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Words from the Principal

As we move through the year, it speeds up incredibly. This week we held 2 transition evenings – one for Junior and one for Senior. A number of local groups supported us with our senior transition evening as we encourage our students to think about the pathways that lie before them. It's important that students transitioning to Senior think carefully about their options and do their research. What course do they want to get into at uni? What are the pre-requisite subjects? What are the OP cut offs? Do I need an OP? What certificate courses are available to me? How do I get an apprenticeship? What are the growth industries? Being prepared will mean better outcomes at the end of the road. State High is very lucky to have a number of staff who are able to help with these decisions and I encourage you to utilise the Guidance Officers and Senior School staff.

Junior transition is about keeping students engaged and succeeding in Junior. Our recent NAPLAN success shows that State High students are capable of results that are the match of any school in the region. From this basis, our students can build a strong academic future which will leave their options wide open into Senior. There are also the 'other' parts of school though – sport, extracurricular, that we encourage students to be a part of so that they maintain their whole growth and development. There are a very broad range of opportunities and options available to our students. I hope they take these opportunities up.

Eligibility to attend school functions is a process that we have at State High which ensures that students' focus is on the fundamentals of why we are here – learning. This week, we sent out a letter to year 12 students who do not meet eligibility at this stage. We want to be very proactive and ensure that we give our students enough time to meet criteria. These include: attendance of 93%, passes in subjects, behaviour standards, equipment returns and fee payments. We are aware that fee payments are the responsibility of parents/ caregivers and encourage that they be paid as soon as practicable. If school fees average even \$100 a student x 1600 = \$160 000 out of our bottom line. This is not an amount we can make up from other funds. Students with attendance issues may find that medical certification will be accepted or they may be given an extension of appeal to develop the necessary pattern of attendance. It must be remembered that being at school every day in the lead up to the last exams of their school life is pretty important. We don't believe that behaviour should be a problem for our year 12 students who are nearing adulthood and should be the most reliable group we have. From time to time though end of year excitement means students may forget about our expectations. Our year 12 students need to be mindful of finishing the year responsibly and safely. By keeping track of eligibility early, we will give every student the best chance of meeting the criteria.

I have witnessed some worrying behaviour in the mornings at the school crossing traffic lights and the Night Owl corner. Students are running across the highway in front of oncoming traffic. We had a very shaken motorist report to us of a near miss outside the school gate. Please speak to your students about crossing safely and not mucking around in traffic. Students need to wait for the signal to cross.

Uniform Shop

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 uniform shop

Student
Absentee Line
4976 6158



**Mrs Christine Hills
Principal**



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Chappy Chat!

Quick News

Botanic to Bridge

Botanic to Bridge is on again on 16th August 2015. Every year Gladstone State High is well represented by both students and families and are now seeking even more participants for this year's event. All student nomination fees and portions of all other registrations from the GSHS community are donated back to the school for funding sport and recreation equipment and initiatives. For more information on registering please visit our school website or <http://www.botanictobridge.com.au/register>

Premier's Reading Challenge – Year 7, 8, 9

There are lots of great books available for borrowing through the school and public libraries - or you could lend a recommended title from one of your friends or you could buy a book from this month's book club catalogues. Read another book this week and add it your Premier's Reading Challenge Record sheet. Once you have read 15 books, drop the completed form into the library,

All Rounder Awards

Have you achieved/participated in the following areas during 2015: Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Service? If you have you may be the All Rounder for your year level for Awards Night. Please collect a nomination form from your year coordinator and complete and return by Friday 4th September.



One of the programs we are running for Year 7 boys is STRENGTH. This program is aiming to develop, encourage and actively practice values which will help the boys' inner strength, resilience and courage to grow into the positive young men that they hope to be.

Our three male volunteers are amazing! Josh Hicks (Baptist Church), Jarek Reah (Cert IV Youth Work doing volunteer hours with me as a Chaplain) and our amazing SBPO Andrew Carey deserve gold.

These gentlemen ran and ran and mentored for 2 full periods as they led the boys in STRENGTH and paused and unpacked core values that makes a team a successful team.

The key points we drew out of one lesson in Strength 3 were:

- thinking of others (share the ball around)
- co-operation
- let go of stuff you need to let go
- doing your best
- working with people you may not like

The key points we drew out in Strength 4 were:

- Congratulations on good communication
- Encouragement needs to be both positive and constructive
- sometimes we choose the easiest way, but it may not be the best way in the long run
- using our strength to do the hard yards and get done what needs to be done

Everything was related back to Inner Strength, being strong enough to be disciplined, co-operate and other core values which help us be who we wish to be. We related all key points back to "Team Classroom" and Life. Each participant has been asked to identify a way they could help "Team Classroom" .



