Words from the Principal

A quick look at our Facebook page lets us know just how many opportunities are available to the students at State High.

Congratulations to our Volleyball girls who recently participated in the Down Under Cup against other teams from Queensland, Australia and the USA. Gladstone SHS’s team was narrowly defeated in the final by the Californians. It was a gruelling and marathon game. The girls showed incredible skill and tenacity, impressing their opponents and others at the tournament. Congratulations to our team and to Mr Brian Van Der Weide, Mrs Deirdre Burrell and Mr Adrian Webb who attended the competition with our team. This tournament is a great example of the work done in the Volleyball School of Excellence.

Seussical the Musical is on its way! Come and see the talented students of State High perform next weekend. There is an incredible amount of work and energy from a team of people that go into this production which is a highlight of the year for many of our students. I am looking forward to having the chance to see our kids shine on stage. Some of these students may think about signing up for the Combined Schools’ Musical – The Addam’s Family. We were also very proud to see our students at the Creative Generation performance in Brisbane this past weekend. Thank you to Ms Peta Pitt and her hard working Arts Department.

Following on from our NAIDOC celebration last week, State High had the launch of Artie. This is a great program that promotes engagement and outcomes for our Indigenous students.

COMING UP

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 27 July. This is an opportunity for you to meet with our teachers and discuss progress and any concerns you may have. There were some very positive outcomes from our first reporting period of 2015. I have sent letters home to a number of our year 7 and 8 students to congratulate them on outstanding academic achievement, behaviour and effort. It is important to acknowledge the hard work that these young people have done while they make their transition to High School. Well done year 7 and 8 on your first High School report.

Year 12 students should make sure they keep their eye on the main objective – no not Prom - QCE and OP pathways. Attendance is critical to success. Simply put, we can’t teach them if they aren’t here. Imagine how successful the training program for a Volleyball team would be if players missed one in five practices. AT 80% attendance, that’s what students are doing to themselves. In order to keep our parents in the loop, there will be a QTAC Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 28 July. This session will look at University Applications and Admissions. It will start at 5pm in the lecture Theatre.
Quick News

QTAC Parent Information Evening
TUESDAY 28th JULY
5.00 – 6.00PM
School Lecture Theatre
RE University Applications and Admissions

Botanic to Bridge
Botanic to Bridge is on again on 16th August 2015. Every year Gladstone State High is well represented by both students and families and are now seeking even more participants for this year’s event. All student nomination fees and portions of all other registrations from the GSHS community are donated back to the school for funding sport and recreation equipment and initiatives. For more information on registering please visit our school website or http://www.botanicobridge.com.au/register

Congratulations Liam!
The Technical College would like to congratulate Liam on his School Base Apprenticeship in Cert III Engineering Mechanical Trade - Diesel with McCoskers Contracting. Liam came to the Technical College after completing his Cert I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations at EQIP Doorways 2 Civil Construction. Liam also received the Ambassador Award in 2014 for EQIP Doorways to Civil Construction. Well done Liam!!

This term we begin two Year 7 boys’ STRENGTH groups thanks to Jarek Reah, who will facilitate. Our school based police officer, Andrew Carey, and Josh Hicks from the Baptist Church are also supporting. STRENGTH promotes significance, resilience and courage. Significance is about understanding uniqueness, and embracing who they are whilst realizing the potential within. Resilience explores respect, emotions, decision-making and problem-solving through discussions and practical activities. Courage explores personal hopes, dreams and attitudes towards relationships and risk-taking behaviours. Goal setting forms part of the discussions and activities which highlight the need for courage. I’m really excited that this opportunity has come to fruition this term at GSHS and Thursday’s first session was a sensational success for both groups!

Have a fabulous week!

What’s been happening? On the 18th July our Tour de Chaplain participants rode from Many Peaks to Yarwun Recreational Park on a perfect day!

Crisp Boyne morning First rider arrives! Great Community Support!

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Highest Individual Fundraiser: Rod Muston

Congratulations!

Highest Team Fundraiser: Port City Power

Thank you to Austin, Nick and Jonathon from GSHS who participated and completed the 100 kms!

A HUGE thank you to the churches and community for supporting this event so generously.

Congratulations to the Individual and Team Fundraising Winners!

