Murri Moments ARTIE Camp

ARTIE camp this year was another great success with 14 of our top performing Indigenous students attending. We headed to Currimundi Active Recreation Centre along with students and staff from Toolooa State High School on Friday 17th October. As usual it was a long bus trip down with a stop off in Bundaberg for a Sizzler lunch. The following day we headed off to Dream World and White Water World which was an epic adventure! Students had the opportunity to explore the theme parks for the entire day, overcoming fears and succumbing to peer pressure to get on those scary rides (including the staff!!). The day certainly tested some limits with 3 staff members shedding tears of fright on a couple of the rides! The night was also fantastic with an art session held by Chern‘ee Sutton, an 18 year old Kalkadoon woman who graduated high school last year and was also a member of the ARTIE academy. Chern‘ee was bullied in high school and took to art in grade 9 as a release. Chern‘ee has now met royalty and her art work is sold throughout the world. We also had the pleasure of seeing her numerous art pieces and totem poles in the new Dreamtime centre at Dream world. Many artistic talents were uncovered that night and all students were highly engaged for several hours. The next day we were off again to a local property owned by an Indigenous family. The bus got lost down a dirt road and we joked with the students about who has the best bush tracking skills to get us there! Eventually we made it to the property where we participated in Indigenous games, a corroboree as well as some rock painting and weaving. It was great to be involved in this and see students immerse themselves in culture. We spent the afternoon down on the beach playing beach games. Wheelbarrow races got crazy when Miss Polglase nearly buried Jymeekah’s head in the sand! As night fell we engaged with a guest speaker, Mick Flemming, an Indigenous professional boxer. He was entertaining to say the least and students related to him on many levels. The following day we all boarded the bus again to head back to Gladstone. Students and staff were certainly worn out but have taken away many great memories and experiences. A huge thank you to all students and staff that attended and the ARTIE Academy for making this all possible. The ARTIE (Achieving Results through Indigenous Education) Program is set to continue next year and we look forward to our students’ continued success!

Miss Polglase
Indigenous Education Coordinator
Quick News

Orientation Day

When
Term 4, Week 9
• Year 7 into 8 Tuesday 2.12.14 and Wednesday 3.12.14
• Year 6 into 7 Wednesday 3.12.14 and Thursday 4.12.14

Where
• Meet at the hall on your first day

What to wear
• Your school uniform

What to bring
• Hat, water bottle, writing materials and a happy disposition along with a positive attitude

Enrolment forms: Please hand in your enrolment forms prior to orientation days (if you have not already done so). This is necessary so that students can already be placed into house groups and participate in activities during orientation days.

Lunch: A sausage sizzle will be provided on one of the orientation days (year 7s on the Tuesday and the year 6s on the Thursday). On the alternative day you may either bring your own lunch or purchase from the tuckshop.

Booklists: These details and other organisational details for next year will be provided at the orientation.

Performing Arts: Information regarding the Performing Arts Class will be provided on the orientation days.

Volleyball School of Excellence: Trials will be conducted on the second day of each age group (Year 7s on Thursday, Year 8s on Tuesday)

Travel: It is the responsibility of parents to organise drop off (9:00am) and collection (3:05pm) of students. If your child will be travelling by bus please contact the bus companies prior to these days.

If you require any more information please direct any queries to Nicki Collocott.
• ncol155@eq.edu.au OR
• 4976 6155

Year 9 Girls OED Camp

The year 9 OED girls class has had a very successful camp to Agnes all thanks to Miss DJ Lambert and Miss McLeod (Cleody). We headed off on the 3rd of November, unfortunately copping a fair bit of rain which turned into a solid thunderstorm later in the night. We didn’t let it get us down though and used it as an opportunity to bond around Tully’s ukulele and Miss DJ’s guitar under the gazebo, after we had snags and steak for dinner. Next morning was an early start to Aggy’s main beach for surf lessons with Grom. It was a great 2 hour session for all the girls allowing them to gain new skills and great memories. After a quick lunch it was back to the beach for some mad creative games and then a swim. By the time we got back to our camp at 1770, water pistol assassins had well and truly started and the girls were starting to get the idea to be sneaky and stealthy (Congratulations to Frances M the overall winner!). One of the highlights was us all getting in the water and having a solid game of oddball, with an unforgettable tackle from Georgia H. Our last night was made with an incredible feed of fish and chips on the beach, special thanks to Madonnas Café! Day 3 was another early start for a beautiful kayak tour taken by the beautiful people from Liquid Adventures 1770. None of these great memories and new friendships could have been possible without the amazing effort from Miss DJ for organising everything and Cleody for the helping hand-massive thanks from all the girls of OED 2014, we can’t thank you enough!

Madi R
Quick News

JUST Group “Burnett or Bust” Canoe Camp

This was the last of four camps that this group has been on and it was highly anticipated by not only the students but the teachers as well, as it is renowned for being a peaceful paddle on the Burnett River. This camp did not fail to live up to its reputation.

