundation's work – providing practical and emotional support to people facing the challenge of blood cancer, as well as investing in vital research to find better treatments and cures. Across Australia, 60,000 people are going through this in right now.

Miss Lambert is aiming to raise \$1,000 in conjunction with the Gladstone State High School annual Crazy Hair Day fundraiser. She will be shaving her head during lunch on Crazy Hair Day and will even let those students/staff/parents that donate shave it! So get on board and please sponsor her and help her reach her goal. She is 24% of the way to reaching her \$1,000 goal.

To donate to Miss Lambert either bring some money up to the HPE Staffroom to get a tax deductible receipt or donate online at <https://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/hollylambert>



I'VE RAISED
\$243
MY GOAL
\$1,000

THAT'S 24% OF GOAL!

Uniform Shop opening hours

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 front office or found in Enrolment Packs



School Photos 2015

School photos will be taken on the following days in Resource Centre:

Tuesday 17 February: Years 7 – 12; Rotation Technical College; SEU students

Monday 2 March: Rotation Technical College; Students absent on 17 February and Student leaders

All students are photographed for ID purposes free of charge even if they do not intend to order portrait packages. 2014 ID card will not be current after 31 March this year.

Uniform:

Years 7 – 11: School polo shirt (buttoned to the second button) with shorts/skirt.

Year 12: School formal shirt (not polo shirt) worn with tie. Blazers will be provided by school.

Technical College: Technical College polo shirt

Students will be asked to remove any jewellery not permitted by the uniform policy.

Portrait orders:

Students ordering photographs should fill the envelope out, enclose cash (exact payment), cheque or credit details and present to the photographers at the session ON THE DAY. Each student ordering portraits must return their own completed envelope even if payment is made through an older sibling's envelope. No payment will be taken by office or Resource Centre staff. Please direct any questions to Sheryl Hipathite (49766180) in the Resource Centre.



TERM 1 DATES 2015

27TH JANUARY 2015 - 2ND APRIL 2015

Year 10 Girls Win Bronze in the U16 Honours Division!

Quick News

Messages for Students

Please make sure your child knows before they leave home in the morning how they are getting home. If you require a message to be delivered to your child during the school day, it is necessary to let the office know before 2nd break which is 1.30pm. We understand that some messages after this time is unavoidable but also we would like you to be aware that these messages may not be conveyed to your child because of eg class changes where we cannot find where the teacher has gone with their class and are too late to get the message to them before they leave for the afternoon. We can only try our best to get these messages to your child so please be patient and understanding if a message does not make it to them.

Potters Place Parking

The parking area within the Potters Place is privately owned land and therefore parents should not be parking in there. The Potters Place are currently in discussions with Main Roads, Gladstone Regional Council and the Police regarding this issue.

Year 11 and 12 Study Day

Monday the 23rd February will be a year 11 and 12 study day. Students can either stay home for study purpose or come to school and use the resource centre for the day. The Tech College will be remaining on normal timetable and there will be no study day for them.

Buslink

Any parents requiring information about the Buses please contact Buslink on 4972 1670

December 2014, the last week of school, four teams of girls boarded the bus at school at 3.45am ready for the annual trip to Melbourne. Year 8s, coached by Miss Lambert, the year 9s, coached by Miss Hayden-Brooks, the year 10s, coached by Mr Ruge and the open girls, coached by Mr Van Der Weide. The Year 10s and the Open team qualified for the Honours, elite division, while the year 9 team qualified in Division 1. In the year 8 or under 14 competition there is no Honours division so the year 8s qualified in division 1 also.

The year 10 team, playing in the Under 16 Honours division had an excellent tournament with some very long days. In the medal playoff for bronze the Gladstone girls had their revenge against Heathfield beating them 3-2 after losing to them in an earlier round game. The Bronze medal match was an exciting game. Heathfield, a large Adelaide school who had 24 teams competing in Melbourne had a very large contingent supporting and cheering for them while our girls only had the senior girls and the year 8 girls, the year 9s were playing a game themselves. The Heathfield supporters were very vocal and at times, it seemed to put off their own girls and spur our girls on. The game saw our girls winning the last set in a nail bitter 15-11. While the other teams also had their successes the year 10 team was the stand out.