I encourage you (as a parent) to continue to support your child in understanding that what's on the inside is more important than what's on the outside. Growing our character is more important than growing our reputation. Students are continually being assaulted by social media and allow the pressure of reputation to be a constant negative driving stress. Reputation is ONLY what other people think you're like. Reputation is only what is seen on the outside. Our children need to find confidence in knowing that their character is what they really are like. Their character is what is real on the inside. Other people can change your reputation, but on-one else can change your character! If you have a good character (an honest character), then no-one can ever take that away from you! And lastly, what's on the inside will always come out. Eventually, your character will show through!

Enjoy supporting your child to start making the changes within themselves. Remind them that every big journey begins with one small step followed by another small step. Enjoy seeing how the positive changes affect everyone around them. Enjoy the journey! It is as important as the destination.

Yvonne



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Quick News

Unexplained Late Slips

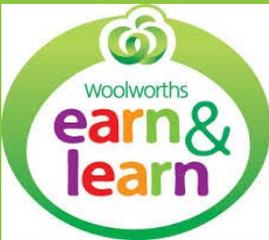
If you arrive late to school you must sign in at the office. The office will give you 2 slips of paper. One slip is to give to your teacher and the other is to be signed by your parent/guardian and returned to the school (via Care Class). The consequence of not returning the signed slip will result in a PBC detention.

The yellow slip is for students who have not done this. A friendly reminder.

All late arrivals MUST be explained.

Woolworths Stickers

Don't forget we are collecting the woolworths stickers. Please either hand in at the Year Co staffroom or give to your care teacher for collection or you can place in the sticker bin in the Admin office. The more stickers we get the more resources we get for the school.



Junior Secondary News

It's been a great week for Junior Secondary. Firstly, our Principal announced that Gladstone State High had gone against the national trend and gained some of the greatest improvements in NAPLAN results in both Year 7 and Year 9. This means that GSHS has gone to the top of the class in literacy improvement. Thanks go to our dedicated teaching team for their uptake of Mrs Hills' writing vision and their many hours of quality teaching in GSHS Junior classrooms.

Secondly, we had a very successful evening at the Senior Subject Selection night on Tuesday. For the first time, our new Junior Secondary school had a presence at this event, and parents were given the opportunity to experience the full range of State High schooling, from Year 7 through to Year 12. Information was given by our Deputy Principal, Mrs Narelle Hayne, on Star and Academy Classes and on the BYOx (Bring Your Own Device) policy to be implemented in the near future. She also provided information on subject selection for students transitioning from Year 9 into Year 10, and Mrs Jo Dahl, Head of Teaching and Learning, presented details of Year 9 electives for current Year 8s. The main message was for students to choose their subjects wisely and to do their very best in Junior Secondary in order to achieve and Reach for the Stars in Senior.

Future Junior Secondary events are as follows:

- Term 3: GSHS Deputy Principals and Heads of School will attend primary schools for Enrolment Interviews with parents of Year 7 2016 students, to establish a connection between the school and parents and students, and information can be shared to enable us to best cater for students' needs.
- Term 3 and 4: GSHS Head of School – Mrs Lisa Donohue, Year 7 Coordinator – Mrs Narelle Hayne and Junior Secondary Teacher – Mrs Nicki Collocott, will visit primary schools to speak with Year 6 students about transitioning to Junior Secondary, and also talk with Year 6 teachers about how we can make students' journey into high school as smooth as possible.
- Term 4: Transition Days - Year 6 students will 'go to high school' at GSHS Junior Secondary on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December 2015 so that they can experience two days of Junior Secondary. They will attend classes and get to know how Junior Secondary operates throughout the day. They will get to meet our wonderful Junior Secondary teachers and even make new friends. Information will be sent out via primary schools and parent interviews for this day. Parents are welcome to visit our E Block Junior Secondary Precinct after school on Tuesday 1st December when they collect their students from school. We will remain open for an hour after school to talk with parents and answer any questions.

A reminder that 2016 Year 7 Scholarship applications and Star Class/Academy Class application forms are due in by 31st August 2015.

If you would like any further information about any of these events, please feel free to contact me on ldono28@eq.edu.au or phone our school office on 49766111.

With best wishes



Lisa Donohue – Head of School JNR

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4 September

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Phone: 4976 6129 | 4 Boles Street, Gladstone | admin@eqipgladstone.com.au

The advertisement features a young boy in a yellow hard hat and safety glasses, smiling. It includes logos for various partner organizations such as GEA, GAPDI, nrg, VEOLIA, QRESERVER, EBSB, M-COSKER, RioTintoAlcan, EGGL, QCC, and CQTAPE. A large blue button with white text says 'APPLY NOW!' with 'Applications close 4 September' below it.

