**Chess News**

February saw the first interschool competition for our GSHS Chess players. 20 of our students competed in the event held at the University of Central Queensland. The competition between the 74 competitors was of a high standard. Two teams of four placed second and third. The second placed team consisted of, Carl L, Kithmini A, Troy T, and Francis D. Our third placed team members were Sadid R, Thomas K, Rishi S, and Jayden F.

The benefits of learning to play chess are well documented.

1. Raise IQ scores
2. Enhance reading, memory, language and mathematical abilities.
3. Improve modelling and problem solving skills.
4. Foster critical, creative, and original thinking.

Chess lessons and help can be found on a Tuesday 1st break in the resource centre. There is a chess club which runs out of the Martin Hanson building every Tuesday from 6pm to 9pm which caters for adults and juniors and all abilities.

Gladstone is fortunate to have the Australian women’s Chess Champion Heather Richards running these sessions. I encourage all who have an interest in chess to venture in and have a look.

Yours in Chess

Andrew Maitland
Chess Co coordinator

**Interschool Cricket**

The interschool cricket team played Tannum in the final on the 2nd of March 2015. Gladstone State High School batted first with Waqar Y scoring freely making his second century in a row in the competition with 107, supported well by Anthony C who scored 61. Some late hitting from Nathan C, Lachlan D and Corey L gave Tannum the massive task of chasing down 239 for victory. A team effort in the field, with wickets being shared including run outs, great catching and line and length bowling saw Tannum out quickly. The boys will now progress to the next round during term 3 in Gympie.

Thanks to Judy Larsen for keeping the boys fed and hydrated in the heat!

DJ Lambert
Coach
Quick News

Year 12 Special Provision
Any year 12 student wishing to apply for special provision for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test, please see either Mr Jackson or Mrs Dalton for more information.

GSHS Careers Bulletin
GSHS now has available a careers website and fortnightly careers information bulletins. The website is available at www.gladstoneshscareers.com and will be updated regularly. The career information bulletins will be emailed fortnightly to all parents/carers as well as students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

P&C Annual General Meeting
All parents are invited to attend the AGM on the 23rd of March 2015 at 6:30pm followed by a general meeting at 7pm in the Admin Conference Room

Congratulations Jack!
Kym & Tony from AK Auto Electrics signed up Jack C, our Yr 11 Technical College Student into Certificate III Automotive Electrical Technology.

Induction Ceremony 2015
Thursday the 5th March saw the induction of the 2015 Gladstone State High School Senior Leaders. These leaders included the 2015 School Captains, Varsicka K & Chris I, the Vice Captains, Kaitlin W & Brodie K, as well as the Indigenous Leader, SEP Leader, Senior House Captains, Senior Student Council, Yr 11 Peer Mentors, Yr 10 Junior Student Captains and Council, Yr 10 Peer Mentors, Interact Executive and Music Captains. A full list of leaders can be found on the school website. With the official induction to their position each leader has made a commitment to demonstrate pride in their effort and achievements, participate in all opportunities available and lead by example with high attendance and engagement with the school's SWPBS. We would like to thank the Acting Regional Director Mr Bevan Brennan, Local MP Mr Glenn Butcher, Gladstone Councillor Mr Chapman, Mrs Charlton & Mrs Fallon (GSHS P&C) and Mr Kurt Heidecker for their involvement in the ceremony. We would also like to thank all parents and guests that also attended the ceremony. As a school we look forward to the impact these leaders will have in 2015 and again congratulate them on their achievement.

2015 Captains

2015 Vice Captains

LEGAL MYTH BUSTERS

What are the right answers to common legal questions?
Are you or your children about to find yourselves in trouble because you’ve got the wrong information? What age can you be charged as an adult?
These and other common questions answered.

Monday 13 April
6pm - 9pm
Community Advisory Service
142 Goondoon Street,
Gladstone

Thursday 16 April
6pm - 8pm
Cable Beach Community Centre
Don Cameron Drive

Common legal myths will be dispelled by a local solicitor and serving police officer, who will provide you with up-to-date knowledge on many common legal issues. Come along with your questions, and avoid embarrassing problems later.

Bookings Essential Phone 4976 6300

SEP News

2015 has bought around many changes to the SEP, which has made things very exciting. We have 5 new teachers in SEP. They are Mrs Wolfenden, Mrs Biss, Miss Hogan, Mrs Alexander and Mrs Brown. We also have a new name for our teacher aides, which they are now “CIA” which stands for “Classroom Inclusive Agents/Assistants. We also have new CAs that are available to help us.

Due to the fact that year 7’s have joined us up here at SEP we are now using more classrooms, nearly the whole of O block.
Mrs W has started a program for second breaks twice a week which includes fun and exciting activities; we have Kinect sand which has certainly been a hit, we’ve had fun on the Wii and craft activities. Mrs W is looking into getting bean bags for some chill out areas and some cool music for us to listen to. It’s been so popular that we might have to open up another classroom and add more days.

The seniors girls are offering support to the junior girls at lunch times to help build up friendships by doing nails, hair and hand massages.

Mrs Hogan has recently completed a course about meditation and is also running a meditation group at lunch times. This has also been requested by senior students.
Quick News

Bullying NO WAY day!
Did you know it is estimated that 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students! Next week is Bullying No Way day and we are creating bully free slogans that we can display in the school. Our staff and students will be part of that message by placing your fingerprint in the letters to create the design.

The Junior Secondary slogan is: BULLY-FREE THE WAY TO BE!
The Senior Secondary slogan is: TAKE A STAND, LEND A HAND

ICAS English, Spelling & Writing Competitions
Are you interested in testing your English Skills? Do you want an impressive certificate to add to your Resume? Come to the English Staffroom (K Block) noticeboard and sign up for the 2015 ICAS Writing (8-12), English (8-12) and Spelling (7’s only) competitions.

