Golding Visual Art Showcase 2014

This week, the Senior Visual Art students and teachers had the 1 in 7 year experience of hosting, curating and managing the Cyril Golding Visual Art Exhibition and Opening Night at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery. The exhibition is on from Saturday, 9th August until Saturday, 13th September, and showcases the best artworks from students across the High Schools within the Gladstone Region.

As part of hosting the exhibition, some of our Senior Visual Art students had the rare opportunity to be involved in a ‘Curating and Hanging Workshop’ with the Gallery, and worked tirelessly to prepare the exhibit.

This year, we had 16 students enter with 20 artworks exhibited. We would love you to support these students by visiting the gallery and voting for your favourite Gladstone State High School artwork for the ‘People’s Choice Award’.

Congratulations and best of luck to those students who have artwork in the exhibition!

Senior Visual Art Students hanging the exhibition

Junior Physics Olympiad

Junior Physics Olympiad is a 5 day educational program introduced by University of Queensland that’s available for 48 year 10 students across QLD and Northern NSW. It enabled me to gain basic understanding of major principles of senior (university) physics and experience the complexity of it. The program covers pure physics with workshops, experimentations, tutoring sessions, interactive discussions and theories that greatly facilitated our problem solving and thinking skills. We were able to listen to the presentation of UQ’s leading physicists and interact with them. A great thing about J.P.O was not the free sandwiches however the leisure time provided to interact with people that have similar interests to you. I admit that I’m a bit of a shy person, although the tutors and teammates didn’t really give up socialising with me and I really appreciated that. Students are not only taught by the university lecturers but tutored by the university physics students that have previously been involved in J.P.O. We were taught the extended knowledge of physics, which high school students won’t even consider. Thus, it was a very worthwhile trip to the University of Queensland Junior Physics Olympiad.

By Eva K
**Quick News**

**Spark Engineering Camp**

The Spark camp conducted in the first week of July was an amazing experience. It was a good opportunity to learn about Engineering courses, University life and the experience of an engineer.

The camp had some fun filled activities like Egg drop, Story bridge climb, Robogals, Powering cities, Bridge building, etc. Visiting the CSIRO was the best part of the camp and it was so informative to learn about current types of projects. It was so inspiring to hear the speeches by different engineers, people from ADFA and from people in different stages of life like while studying in university, after completing studies and for the rest of their life.

Above all, the main thing was networking. After this camp I now have a good network of friends; the staff and some engineers.

**By Rishi S**

Spark Engineering Camp is the best camp that I have been to, which has impacted my life in a positive way. I was able to gain experience, which I have already put into practice. I was able to meet with students from all over Australia with diverse backgrounds. I was able to make new friends with whom I am still in touch. It was an overwhelming experience. TOTALLY AMAZING!

One of the messages I was able to take back from the camp is:

‘All it takes is one spark to start a flame’.

**By Sadid R**

**QLD Senior School Volleyball Cup**

Over the weekend, 4 volleyball teams went and represented the school at the QLD Senior Schools Cup in Toowoomba. The year 9 girls (Senior Division 3-9th), Year 10 Girls (Senior Honours-5th) and year 10 Boys (Senior Division 2-9th) teams all played in the Year 11 division and faced stiff competition facing teams older than themselves.

The teams used this as valuable game play practice for Junior Schools Cup which is to be held in October. The Open GSHS girls who played in the elite Open Honours Division, played extremely well only dropping one game throughout their pool games.

The girls played a hard match against Benowa to make the Gold Medal match however went down in 4 sets. The girls went into the Bronze Medal match determined to qualify for Honours at Nationals in Melbourne and it showed, with the girls taking it to Harristown winning in straight sets to claim the bronze medal.

Special thanks to all the teachers who gave up their time to coach and take the teams away.
INDIGENOUS STUDENTS INTERESTED IN LAW
Any Indigenous Year 11 & 12 students who are interested in studying law in the future, please see Miss Polglase in the Year Coordinators staffroom asap for an exciting opportunity.

MIXED NETBALL BILOELA COMP 15YEARS AND UNDER
Sign-up for the Competition is in the PE staffroom. The competition is September 17th. You must meet eligibility requirements before signing up. Check with your year level coordinator to see if you are eligible.

DRESS POLICY
A reminder that students should not have bracelets on wrists, no make up, plain sleepers/studs for body piercings and a fine silver/gold necklace. Not following this policy will result in a 20min detention and removal of the items. A reminder that plain blue shorts are not part of our dress policy. A note must be brought if you are wearing these pants for a particular reason.

Relay for Life 2014
On the weekend of 26th/27th July, students from Grade 11 and 12 and the GSHS Interact Club, alongside GSHS staff members, joined together and took part in Relay for life. The four teams combined fundraised over $6000 through the selling of chocolates, a school ‘Minute to Win It’ contest, a ‘guess the number of chocolates’ fundraiser and donations from the students and wider community. It was an extremely successful weekend knowing that we have helped contribute to the $150 000 raised by the Gladstone community so far for the event and we must thank the students for their participation and fundraising efforts for such a great cause. Also, we would like to thank the teachers for all their help prior to and during the event and the community for their support.

Varsicka K
GSHS 1 Team Captain

Exploring Environmental Science

DATE: Tuesday 19th August 2014
TIME: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
LOCATION: Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre
01 Malpas Street
Boyne Island

Join Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre and Gladstone Harbour Watch to Explore Environmental Science

Great FREE event for families, primary school aged students and anyone with an interest in science and/or the environment!

Participate in the ‘Gladstone Harbour Catchment Story’ Learn about Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, reporting on the health of Gladstone Harbour!

Check out the 3D scale model of Gladstone Harbour Educational and fun science activities for all ages!
AVCAT Scholarship Information

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity administering tertiary scholarships for children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women. Our scholarship applications open on August 18.

Our website address is www.avcat.org.au
Our email address is avcat@dva.gov.au (or respond to this email)

AVCAT’s aim is to help the children and grandchildren of ex-servicemen and women to a better future through higher education. Through the help of our generous donors, AVCAT administers scholarships to the children of those who have served our country in peace and war in the Australian Army, Navy and Airforce. Our recipients come from all over Australia and study an enormous variety of courses. At present AVCAT is helping around 180 children with the costs of study. We administer about 70 scholarships a year for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs as well as various ex-service organisations (including RSL and Legacy).

Scholarship selection is open to children and in some cases grandchildren of a veteran and is based on need and merit. Applicants can be high-school leavers starting university or current university students and eligible for Youth Allowance hence studying full time.

Scholarships are generally paid for three years and are between $3,000 and $4,000 per year. Our application form will be available shortly on our website at www.avcat.org.au and students will only need to complete the one form for all of our scholarships.

Applications for 2015 open in August 2014 and close on 31 October 2014.

Scholarships are open to current year 12 students who are looking to continue their studies next year at university, TAFE or at a private college.

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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Monday: 8:15am-11:15am
Wednesday: 11:00am-2:00pm
Friday: 8:15am-11:15am