SOE 2015

The open girls finished eighth in Australia in the elite division, the year 9 girls finished sixth and the year 8 girls finished fifth in Australia. All girls represented our school with distinction and will strive to make their place in a team to qualify for this year's Australian Volleyball Schools Cup and to keep Gladstone State High School in the top 10 volleyball schools in Australia. Our school finished ninth in the Champion Girls Schools competition and was the only regional school in the top 10.

Training starts again this week for our next campaign. All girls turning 14 this year as well those in years 9 to 12 are invited to trial for a position in one of our School of Excellence (SOE) teams. Trials are being held on Tuesday 10 February at the school hall from 3.30 – 7.00 pm (if necessary), after the Port Curtis trials. Selectors are coming from outside the school and team coaches have not been finalised as yet. If you are new to the school or think that you would like to take up volleyball then please feel free to attend the trials. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information please see Mrs Burrell in F Block or Mr Van Der Weide in D Block.

Please note these trials are NOT for girls turning 12 or 13 this year. Those trials will be held closer to Easter, so please keep an ear out for them if you are interested. You don't need to be in one of the volleyball classes to trial.



Volleyball



GLADSTONE
State High School

Careers Corner

Pizza Hut Gladstone

Pizza Hut Gladstone are looking for bubbly and motivated students that are keen to earn some money! Full training is provided and no experience necessary, available to all students 14 years and over. Please drop a resume in to the store and speak to Brett.

Position Vacant

There are positions vacant, one at Eagle Boys and an Apprenticeship at Aurizon. Also CQU have spaces in CII in Retail, Skincare and Makeup. If students are interested please see Mrs Christopoulos in Senior Schooling (K Block).

Work Experience 2015

The work experience placement programme for 2015 has commenced. Students wishing to do work experience can see Mrs Christopoulos in Senior Schooling for more information and forms. Senior Schooling has relocated to upstairs in K Block near the Tuckshop. Medical work experience is available in 2 blocks. Work experience at the Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd is also available. These placements go very quickly, so get in early to avoid missing out.

Indian Brothers Restaurant

Indian Brothers Restaurant is a local business who requires casual front counter/waitstaff available to work evenings and weekends. Please drop your resume into Indian Brothers Restaurant 5/121 Toolooa St Gladstone. We also have available school based traineeships in hospitality available.

The Conoco Phillips Science Experience

In the last week of the January school holidays when most students were still asleep, fourteen keen Gladstone State High School students and three teachers met at the airport at 5:45am. Together with students and staff from three other local schools, the group travelled to Brisbane to attend the Conoco Phillips Science Experience for four days.

After a little excitement and a short delay, we flew to Brisbane and caught the Air Train to Southbank. Here we joined with some 250 other students from around the state, as well as members of Young Scientists Australia, to experience 3 different university campuses and explore the sciences they had to offer.

In the 4 day program we visited Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and The University of Queensland. Touring scientific facilities, hearing from some of Queensland's leading scientists, participating in hands-on workshops, exploring science based careers and using creativity in an exciting innovation challenge filled in most of the days. Interactive workshops led by experts in their fields and cover an array of exciting areas including forensic science, physics, biological sciences, mathematics, chemistry, astronomy, the environmental sciences, and engineering helped students explore the areas they may be interested in studying in the future. In the evenings, we stayed at St. Leo's College at UQ, where we experienced life in on campus accommodation. There were games played with new people we met, as well as a trip on the City Cat to Southbank and the movies. On the Friday evening, we bid a farewell to a rain soaked Brisbane. After checking into our flight, with some people happy to see the last of their luggage, and clearing through security with only a rouge fork to ruffle the security staff, we began our wait. Our flight was delayed, but thankfully Brisbane airport had a good supply of donuts as well as healthier options for dinner.

