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NORMAL HOURS

MONDAY 8:15-11:15
WEDNESDAY 11:00 - 2:00
FRIDAY 8:15-11:15

Phone Chris on:
(07) 4976 6193



Student Absentee Line 4976 6158

Words from the Principal

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge our senior students as they prepare for their final week at Gladstone State High School. It has been a privilege to work with these young people. The graduating class of 2015 will be an outstanding representation of what is possible at State High. I hope these young people all enjoy the final week of school and its celebrations and acknowledgments. I am sure that for many of them, the highlight will be Prom. It will be great to see these young people celebrate on this night. I wish to acknowledge our school captains – Chris, Varsicka, Kaitlyn and Brodie. They have been incredibly engaged and enthusiastic in their leadership and commitment to the school and their fellow students. It is true that leadership sets its stamp on the group and the leaders in this school have contributed to the development of the ethos of the Senior class. Fundamental to that though has also been the input of staff.

I wish to acknowledge the Head of Senior – Brendan Hooley – who has worked tirelessly with and on behalf of our students to ensure that everyone one of the Seniors who could will graduate with a Queensland Certificate of Education. He has also been responsible for the co-ordination of the Core Skills Test and verification processes that contribute to the OPs of our students.

I would like to acknowledge Tristan Nietfeld, the year 12 Co-Ordinator who has been a mentor to these students for the last few years. His commitment to them has been outstanding.

Hannah Waddell has taken on the leadership of the Prom in 2015. I highly suspect planning a wedding would be easier. It is great to see the commitment of staff to providing these extra opportunities and memories for our students.

The commitment of staff to the students at this school is second to none in my experience.

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to thank the community of Gladstone State High School for the support and co-operation I have had since my arrival in January. My departure is not a reflection of the greatness of the school or my belief in it. For me my decision to move came from a determination not to “die wondering what might have been.” It also means that I get to be back with my older 2 children. I may or may not think that was a great idea after us all being in the same house again! Gladstone State High School is a great school. The teachers, aides, admin and supporting staff work industriously to ensure that the students of this school have the best possible options. I would also like to thank the work of a small but very dedicated band of parents who make up the P&C. They are an outstanding group of committed people. With all of these people working together, the future is bright.

Christine Hills

Principal of Gladstone State High School

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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 area 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 15minutes.

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



Chappy Chat

Recently, Auslife presented sessions to Year 7 and 8 on self-esteem based on Christian principles. Through activities, video and small group discussions we explored topics such as our uniqueness, that we are all of equal importance and the need to treat each other with respect. Students reacted positively to the day and hopefully take messages which will be pro-active in dealing with challenges in their lives.

And then today, I read the following article in our Su newsletter.

Robbed of her self-esteem by bullies, Cloe left her previous school vowing to never return.

She had no hope for the future.

"[The bullying] affected me a lot. It made me feel like I wasn't good enough and it had a huge impact on my life. It's scarred me. It still affects me to this day."

That was two years ago...

This Christmas, Cloe is graduating from High School and celebrating all the achievements of her schooling life. She's preparing for further study in the new year.

"Having a chaplain to speak to got me through my time here. Every time I'm going through something, I know that there's someone I can speak to and that I'm not alone. So whatever I'm struggling with, I know my chaplain is there to help when I need it."

Cloe's journey from victim to victor is the result of a combination of her sensible decisions and her chaplain's support to reignite her self-worth and have her re-engage on the path to a positive, flourishing life.

In Gladstone, we have 11 school chaplains thanks to the generosity of our Community who supports youth through donations such as School Chaplaincy. If you wish to support, please go to Gladstone & District Schools Chaplaincy by following the link: <http://gladstoneschoolschaplaincy.org.au/> Donations are tax deductible.

The coming week sees our Year 12 cohort graduate beginning with the Celebration Service on Monday. Please pray for the safety and well-being of our students as many head off to celebrate. Their success in completing Year 12 is a combined effort and it is hoped that parents and families share in the joy of this part of their journey.

May you be blessed as you celebrate the success of others,

Our 'Take a stand lend a hand Bullying No Way' moto at Gladstone State High School

Chappy Yvonne



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Quick News

TONKA, TONKA, TONKA

Pre-order your copy of this year's Tonka magazine from the office. This year's edition will be packed full of photos of you, your classmates and awesome events from this year. It will be a great keepsake and record of your year at State High!