Career Corner

KFC Gladstone

KFC Gladstone Restaurant is re-opening their new Restaurant soon and are looking for Part-Time and Casual positions for individuals aged 14 – 17 years (Junior Wages Rates apply) to work day, night, weekend and public holiday shifts. After successful employment, KFC can also offer individuals the opportunity to participate in School Based or Work Based Traineeships, completing a CIII in Business. Interested students can apply online at www.kfcqld.com.au

Apprenticeship Intake 2016

The major industries in Gladstone have commencing advertising their Apprenticeship intake for 2016. The industries include NRG, GPC, QAL, Ergon Energy. Students interested can see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block for further information.

Eagle Boys Position

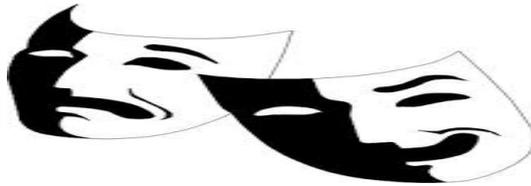
Eagle Boys Pizza Sun Valley is Looking for in store staff and delivery drivers. Hiring from 13yrs and up. Need to be available for approximately 12hrs of shifts per week. Training Provided.

Contact via email:
lucas-doc@hotmail.com
or in store.



Creative Generation 2015

Week 1 of Term 3, we had 6 students representing Gladstone State High School at the Creative Generation: State School's Onstage show. Hayley J sang in the Core Choir and Raquel W and Isabella F were members of the Massed Choir. The girls needed all their stamina to sing the whole two and half hour show. We also had three dancers in the Massed Dance, Taylah D, Molly B and Monique F. They danced to Live Louder and Proud Mary. It was a hard week of rehearsals with Friday lasting from 8am to 11pm, and the show running three times! Next year, we are hoping to have more students represent the school. Notices about next year's auditions will be out soon!



Road Safety message from your local Police

School children are one of our most at-risk groups when it comes to road trauma and the whole community must play a part in keeping kids safe in and around schools.

This year, the Queensland Government is launching a state-wide road safety event – Queensland Road Safety Week – from August 17 – 21. This weeklong event is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be directly involved in making our roads safer for everyone.

'Speaking up for road safety' is this year's theme, and we're encouraging the whole community to have their say on road safety. It's about encouraging all Queenslanders to talk about important road safety issues with one another – with their kids, their families, their friends and colleagues, and in the context of the education environment – their students.

Each day of the week focuses on a different road safety behaviour or issue. The focus for Thursday 16 August is 'sharing the road'. There will be a strong emphasis on vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists – making it a particularly important topic for discussion within the school community.

While we should be mindful of road safety in and around schools all year, Queensland Road Safety Week is a great opportunity to promote road safety responsibilities with parents, carers, teachers and students.

Throughout the week, we are encouraging everyone to make a pledge – to commit to improving a single road behaviour.

There are many ways to stay safe and keep others safe on the roads. You could pledge to:

- o switch your phone off, put it on silent, or boot it before you drive
- o buckle up every time you get in the car – even when travelling short distances
- o take regular breaks on long trips and avoid driving when tired at all times
- o put the brakes on speeding – regularly check your speed, drive to the conditions, stay within the limits
- o make a plan before you drink - stay at a mate's house, catch a cab or public transport, designate a driver for the night or organise a lift
- o share the roads with others – be patient, let somebody in, give a wave of thanks to others doing the right thing, keep a look out for bicycles, motorcycles and pedestrians, know and follow the road rules
- o have a conversation about road safety with your loved ones, friends, or colleagues
- o be a better 'role model' to your kids on the road – it's where they learn most of their future driving behaviour!

For more information please visit jointthedrive.qld.gov.au/road-safety-week. Everyone is invited to personally pledge their support for road safety via the site and we're encouraging all schools to participate in the week's events, particularly those focused on child pedestrian safety.



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Careers Corner

ANZ School Based Traineeship program

Students who are currently in year 10 are eligible to apply and will complete their traineeship through years 11 and 12.

The base requirements for the traineeship are passes in Maths and English on their most current school report.

Trainees will complete 1 week work experience through November to give them the opportunity to see what the traineeship is like and they can choose to opt out at this point if they feel it is not right for them. We then ask trainees to work the week before Christmas to commence learning the role basics and they must be available to work every week from January to return to school. This is important as it enables them to embed the role learnings prior to returning to school and then working 1 day per week in the branch.

We have a development plan for the trainees and they are upskilled over the 2 years to the role of a service consultant with the option then to gain employment with ANZ or progress to a personal banker traineeship.

If you have any candidates who may be interested we will refer them to our Group Training Organisation who will then contact the candidate.