PC Touch Football U15 and Open Boys/Girls
If you wish to trial for the Port Curtis Touch Football team on Tuesday the 24th of March, sign up is in the PE Staff Room (D Block.) Nominations close 17th March. First 8 students per age group, along with appropriate skill level will get to trial.

Murri Homework Centre
Calling all Indigenous students! Please return your ARTIE forms and Homework Centre forms to Miss Polglase in the Year Co-Ordinators staffroom. If I am not there, please leave them on my desk.

This Week’s SWPBS Mission...

LEND A HAND
TAKE A STAND!

What challenge would you like to take on? What is testing you most right now?

I hope this week is full of wonderful possibilities for each of you. Have a great week and know that you are welcome to contact me at school on 49766162.

Yvonne
School Chaplain

Chappy Chat!

Our three Life Skills groups on Wednesdays allows us to explore and have conversations about what’s important and what we understand. Perhaps when we’re “a bit stuck” by the size of issues we sometimes face, we need to allow a little bit of light into the situation and celebrate the cracks when we find them. Our active games allow us to open up the cracks and suggest new insights and possibilities that otherwise might be overlooked: such things as determination, compassion, listening, trust, honesty and fun. It’s amazing how a little crack can shift so much water. “Cracks” in our life don’t have to be a millstone around our neck, but can be the means to make significant small changes (baby steps). Learning to “tweak” the challenges in our lives, lessens the anxiety and frustrations, and improves our well-being.

Yvonne
School Chaplain

It Starts With Us

National Youth Week 10-19 April 2015
For bookings and Information phone 4976 6300

Yvonne
School Chaplain

Master Chef Challenge
Tuesday 14 April
Cafe Galaxy
4904 Bruce Hwy, Calliope
11am - 1pm FREE
Come up the challenges to get the electric stove your hands
Across Queensland Decisions have to made not just for people with food intolerances but for health Unexpected Decisions

Car Maintenance
Bill Robertson Tyres
2nd floor, B Block
11am - 12.30pm
FREE
Get your vehicle maintained, have a chat and a cuppa of coffee

Fishing with
Johnny Mitchell
C唯一e Park Saturday 30 April
10am - 12pm
FREE
Take your own fishing equipment, ask and what you catch, Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Movie Night
Rumble in the Park
Gladstone City Park Saturday 14 April 2015
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Burgers Fun and
Bible Soccer Balls
Discovering Coast Sport & Recreation 1006 Park Avenue Gladstone
Saturday 1 April 2015
10am - 12pm
FREE
Kids can have fun while socialising

Chill Out at the Colleague Pool
January 29 April
2pm - 5pm
FREE

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“The right question at the right time can open up many possibilities for change and growth, as well as fun and play.”
Careers Corner

Full Time Apprenticeship
Opportunity Plumber / Gas Fitter Apprenticeship

GAS WORKS would like to offer the right candidate a structured learning environment that will ensure that you are trained in all areas of plumbing and Gas Fitting. They will provide the best possible learning environment that will ensure you have a great career as fully trained tradesman. We realise that anytime spent training will result in a long term benefit to our company and yourself in your future career. As an apprentice you will need the following attributes;

• Great communication and English skills
• Good Maths Skills
• Positive Attitude
• Willingness to learn and take initiative
• Ability to take instructions by senior staff
• High standards of work ethic and presentation
• Hold a current MANUAL driver’s licence and be able to drive manual vehicle

Please forward your cover letter and Resume to Andrew Cowan Gladstone@gasworks.com.au
Any questions please contact Andrew on 0438 991 532
Applications by 20th March 2015
www.gasworks.com.au

Reef Guardian Club - Reporting Your Reef Sightings

The Sightings Network is an avenue for any Reef user to tell us about the amazing creatures they see in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

The Sightings Network was established in 2007 as a partnership between the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the Queensland Government and the tourism industry. Since then, Reef users have used it to record more than 9000 sightings.

The observations, photographs and video recordings people send through to the program help us to build knowledge about the diversity, abundance, habitats and range of marine animals. They also provide up-to-date information on the distribution of protected and iconic species such as marine turtles and Maori wrasse. This information is a vital component of the early warning system for health impacts under the Reef Health Incident Response System.

As well as using the network to record interesting sightings, people can use it to report reef health impacts such as coral bleaching and damage, crown-of-thorns starfish, marine incidents such as as oil spills and chemical pollution, or strandings of marine animals.

Download the app or login online to report sightings
The FREE Eye on the Reef app can be used to capture, submit and share your sightings, photographs and video recordings with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and others.


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REGISTER NOW FOR EARLYBIRD RATES!
### 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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### Dates to Remember

- **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

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### 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:**

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### Free Resume Preparation Workshop

**For age: 15 - 20 years**

Students, parents, support workers and teachers are welcome to attend

Facilitated by Peta Hill

Resume Overview - Do’s and Don’ts; Career Statement/Direction and activity; Not one size fits all; Transferable skills and activity - Employability and ethics; Appropriate referees; Cover letter versus canvassing letter; Interview Skills; Research Company and Job Role; Competitiveness of the Gladstone Market; Question and Answer

**Tuesday 14 April**

6pm - 8pm

Thiess Room

Community Advisory Service

142 Goondoon Street, Gladstone

**Wednesday 15 April**

6pm - 8pm

Port Curtis Room

Boyne Tannum Community Centre

Cnr Wyndham and Hayes Ave, Boyne Island

**Thursday 16 April**

11am - 1pm

Agnes Water Community Centre

Springs Road Agnes Water

Attendees will be able to enter into a draw to win: Resume and cover letter pack

**Drawn Thursday 16th April on completion of all sessions**

**Bookings essential phone 4976 6306**