



Words from our Principal

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I presented a paper at the Australian Council of Education Research's Excellence in Professional Practice Conference in Sydney on Thursday. The paper discusses the Writing Program that we have introduced at Gladstone State High School in 2015. Derived in part from the Collins Writing program, its core features are ensuring that students are explicitly taught the structures and features of writing and then they are given clear feedback on how to improve their writing. The program has been rolled out in year 7 during Learning Enhancement lessons and our students have shown some remarkable outcomes. Some of this student work will be presented at the conference today. Thank you to the students whose work will be presented and to their parents for their support of the presentation. Gladstone State High School is working in partnership with Marsden State High School in Brisbane to bring the author of the Collins Writing program, John Collins Ed, to Gladstone from Boston next year. I look forward to sharing the feedback of the educators at the conference with our year 7's when I return.

Our football teams had a great day on Wednesday with finals of school boy Rugby League. Congratulations to Mr Hooley's U/15 team who won their final. I spoke with Mr Hooley before the game and he was quite confident about his team's prospects. Well done to our 7/8 team and our Opens who played valiantly. Only a golden point could bring them down. Congratulations to Open winners – Toolooa SHS. Our U/15 team looks forward to joining the Open ranks next year and bringing the trophy back to its home at State High. The under 15's won 16 – 4 against Tannum Sands. The Open's lost by 4 points against Toolooa. The 7/8's lost by 4 points against Tannum Sands

We were fortunate to have a motivational speaker work with our students on Tuesday. The feedback from some of our year 9 students was very positive. They spoke about the need to focus their attention on goal setting and to consider the decisions they make that will affect their results and performance at school. Goal setting is particularly important. Think of sports people who are all very aware of their personal best times, state and other benchmarks. Their programs are designed and planned to ensure that they work towards achieving their goals. What we know about elite sports people is that there is very little difference in the level of skill they possess, so what makes some athletes excel? The mind game is just as important as the physical game. Elite players like Roger Federer have the capacity to remain focussed on the game and not be distracted by the 'other' stuff – crowds, mistakes, media. These are valuable lessons for us all.

We speak to our students regularly about the support networks that we have in place at State High. Schools are a reflection of society but they are also preparing students to be productive members of society. We must encourage our students to use the range of services available to them to help when they feel they need it. This can be for study assistance – many of our faculties offer extra tuition classes. It can be for career advice and scholarship application – we have a Guidance team who can assist with this. It can be for social issues – we have a large welfare team available to help our students navigate what can often be the difficult teenage years. It is not reasonable for students to take matters into their own hands when their frustration boils over. Instead of letting situations simmer, encourage your student to reach out to the various supports at State High. Your first point of call will often be the Year Level Co-Ordinator. Please make use of the many supports we have.

We will begin the enrolment processes for 2016 year 7 in the next few weeks. Parents of students at State High may be aware that the school is enrolment managed. This is done to ensure that we can control the growth of the school and ensure that we can provide the quality programs that State High is known for. We are already being affected by what is a significant teacher shortage in Queensland and it is important that we are able to plan effectively moving forward. The school's capacity is 1600. Enrolments at my last check were 1603. The enrolment management plan lays out clear guidelines about eligibility to apply for enrolment at State High. For the benefit of parents at State High, your child is eligible if you live inside the catchment (maps are available on our website). Your child is also eligible if they have a sibling already at the school. Please be aware: if your sibling is in year 12, ensure your child is enrolled in 2015. More details about enrolment are available from the school's website and office. Keep an eye out for enrolment dates and I look forward to meeting parents and students at our Year 7 2016 Information Evening on Tuesday 26 May.

Uniform Shop opening hours

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

The Uniform Shop has great specials on the older style fleecy jumper, going out for only \$15.00!!!

Sizes available are 4,6,8,10,16,18 and 22. Be quick and dont miss out on this great saving.

Student Absentee Line 4976 6158



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Chappy Chat!

Quick News

Potters Place Parking

The Parking area within the Potter Place is privately owned land and therefore parents should not be parking in there. The Potters Place are currently in discussion with Main Roads, Gladstone Regional Council and the Police regarding this issue.

QLD Origin Jersey

The Senior Student Council has started the Signed Qld jersey raffle. Tickets are \$2 available from the Library, Year Co staffroom or all student leaders. The Jersey is on display in the library. Drawn 17th June. Proceeds go to the SSC

Messages for Students

If you require a message to be delivered to your child during the school day, it is necessary to let the office know before the end of 2nd break which is 1.55pm. We understand that there will be times when it is unavoidable to do this due to emergencies etc, so we will endeavour to get the message to your child.

Being on time - Students

If you are going to be late for a class you should be able to produce a note explaining why. If you have NO NOTE there are consequences:

- Less than 5 minutes late (3rd time is a detention with your teacher)

- More than 5 minutes late is an automatic detention with your teacher

- More than 20 minutes late will be treated as a truancy and referred to your Year Coordinator (after-school detention).