Cost is \$20 per copy. To secure your copy of the Tonka please bring your money to the front office.

Trade Skills Centre

Any student interested in obtaining a qualification in Logistics please see Mr Hooley in K Block. This is a highly recommended qualification in the industry field. This certificate will be offered in the new Trade Skills Centre (currently getting built on GSHS grounds). Highly encourage students to apply for this course.

Start date 2016!

The Department has changed the start date for 2016 school year. With the number of students at Gladstone SHS we will again have a staggered start.

Wednesday 27 January – Yr7, 8, 11, 2016 Yr10 Peer Mentors and Yr12 School Leaders (Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Executive Committee)

Thursday 28 January – Whole School

Please find attached the link to the Departments Start Date change for 2016
http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/2016-2020.html



The Arts and Speech Day

This year at our annual speech day, audiences were privileged to see a variety of awesome entertainment. The Year 8 Arts Academy class performed the song "Friends on the Other Side". Nabil, Shanice and Tyrese impressed the audience with their dancing. And we had past students, Ayden, Hayley, Paul and Steph play some original songs from their respective EPs. There was also a chance for Year 9 Media students to take on the real life role of event photographer. They were given the brief to take shots of the entertainment and also some good long shots which could be used for backgrounds for school publications. As you can see Hannah C, Keely M, Holly B and Amber P, did a great job recording the day in pictures.



Arts Alumni Performer Ayden Roberts

Ayden graduated Gladstone State High School in 2011. It was this year that he served the school as School Captain, a lead in the school musical, member of both instrumental music programs, and recipient of the major Arts award – the Cyril Golding Award Most Outstanding contribution to Culture. Since leaving school Ayden has completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Honours) at the University of Southern Queensland majoring in music. Whilst studying, Ayden has been teaching instrumental music in order to fund his band 'Average Art Club'; who has performed with The Ciaros, the John Steele Singers, the Griswolds and Aussie music legends Leo Sayer and Mental as Anything. The band's first EP came out in March this year and they are back in the studio working on their next release. Never one to avoid multi-tasking, Ayden is also keeping his inner singer / songwriter alive, releasing his debut solo EP late August.

Check out Ayden's band and personal journey on Triple J unearthed - <https://www.triplejearthed.com/artist/average-art-club>, and <https://www.triplejearthed.com/artist/ayden-roberts>



Technical College Certificate II Information



The Technical College is offering Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology which provides foundation computing and digital media skills. After learning how to use computer operating systems and hardware, you'll develop skills in the use of various software applications and gain an understanding of how to work effectively in an IT environment.

You will also explore the use of different social media tools and digital imaging techniques.

For further information on Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology contact Karen or Tash at the Technical College 49766175



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Career Corner

Work Experience

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 Christopoulos in K Block. Placements available are:

Busy at Work

Busy at Work has an employer who is looking for a 2nd year chef, however he would be happy to look at school leavers' resumes – grade 12's. You will need to have good knife skills and preferably some basic kitchen experience and want to work in the industry.

If any students would like to apply please see Mrs C or Mr Hooley in K Block Senior Schooling staffroom.

Kmart Auto Gladstone

Kmart Auto Gladstone have a 1st and 2nd year apprenticeship available for interested students. Please see Mrs C in K Block Senior Schooling for more information.

CQ Ice Works

We are looking for 2 truck Jockeys for the Dec/ Jan School holidays. The position would include assisting our delivery drivers with there deliveries over the busy Christmas time. It would include weekend work and the successful application would need to work Christmas day and the public holidays surrounding Christmas. Please see Mrs C in K Block for more info.

Year 12 Graduation Week Activities

Monday 16th November: Year 12 Celebration Service held at the Port Curtis Christian Centre on McCann Street from 9.30am-11am with morning tea served after. Close family invited to attend only due to limited seating.

Tuesday 17th November: Prom held at Gladstone Entertainment Centre Goondoon Street. Procession starts 5.30pm.

Friday 20th November: Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. Gladstone SHS Hall from 10am-11.30am. Families asked to RSVP to Year 12 co-ordinator for seating on 49 766 114 or at tniet3@eq.edu.au.