Education Queensland and Industry Partnership (EQIP) Gladstone offers six successful programs that have been created through partnership with Education Queensland’s local businesses and industry employers. EQIP enables the schools’ programs and industry to work cohesively to produce work ready students through combining schooling with industry qualifications and experiences.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALL 2016 PROGRAMS ARE NOW OPEN AND CLOSING ON 4 SEPTEMBER, 2015

Expression of interest forms can be downloaded at eqipgladstone.com.au or can be collected from Gladstone Technical College 4 Bell Street, Gladstone.
Career Corner

Gladstone Ports Corp

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (GPC) owns and operates the Port of Gladstone, the Port of Rockhampton and the Port of Bundaberg. GPC is committed to providing outstanding employment outcomes for apprentices and trainees through our competitive working arrangements. Our apprentices and trainees undertake a structured learning program that includes a variety of training initiatives to enhance their skills and knowledge, improving both their futures and ours.

GPC is offering the following apprenticeships and traineeship commencing January 2016.

Apprenticeships
» Diesel Fitter
» Mechanical Fitter
» Electrical Fitter Mechanic
» Plumber
» Horticulture (Parks & Gardens)

Traineeship
» Computer Aided Drafter

Minimum requirements apply to individual roles. These can be found separately on application forms.

Applications close 9.00am Monday 27 July 2015 and can be submitted online via our website www.gpcl.com.au

We are an equal employment employer and value a diverse and inclusive workforce.

Rise of the Eco Warriors

On Wednesday 22nd July local Gladstone girl Kodi Twiner came and spoke on Year 10 Parade about ‘Rise of the Eco Warrior’ and her work in Borneo protecting the rainforest, orangutans and local communities from Palm Oil Plantations..

Kodi Twiner is a 23 year old force to be reckoned with. She is outrageously passionate about the environment and protecting the wild places of the world.

"From the moment I discovered this project, I knew I was meant to go. I was focussed on nothing else from that moment. Borneo was this raw, challenging, transformative experience that tore down so many perceptions I had about the world." Despite growing up in a highly industrialised town in Queensland, Kodi believes in people power and the monumental structural change that can occur once an idea infects the collective human consciousness.

"All throughout history, humans have created change that was once thought impossible. I've had enough of the doomsday approach. Never before have we been in an age of such opportunity, with access to endless information at our fingertips. People are mobilising and organising. The revolution is all around you. Your choices matter, you matter. Get involved and go where the fight takes you!"

‘Rise of the Eco Warrior’ is a documentary about a group of passionate and adventurous young people who leave their known worlds behind to spend 100 days in the jungles of Borneo. Their mission is to confront one of the great global challenges of our time, saving rainforests and giving hope to endangered orangutans. Their task is enormous and the odds are against them.

Jojo, an orphaned baby orangutan, is entrusted in their care and they must find a way to return her to her forest home. To do this, they need to build an orangutan rehabilitation centre and work with the local communities to protect their forest. They start a reforestation nursery and create a musical education show for local schools. Under the guidance of their mentor Dr Willie Smits, they introduce an innovative satellite monitoring system called Earthwatchers and enlist the help of school students around the world. The system is put to the test when the bulldozers move in and threaten the future of a nearby community living in a traditional longhouse.

This is a story about what it takes it be an eco-warrior, an individual willing to step up and take action to avert a global catastrophe taking place before our eyes. The eco-warriors represent a new generation, ready to face what is happening on our planet and willing to do something, no matter how small, to build a more humane and balanced world. For them, every individual matters, every action counts.
Career Corner

KFC Gladstone
KFC Gladstone Restaurant is re-opening their new Restaurant soon and are looking for Part-Time and Casual positions for individuals aged 14 – 17 years (Junior Wages Rates apply) to work day, night, weekend and public holiday shifts. After successful employment, KFC can also offer individuals the opportunity to participate in School Based or Work Based Traineeships, completing a CIII in Business. Interested students can apply online at www.kfcqld.com.au

Apprenticeship Intake 2016
The major industries in Gladstone have commencing advertising for Apprenticeship intake for 2016. The industries include NRG, GPC, QAL, Ergon Energy. Most of the industries will be advertising in The Gladstone Observer this coming Saturday (18/7/15). Students interested can see Mrs Christophoulos in K Block for further information.

Junior Secondary News

Our wellbeing focus for Year 7, 8 and 9 students this week is self-confidence and self-esteem. For young people to successfully negotiate the challenges of adolescence and schooling they require a healthy positive sense of self-esteem and self-confidence. Cultivating resilient habits and growth mindsets in our students is something that we need to focus on in our every action and every word every day to ensure they develop a belief in their self-worth and value as a person.

We need to encourage conversations and activities at home, at school and in the community about understanding the importance of feeling good about themselves and then more importantly doing good things as a consequence. This will enable them to develop as young citizens with spirit and confidence. Role modelling and using positive psychology in all our teaching and interactions with students is a sound platform for them to consistently approach everything they do positively.

