Talking ‘bout Talent

Calling out to all ‘Staters’. We are looking for unique and entertaining students, performers and artists to enter our Talent Showcase. This event involves all forms of performance and art, including; Drama, Music, Dance, Film, Art and wacky talents.

Students are asked to audition throughout weeks 4 – 6, at which time we will be holding auditions both first and second breaks in R3. Interested students are to sign up on the nomination sheet outside the Arts Staffroom, and then attend the audition in the time you have nominated for.

After auditions, students will be informed as to whether they have been successful or not. Successful students will then have time to prepare and polish their talents in preparation for the showcase event. The actual Showcase will be presented in the school hall, week 10 Wednesday night.

We can’t wait to experience the variety and brilliance of your talents.

Gladstone State High School students – Get involved! See you at auditions.

The Cultural Team 2014

Quick News

The SWPBS mission this week is to “GSHS Tag it”… when you complete a good deed for one of your TEACHERS.

Students are asked to “GSHS Tag it” this week by emailing the details of a good deed they have carried out for one of their teachers to our SWPBS team.

The good deed might be something like offering to erase the board, carrying some heavy items to a class for them, thanking them at the end for the lesson, opening doors for them or just simply asking how their day is going and taking an interest.

We want you to email details of this good deed to the SWPBS team via SWPBS@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au.

P&C meeting

The GSHS P&C May monthly meeting will take place on the 26th May in the GSHS Administration Building, Dawson Highway starting at 7pm.

We welcome new and existing families to come along, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our P&C meeting dates for 2014 are as follows-

26th May
23rd June
28th July
25th August
20th October
24th November
**Quick News**

**SIGNING OUT EARLY:**
Parents are asked, where possible to avoid making appointments for your student during school hours. However, if this occurs it is the student’s responsibility to catch up on work that is missed.

Parents are reminded that if you are signing your student out it must be done through the office. If you meet your student at the gate, then our records will show the student as truanting.

**STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE:**
It is asked that all students make reasonable efforts to be in their Care Class on time. Students arriving late are expected to have a note of explanation from their parent / care giver or parents / caregiver to escort the student into the school.

Parents are reminded that all late students even if they are only 5 minutes late are to be signed in by the office.

**WHOLE SCHOOL DANCE:**
Yes, you heard correctly for the first time in 10 years the Senior Leaders are holding a whole school dance. This means everyone from Year 8 - 12!!!

Brisbane DJ “Minor Detail” will be playing. He has played at Beach Parties at schoolies on the Gold Coast and also throughout Brisbane. Definitely going to be a “sick” night. So mark in your planners on the 27th May “Whole School Dance! 6pm - 9:30pm”

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**2015 Year 7-8 Information Evening**

**GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Thursday 29 May 2014**

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**“SWPBS Tag it”**

Last week students were given the following mission:

“Your SWPBS mission this week is to “GSHS Tag it”... when you complete a good deed for one of your peers.

Students are asked to “GSHS Tag it” this week by emailing the details of a good deed they have carried out for one of their peers to our SWPBS team. The good deed might be showing a new student how to get to their next class, or helping a friend to understand something they haven’t understood in maths, or it could be including someone new in their friendship group at break time.

We want you to email details of this good deed to the SWPBS team via SWPBS@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au.

**Here is a sample of some tags:**

- I started off my morning by showing a new student where to go for his first class.
- I helped the school chaplain take some tuckshop to the TAG IT speaker.
- I shared my lunch with my friend who had forgotten their's.
- I held a door open for a student on crutches.
- I helped a grade 8 student find their classroom.
- I explained to a new student in class what the assessment was.
- I helped my friend pack up her school equipment.
- I attended the school lunch activities on Tuesday and made some new students feel welcome.
- I brought a student who was sick to the sick bay.
HONESTY
• Be truthful and sincere
• Be trustworthy
• Admit your mistakes
• Learn by your mistakes
• Seek truth, good and right

VALUES
To empower students to reach their full potential through quality learning experiences in a supportive and challenging school environment.

GSHS CORE VALUES

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

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• Be truthful and sincere
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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.

Student Absence Notification

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

Date:            /           /
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Parent’s Signature: ____________________________

School Wide Positive Behaviour

This week’s focus is to develop an understanding of a logical sequence to follow to compile a meaningful report and to raise their awareness of the importance of communicating with clarity and precision. The following two “habits of minds” will assist:

Questioning and Posing Problems

• Being able to ask the right questions to fill in the gaps of what you don’t know.
• Asking questions that begin with “what if”, “why do”, “how”?
• Being able to recognise the reasons behind why and how questions are asked.
• Ask yourself the following questions:
  o How does my understanding improve when I ask questions?
  o What things can I do to feel confident to ask more questions?
  o Who has impressed me with his/her thoughtful questions and why?

Communicating with Clarity and Precision

Being able to communicate your thoughts in accurate and clear language, both written and verbal.

Being able to explain, compare and give evidence using correct names and labels; thinking clearly.

Avoid vague and generalising language such as “you know”, “it’s weird”, “everyone says”, “stuff like”.

Ask yourself the following questions:
• When have I expressed myself clearly and to the point and how?
• What things can I do to think clearer and communicate more clearly?
• Who has impressed me with his/her clear explanations and why?