Students are required to wear our Formal Uniform for both the Monday and Friday services. This includes black shoes & white socks, formal shorts, pants or skirt and white formal shirt.

Full details on all events can be found on the school website and have also been given to each student in the form of a Graduation Week booklet.

Year 10 Informal and Year 10/11 last day activities

Year 10 Informal:

Date: Monday November 23rd

Time: 5pm until 10pm

Venue: Grand Hotel Function Room (Grand Ballroom)

Cost: \$60.00, this includes: Platters on arrival, buffet dinner, dessert, soft drink, entertainment and glow/LED-novelty

Dress: Semi formal

Payment due: By Wednesday November 18th

Enquiries: Rob Grayson 4976 6179 or email rgray30@eq.edu.au

Year 10 and 11 Last Day:

Venue:

- 1) Gladstone Cinemas
9:30am Arrive after walking from school
9:30am - 9:45am Drinks and popcorn pre film
12:30pm Film finishes
12:30pm-1pm Walk from Cinemas to Pool
- 2) Gladstone Aquatic Centre
1pm-2:45pm Aquatic Centre
- 3) School
2:45pm Leave Aquatic Centre and return to school

Cost:

- 1) Gladstone Cinemas: Students will require \$14.00 to be paid at Gladstone Cinemas. This includes movie, drink and popcorn.
- 2) Gladstone Aquatic Centre: Students will require \$8.00 to be paid to the front office cashier on Wednesday November 25th

Dress: School Uniform

Enquiries: Rob Grayson or Braiden Ruge 49766179 rgray30@eq.edu.au or bruge3@eq.edu.au

Applies to both events...

Behaviour: As this is a school function normal school rules apply, Students will not be allowed to leave the venue until 10pm

Refund Policy: Deposits will only be refunded after the closing date if the school cancels the excursion or there is another student on the waiting list. Refunds on future payments for this excursion will only be refunded if the final cost of the excursion does not require subsidy by the school or other students. The school refund policy is available on the schools website www.gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

Permission Slip: Please return permission slip to the box located outside Year Co-ordinators staffroom



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Dates to Remember

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



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

BYOx is coming to GSHS in 2016!

"Bring your own device (BYOx) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student's family), staff or guests". Put simply, BYOx is a solution where students quite literally bring their own device to school in order to access the Internet and/or school network through a managed Wi-Fi connection. There are various models for BYOx which can be adopted. In 2016, Gladstone SHS is permitting laptop devices meeting a certain specification to connect to the School's wireless network to enable students to access classroom content.

Students with BYOx devices will have access to a filtered Internet connection, access to classroom content, and a connection to printers within the School. All devices are maintained by the owner of the device and any loss, theft or damage is the responsibility of the student and their family. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the device. All BYOx participants must adhere to the rules set out in the signed BYOx User Agreement, as well as follow the rules outlined in the Acceptable Use Agreements for the Internet and Mobile Devices signed by all families upon enrolment.

More information will be provided at information sessions on Tuesday 1 December, 3.30-4.00pm in the school lecture theatre (F Block) or contact Narelle Hayne, Deputy Principal 49766111.

To register your interest in participating in 2016 email byox@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

Awards Day/Night photos

[Congratulations Award Winners](#)

Did you know you can go [on-line](#) to view and buy your official photos?

www.stephenmills.com.au

Allow 4 working days **AFTER** the event **IS COMPLETELY FINISHED** and **ALL AWARDS** have been presented in the School click on "Client Login" and enter the following details...

Login name; gladstone

Password; awards15

You can view, order and pay for your images on the secure site. Allow approximately 15 working days for orders to be despatched DURING THE ORDER PERIOD. If experiencing difficulty please phone 0417198690

NOTE; Offer available until March 30th 2016 after which this OFFER WILL EXPIRE and prices/delivery times and postage may vary. Images may be removed from the site.

Happy viewing and Safe Holidays.

REMINDER TO PARENTS.....

If you know your child is not attending Gladstone State High School in 2016 please phone Administration on 4976 6111 or come into the office and collect an intention to leave form. Please also return any textbooks to the library or laptops if you will not be attending in 2016

If you have changed address recently please update with the office staff by doing a change of details form. This is important for when it comes time to send out our report cards. Could students (especially grade 12s!) be reminded to return all of their resources - textbooks and laptops as soon as they are no longer needed.

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



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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