Applicants can send their details to:

Jenny Boss
Career Development Manager, ANZ Traineeships and Indigenous Employment
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd
Mobile: 0478 302 248
Level 20, 111 Eagle Street, Brisbane, 4000
Jenny.Boss@anz.com
Or apply via www.anz.com/indigenousemployment

2015 Athletics Results

Unfortunately last week there was an error in the printing of age champions and credit was only given to students who actually finished 3rd in their age group. At State High we endeavour to always give the public the correct information when it comes to our students sporting excellence, however occasionally honest mistakes are made. Below are the correct results for the top 3 in each age group. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

	THIRD	SECOND	AGE CHAMPION
12 GIRLS	Sophie W (K)	Greer S (D)	Hannah W (K)
12 BOYS	Curtis F (T)	Mitchell H (P)	Jordy D (K)
13 GIRLS	Ella C (T)	Abbey L (T)	Ilanda C (D)
13 BOYS	Tyrese F (P)	Ethan L (T)	Liam W (P)
14 GIRLS	Kiarra H (D)	Sharnie S (T)	Ainsley D (P)
14 BOYS	Seth G (T)	Jayden C (D)	Declan H (K)
15 GIRLS	Maddison S (D)	Madi R (T)	Monique M (D)
15 BOYS	Jack S (T)	David T (P)	Matangi B (D)
16 GIRLS	Shania P (K)	Georgia W (T)	Skye A (D)
16 BOYS	Matt H (T)	Joel F (T)	Jayden B (D)
	Jared O (P)	Patrick N (T)	
OPEN GIRLS	Shanice F (P)	Lauren M (D)	Mikayla R (D)
OPEN BOYS	Nic P (D)	Joel K (T)	Garrett D (K)
AWD JUNIOR	Corey M (K)	James R (P)	Jayden T (K)
AWD SENIOR	Tama W (P)	Djarwyn P (K)	Joel T (P)
GLADSTONE GIFT BOYS:		GIRLS:	
	Garrett D	Kiarra O	
FOURTH	THIRD	SECOND	FIRST
Parnka 1007	Kougari 1028	Tyalan 1467	Damala 1505

Matt Shallcross
HPE Department
4976 6119

PC Athletics Carnival

A small group of enthusiastic students represented GSHS at the 12 and under Port Curtis Athletics Carnival at Boyne Island State School on Friday 24th July. They were Kiara O, Jordy D, Hannah W, Ethan G, Aija M S, Greer S and Renai A. The students all participated to the best of their ability and represented GSHS extremely well. Some of the highlights of the day were:

Kiara O coming 1st in all the AWD events (except shot put); Renai A coming 2nd in all her AWD events and 1st in shot put; Hannah W finishing 2nd in 800m and Greer S claiming first in both discus and shot put.



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Dates to Remember

15th August - 2015 HPV Benaraby Event

16th August - Botanic to Bridge

21st August - Year 10 Rec Fishing

26th - 27th August - Year 10 Set Plan Interviews

28th August - Free Dress Day

1st-2nd September - QCS Test

11th September - HPV Maryborough Event

7th-11th September - EXAM BLOCK

14th - 18th September - Hospitality Melbourne Trip

19th September - 4th October - School Holidays

5th October - Public Holiday

6th October - School Resumes



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

Softball Batter Up
Softball Batter Up is a fun, game based development program

When:
Wednesday Afternoons 4.30pm-6.30pm starting August 12th
3 week program

Where:
Gladstone Softball Fields, Memorial Park Hanson Rd

How Much:
\$65 inclusive of all Softball activities and a pack containing Softball glove, ball and backpack.

Ages 4 to 12 Welcome

Register at www.softballbatterup.com.au
For more information contact Shane on 0497 178622 (After 5pm) or E-mail softball.gladstone@gmail.com



ROSELLA PARK SCHOOL Permanent Cleaner



Rosella Park School is seeking a permanent cleaner (20.5 hours per week – single shift). Applicants will be subject to a probationary period. Selection Criteria & Work Profile application packs can be collected from the School's Administration Office – 20 Park Street, Gladstone during office hours 9:00am – 3:30pm. Package will not be sent out by post. Further enquiries can be made by contacting the school office on 4976 8333.

Application close at 3:00pm on Friday 28th August 2015
Applications can be returned, marked "Confidential" to:-
The Principal, Rosella Park School
PO Box 1145, Gladstone Q 4680
Or Email – the.principal@rosellapkspecs.eq.edu.au

Applicants must address the selection criteria and submit a detailed resume and two current referees. Applications will remain current for a 12 month period and may be used to fill future vacancies.

"The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening."

Student Absent from School:

Parents are required to authorise all student absences. This can be done in the following ways:
Email – absentees@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au
Phone: 49766158
Written Note
Notification Slip found in Newsletter (to the left of this article)
Text Messaging Only – 0407 096 034 (reply only to schools text message)

Details that need to be included on each of these are:
* Student's Full Name
* Care Class
* Date/s
* Reason

Student Absence Notification

Student Name:

Care Group:

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

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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