Be on time to ensure lessons commence

Well, I'm excited! This week was School Chaplaincy Week. In our Gladstone Region we have 9 chaplains serving 12 schools and we are financially supported by the generosity of our Gladstone Community. It's great that our community values supporting youth and donates so generously to allow School Chaplaincy to provide a listening ear, a caring presence, mentoring where required and helping students find a better way to deal with issues to name but a few.

The theme for Chaplaincy Week at GSHS is "Pay it forward": doing a kind act for another and ask them to do the same for someone else.

We also invited Marc Erbsleben to speak on A Purpose Filled Life (having goals and goal setting) and Resiliency. So far I've surveyed a random selection of 42 students across all year levels and have been stunned that they've gained so many insights. Many of the students I surveyed have applied something from what they heard and have recognised the wisdom in doing so.

Some of the comments included:

- * "It was really relevant, he wasn't just blabbering on."
- * "I got the bit about making good choices, I will think more next time."
- * "I liked the bit about goals: start off small and just do little steps till you get where you want to get."
- * "The information on bullying helped. I used to get bullied a lot. After I heard what he had to say, I feel much better about myself today."
- * "I'm going to think a bit more about who I let influence me."
- * "It made me think. It was interesting. It made me want to focus more. I was paying more attention today definitely."
- * "It's something that I will remember. It motivated me a lot."
- * "It made me be more thankful with what I have."
- * "I've been bullied a lot and now I know there's lots of other forms of bullying. But now I know there's many ways you can pull through: like, believe in myself; make good choices for friends and don't act like an idiot."
- * "I realised it was important to be more confident about myself and so today I have been. It's made a difference to my day already."
- * "Everyone deserves to know this stuff 'cause everyone gets bullied."
- * "Good education for everyone."
- * "I need to help others more: be selfless rather than selfish."
- * "Motivate yourself even if you're not wanting to - just get going."
- * "I need to take every opportunity more."

I had not been expecting such a positive response and am so heartened by what I heard. Self-reflection is a life-long skill and our students need to be congratulated for taking positive ideas on board.

Have a fabulous week

Yvonne



Year 8 Fruit Cake Mining

Career Corner

TASTE Program

The Agricultural Skills & Technology Experience (TASTE) is a program for high school students aged 15 and over held at the Emerald Agricultural College, Longreach Pastoral College and Dalby Training Centre during certain school holidays. The four day program is designed to help young people explore the many career options available in rural industry. Any students interested can see Mrs Christophoulos in K Block.

APPLY NOW - Indigenous Scholarship

Receiving a scholarship at Bond University not only helps fund your studies, it opens the door to a network of support on campus and provides you with opportunities to get involved in the Bond community, develop industry contacts and gain access to work. Scholarship applications are open online from April 1 to July 31. To find out more about Bond University's Scholarship Program and to apply online, visit bond.edu.au/scholarships or email scholarships@bond.edu.au.

Congratulations Gracie!

The Technical College would like to congratulate Gracie W Yr 12 student from the Technical College on receiving an opportunity of completing Certificate III in Retail/ Supervision with Prouds The Jewellers in the Kin Kora Centre. Well done Gracie!!!



This term the year 8 students are studying geology and the impacts of mining on our local community and environment. The students have studied the different types of mining that companies use all over Australia. In the laboratory this week the students put their knowledge into practice and became miners, applying their skills to a 'Fruit Cake' Mine. The students had to extract the fruit from the mine using several mining techniques. The classes had to deal with the harsh reality of the law with Environmental Protection officers visiting their mines, breaching and fining them for code breaches. Students also found that rehabilitating their mines was not as easy as it appeared with many of the 'miners' accruing more fines.



Dates to Remember

1st-6th June 2015 - Year 10 Work Experience

25th-29th May 2015 - North West Trip 2

17th-23rd June 2015 - EXAM BLOCK

27th June - 12th July 2015 - School Holidays

13th July 2015 - School resumes



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT PROCESS EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE LIMIT OF \$10

GSHS Under 15 Sharks Rugby League Team

GRAND FINAL VICTORY

The Under 15 Rugby League team (Team 8) competed against Tannum Sands in the Brisbane Broncos 9-a-side rugby league Grand Final on Wednesday night. Gladstone High, captained by Blaike B, recorded a 16 – 4 victory over Tannum Sands to win the competition. The boys competed extremely well and upheld the school's values and they should be very proud of their grand final win. All players showed that they have true talent and ability and we wish them all the success in their future rugby league endeavours and it would be great to see them playing in the open school boys competition next year.

Michael Hancock from the Brisbane Broncos was in attendance and awarded Jack T man of the match. Jack played a superb game in both attack and defence.

As a team, we would like to thank the organisers of this competition, the Brisbane Broncos, the parents, and the supporters.

Congratulations to all players.

Tries: Jack T, Bailey S, Braden S, Tremayne H



Student Absence Notification

Student Name:

Care Group:

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Student Absent from School:

Parents are required to authorise all student absences.

This can be done by 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



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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