While it is perfectly natural for them to experience self-doubt, we need to assist our young people in managing these thoughts. Being vigilant and always on the lookout for warning signals that their self-esteem is declining and then acting to remedy it, will keep their wellbeing in an upward direction. Some alarm bells include:

- a reluctance to try new things
- adopting a “victim” mentality of blaming others for their performance
- losing their assertiveness, presence and ‘shine’
- feeling that their best isn’t good enough
- being obsessed with unimportant and irrelevant things
- becoming temperamental and thinking inconsistently
- not enjoying the challenge of striving to continually make their best better
- preferring to be alone more than usual and on social networking excessively.

As soon as we begin to notice any of the above, we need to act immediately to assist and coach them to address the causes of their loss of self-esteem and self-confidence. It’s all about helping them to not only “do the right thing” but also “do the thing right”.

We are continuing our writing program in Junior Secondary and last week, over 200 junior students were treated to a live presentation by the talented and hilarious author, Andy Griffiths. The students were fantastic ambassadors for State High when we walked to and from the Entertainment Centre for the performance. The response by the audience is a great indicator that reading and writing is alive and well in the lives of our students. Andy’s presentation not only included lots of laughs but he managed to weave in how to take an idea and develop it into a wonderful tale. It was an ideal mix of entertainment and teaching students how to write stories. Thank you to parents for supporting this excursion and also to our staff for organising it, especially our Teacher Librarian, Ms Sheryl Hipathite, for putting all the contingencies in place to ensure that our students moved safely to and from the venue.

There are many wonderful things happening this term and I look forward to sharing some of them with you in upcoming newsletters.

Lisa Donohue
Head of School JNR
Senior Transition Evening
All Yr 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to attend this important information night.
WHAT: Senior Transition Displays – 4.00 - 6:00pm
Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Presentation – 6:15pm
WHO: Current 10, 11 and 12 Students and their parents only
WHERE: Gladstone State High School – School Hall
WHEN: Tuesday 11 August 2015

School Departmental Displays, University Information (CQU, QUT, UQ, Griffith, USC) and local companies (NRG, GPC, QAL, Rio Tinto, Stockland, McDonalds, MRAEL, Busy at Work, EQIP, Centrelink, Medicare, GAGAL, Gladstone Regional Council) will be available for students and parents to talk to about future pathways.

Online Media Industry
Seeking Yr 11 / 12 student with an interest in the online media industry.
GladstoneLife.com is a leading local 'lifestyle' website promoting community events and things to do in the region. Our rapid growth of late means we can't keep up with the demand and therefore we are seeking a volunteer to assist us in delivering this awesome community resource.
The position involves Coordinating our e-Newsletter: Collate and organise information drawn from the Gladstone Life website and Facebook in to a weekly e-newsletter to be distributed to our subscribers. This will require basic design and layout, and writing small paragraphs and linking sentences. We use a popular newsletter software program which is easy to learn. Expected weekly timeframe: 1-3 hours.
We will teach the successful student all the necessary online skills and provide support, guidance and supervision.
We will set clear task instructions and schedules. Work can also be prepared in advance so not to impact during busy exam/assignment times.
Applicants must:
• Have high skills in grammar, punctuation, spelling and writing skills.
• Be confident with technology
• Be able to work independently
• Be confident to ask for help when required
• Have access to a computer, internet connection and email.

This is an awesome opportunity:
1. To help work on a valuable and high quality information website for the benefit of our community
2. To seek real ‘hands on’ work experience. Fantastic for your future career and resume.

This is a voluntary position, no monetary payments will be provided.

Are you interested? Call Lynette 0407 165 823 prior to 31st July
Dates to Remember

25th/26th July - Relay for Life
31st July 2015 - School Performance Seussical
31st July and 1st August - Seussical Public Performance Entertainment Centre
31st July - Year 7 2016 Enrolments due back
5th August 2015 - Gladstone Show Holiday
16th August - Botanic to Bridge
7th-11th September - EXAM BLOCK

SCHOOL PAYMENTS - BPOINT - NEW PROCESS AVAILABLE PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION ATTACHED AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER - PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT PROCESS EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE LIMIT OF $10

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

The annual School Opinion Survey is now open

All families are invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home Friday 26 June—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. The survey will remain open until 31 July 2015. If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Karen on telephone 07 4976 6130 or email kcloh2@eq.edu.au.

2015 Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2014. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students.

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 an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part.

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

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Don’t delay,
Get in today.
Your tickets for our musical,
Entitled SEUSSICAL!

Purchase tickets on line from the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre or get your tickets from the Box Office.

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