2014 North West Camp

In weeks five and six of term 2 the year 11 Biology, Geography and Marine Studies students ventured to North West Island for their annual camp. The camp focused on students gaining an understanding of the unique marine environment that is found on the island by studying the different species found in the area and how they interact with one another. The students enjoyed numerous days of perfect tropical weather, long walks along the beach, fishing, and star gazing. They also partook in snorkelling and scuba diving with the wildlife including stingrays, man-ta rays and turtles. They were privileged to witness the hatching of several turtle nests whilst staying on the island as well as whale watching during the second week. In between all these relaxing and exciting activities they did actually do some work related to their schooling.

Whilst not all students were keen on beach camping, or had even been camping before, they were well adjusted by the end of the trip and were not keen to get back to the mainland. This may have been due to the very rough trip out on week one with 3-5 metre swells buffeting the barge, causing some students to regret their decision to come on camp, or have lunch. This unique opportunity was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and will be talked about for some time to come.
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

ATTENTION YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Gladstone Ports Corporation have extended the closing date for the Apprenticeships/Traineeship 2015 positions. The closing date was previously Friday the 18th July, this has now been changed to Monday the 28th July at 4 pm. The apprenticeships/traineeship 2015 that are available are:

- Electrical Apprenticeship.
- Diesel Fitter Apprenticeship.
- Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship.
- Plumbing Apprenticeship.
- Painting Apprenticeship.
- Refrigeration Apprenticeship.
- CAD Drafting Traineeship.

Any students who are interested can see Mrs Christopoulos in Senior Schooling for further information.

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.