We set off early on Wednesday morning and headed towards Shalom College’s outdoor education centre “Chaverim” outside of Bundaberg on the Burnett River. After unloading our camping gear and a quick bite to eat, students set out on the river upstream for about four kilometres. This time allowed students to get familiar with their canoes and paddling techniques. Students were challenged by splitting into two teams and racing each other to push the canoes across the river. After a nice swim and game of “canoe brandy”, students paddled back to camp and took their time to set up their shelters and get dinner cooking. Students had time to reflect on some of the year’s challenges sitting around a toasty campfire under the stars, overlooking the calm water of the Burnett River. Does it get any better than that?

Day two was our longest paddle – about 16 kilometres. After breakfast, packing up and a quick team meeting, we started paddling downstream towards Whyper Scout Park. It wasn’t long before the hot sun, occasional head wind and never ending river, started to take its toll on students. However, it would take a lot more to stop this group of committed students reaching their destination. Food stops, a couple of quick dips in the water and lots of encouragement along the way saw the paddlers arrive at the bottom of the camp at about 3pm. The students quickly observed that the only thing between them and their camp and a hot shower was a 100m steep rise through thick grass and eroded river bank. The teachers were extremely proud of the students when they unloaded the canoes and carried all the equipment to the top of the camp with minimal instruction. Earlier in the year this task would have been accompanied by wails of despair and frustration. This was a sure sign of how far this group of young men have progressed.

During the evening, students relaxed around the open camp fire where stories and jokes were told. Night games such as “block –O” were played, which has become a “must do” with this group of boys.

The next morning everyone was keen to get on the water, encouraged by the prospect of getting home to family, a soft bed and a free McDonalds meal at Bundaberg. This paddle was about 10 kilometres in length around a massive horse shoe shaped hook section of river which would lead us to the end of the paddle at Sandy Hook Ski Club. Although slightly shorter in length than the second day, it was far more exhausting due to paddling into the wind for the majority of the paddle. Everyone felt a sense of relief when the big right hand turn suddenly straightened out and the boat ramp of the ski club came into sight.

Students washed down the canoes and loaded everything onto the cars. Throughout the camp a point system was used where the group would have points allocated or deducted from them for doing things well or not so well. The students have no problem achieving 100 points and were rewarded with a free meal at McDonalds at Bundaberg. Maccas has never tasted so good!
### 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**
- **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**

### 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.

### MEDIA INFORMATION:
**For further information contact Promotions Manager Clare Wooton on 49700300 or cwootton@4cc.com.au**

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### Student Absence Notification

| Student Name: | | |
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| Care Group:   | | |
| Date:         | | |
| Reason (Circle): | Sick | Personal | Family | Other |

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Parent’s Signature: ___________________________

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**Reminders:**
- If you know your student is not attending GSHS in 2015 please phone Admin or come into the office and pick up an Intention to Leave Form.
- Start dates 2015
  - Monday 26 January – Public Holiday
  - Tuesday 27 January – Yrs 7, 8 & 12 also Mentors from Yrs 10 & 11, & School Leaders
  - Wednesday 28 January – whole school
  - Tuesday 27th January - NRG Year 11 Students to start

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**Tuckshop Closed**

11th & 12th December 2014

**School Payments**

Please be aware that all Eftpos transactions have a $10 card limit

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**Songs, Santa & Snow at this years Carols!**

It’s that joyous time of year when we look forward to holidays, spending time with family and a wonderful night under the stars at the Santos GLNG Mayoral Carols by Candlelight presented by 4CC.

This year’s Carols at the Gladstone Marine Main Stage Friday December 5th, will showcase the regions talent with the involvement of local school and soloists.

In addition to the food and beverage stalls and jumping castle from 3pm, Christmas merchandise will be available from the Santos GLNG tent with proceeds going towards the Salvation Army.

Santa and his elves will make a special appearance before the annual lighting of the GPC Christmas Tree by Mayor Gail Sellers and Curtis the Turtle. The night will come to a close with a spectacular display of fireworks at 8.30pm.

Australia’s Got Talent finalist Rhys Tolhurst, will headline this year’s event performing crowd favourites, ‘Let it Snow’, ‘White Christmas’, ‘Jingle Bells’ and sing along with the Community Choir.

The Gladstone Municipal Band and the Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band will entertain the crowd as they settle in from 5:30pm.

Hosting the evening will be Rob Kidd from the 4CC breakfast show. “It’s great that this has always been a free event for the community and I’m really looking forward to seeing the joy that this event brings to all the children at this year Carols”.

Patrons are encouraged to bring chairs and for those who want to get nice and close to the stage a blanket only area will be introduced.

The entire 2014 Santos GLNG Mayoral Carols by Candlelight booklet will be accessible online throughout the event at [www.4cc.com.au](http://www.4cc.com.au), a special new addition for this year’s Carols!

Tickets for the Gladstone Bicycle Raffles will be available at the 4cc tent, whilst Gladstone Rotary will be raffling off their Christmas trailer and selling tickets for their ham wheels.

Dogs and alcohol are not permitted at the event.

Parking at the event will be a gold coin donation towards the Navy Cadets.

Tune into 4CC on 927AM Gladstone, 1584AM Rockhampton, 666AM Biloela, & 98.3FM Agnes Water

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