This trip would not have been possible without the very generous sponsorship of Conoco Phillips who took care of all our needs from the flights, accommodation and food through to transport around Brisbane. They also waved entrance fees for the Conoco Phillips Science Experience itself. As a direct result of their sponsorship, the students that attended have a renewed focus into year 11 and 12, as well as creating links for the future for all our science students.

Fabio K

The Conoco Phillips science challenge was very enjoyable. The lectures were very insightful and full of passion. The Lecturers were very pleasant and enjoyed their jobs. The workshops were full of things I didn't know about, especially nano technology. I didn't like the team leaders when they made us sing and dance. Overall it was a good look into the 3 main universities of Brisbane.

Johanna M

The Conoco Phillips science experience has opened my eyes to the many opportunities available to students interested in maths and science. It has proved to be a valuable experience and will always be useful.

Hayley J

Attending the science experience in Brisbane helped me to decide that I would like to attend university at Griffith, UQ or QUT and stay on campus as they have a great atmosphere and I thoroughly enjoyed my experience there.

Joel F

The science experience helped me to realise my true passion as a physicist and has given me the opportunity to explore a higher level of science.

Tia S

The science experience was really fun, enjoyable and interesting. I enjoyed doing all the experiments and visiting the campuses. I liked meeting new people and learning new things.

Aime P

I really loved the science experience because it helped me realise what career I wished to head into at UQ.

Kanu G

The Conoco Phillips trip has given me an idea of what subjects I want to do at university and what it feels like. It helped me to narrow down my options for my subjects at university. It's really enjoyable to be able to learn, play and enjoy all the lectures provided to us on the trip.

Cody H

The Conoco Phillips trip gave me an insight on what university life is like and the multiple careers that I can pursue that involve science.

Caitlyn Mc

The Conoco Phillips science experience was very beneficial because it provided insight into the various science courses that are available to study at university.

Caitlin B

This experience has helped me decide that I would like to attend a university in Brisbane and stay on campus as they have a great atmosphere.

Olivia W

The science experience was truly great and I found that I thoroughly enjoyed myself. The time spent at the university campuses was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget.



Introducing the Guidance Officers

2015 sees two new staff appointed as Guidance Officers at Gladstone State High School.

Luke Jackson is available at Gladstone SHS every day except Friday each fortnight. Appointments can be booked by contacting the school or email ljack140@eq.edu.au.

Katrina Dalton is available at Gladstone SHS four days each week being Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Appointments can be booked by contacting the school or email kdalt14@eq.edu.au.

Students are able to make appointments to see the Guidance Officers by calling into their offices in D block at the school.

The Guidance Officers can help students with personal concerns such as bullying, anxiety, depression, family and peer relationships, self-esteem, stress, transition to new school, referral to specialists, family concerns, anger, accommodation, conflicts, coping strategies, grief and loss and more. There are many issues you might wish to seek assistance with and if you're not sure if we can help, we welcome your enquiry.

Career counselling can help students explore career options and alternative career pathways, provide current course and career information and prepare students for post-school career management.

Dates to Remember

13th February 2015
Valentines Day Fundraiser

17th February 2015
School Photos

23rd February 2015
P&C Meeting
Yr 11&12 Study Day

2nd - 10th March 2015
Year 7 Camp

2nd March 2015
Photo Catch Up Day

16th - 20th March 2015
Year 11 Exam Week

23rd - 27th March 2015
Year 12 Exam Block

31st March 2015
Cross Country

2nd April 2015
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

3rd - 19th April 2015
Easter Holidays

20th April 2015
SCHOOL COMMENCES

SCHOOL PAYMENTS
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT
EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS HAVE
A LIMIT OF \$10

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: _____

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.



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 hygiene habits
- Follow the rules