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The Scene Project

Students have been working with the Qld Theatre Company on The Scene Project. We have a play written just for the project called Riley Valentine and the Occupation of Fort Svalbard, about a kid whose parents are going through a divorce and hears that the end of the world has been predicted by a local prophet. Gladstone State High School will use the script as a base to perform a 15 minute scene. Last week we worked with director, Travis Dowling, to help make our scene come to life. We will perform in October in Rockhampton at the Pilbeam Theatre and Miss Strudwick is also organising a viewing in Gladstone for the participating Gladstone school. Stay tuned.



Uniform Shop

NORMAL HOURS

MONDAY 8:15-11:15

WEDNESDAY 11:00 - 2:00

FRIDAY 8:15-11:15

Phone Chris on:
(07) 4976 6193

**UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED
WEDNESDAY THE 31ST
AUGUST 2016**

ABSENTEE TEXT MESSAGE
NUMBER HAS NOW CHANGED
TO 0400244477

PLEASE BE AWARE **NO GLASS
WATER BOTTLES** AT SCHOOL
DUE TO SAFETY REASONS

GSHS Students Homework Centre

Every Wednesday
3:15pm - 4:30pm
Contact: Mrs Margie Keefe
4976 6174

Welcome to Gladstone State High School

Gladstone State High School is a dynamic, progressive and internationally accredited school which meets the needs of 21st century learners. Our school focuses on the development of positive relationships with students and the community, diverse and individual pathways for students, quality responsive teaching, improved learning and innovation. We have a strong focus on school improvement and the creation of quality pathways for all.

Our Vision:

Clever, skilled and creative students making healthy choices.

Our Purpose:

To provide students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to maximise their potential enabling them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Values:

We value and build on our strong traditions of excellence, resilience and inclusiveness in a productive learning and teaching environment, where we are respectful, safe, responsible and engaged

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Long Tan 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of the battle of 'Long Tan' was commemorated on the 18th August and the Resource Centre is honoured to have on display the memorabilia of Mr Trevor Davis, Gladstone SHS staff member and Vietnam Veteran. When Mr Davis was 21 years old, he was drafted into the army two weeks before he was married. Then two weeks prior to his deployment to Vietnam his son was born. While serving in Vietnam he did patrols as a gunner and was stationed at Headquarter Battery 12 Field Regiment with the Royal Australian Artillery.

The library display consists of: Australian dress uniform, slouch hat, Australian Military Forces pocket book, zippo lighters, lapels, personal identification tags (dog tags), handbook on Equipment and Ammunition, water bottle, key ring, pamphlet – Guide to Selected Viet Con equipment and explosive devices, button, booklet of Military Uniforms of Seven Allies and various other items. These items are held in a glass cabinet for easy perusal by students and staff. Also displayed are conference notes of daily notices and a photo of Mr. Trevor Davis as a young soldier.

Students and staff have been perusing this display daily. Mr Trevor Davis was able to answer questions from students who were keen to know more regarding the displayed items and his time serving in Vietnam.

Once leaving the Australian Army and after his remaining National Service in Australia, Mr Trevor Davis continued his trade as a carpenter and is now working at Gladstone and Toolooa State High Schools as a Teacher Aide in Manual Arts.



Chappies Chat

Quick News

BYOX laptop setup

Reminder to any students that are part of the BYOX program that have not yet been connected to the school internet to see the IT technicians in F block during either break or before school to have this work completed.



BYOD
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Tonka Magazine

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NOW

Year 12 Eligibility

The current Eligibility status of the Year 12 students is published outside the Year Co-ordinator staffroom. If students have not met this criteria they were able to submit a written letter of appeal to the Principal for consideration. This letter had to be received by Friday 19th August in order to be considered eligible for the Year 12 Prom. Students must then remain eligible until officially being invited in Term 4. This date has been set for appeals to be received to allow for a review time and for organisation of the event. Any questions regarding this process can be directed to the Yr 12 Co-ordinator Mr Tristan Nietfeld on 49 766 179.



Chappies' Chat



On the weekend, several school chappies formed the first aid team for the Botanic to Bridge. CQ First Aid generously trains us, supplies us with first aid bum bags and then financially donates to School Chaplaincy. I LOVE how our community recognises the need to be involved with and encourage our youth. My understanding is that there were a record number of walkers/runners and the sense of community bubbled over amongst the participants. Weather-wise it was a magnificent day!



Many school Chaplains will be supporting The Salvation Army in their bargain shop on Saturday September 3. Again, this is about community support. The Salvation Army supports many initiatives directly aimed at mentoring youth.

In Term 4, School Chaplaincy will have a Bunnings BBQ to help raise funds to continue funding Chaplains in our Gladstone Region.

We congratulate Naomi who was recently appointed as the new Chaplain for Boyne Island State School. Naomi will bring much energy and enthusiasm to her new position.

At this time of the term, Drumbeat groups are leading up to their performance. Participants are encouraged to invite someone that is important to them to come and enjoy the "fruits of their labour". It's interesting how much angst this can cause! But hopefully, each participant will have someone they value applauding them and the encouragement and affirmation it gives brings such joy and celebration to what they have learnt and achieved. Whilst a couple of this term's groups have been very challenging, I have to highly commend many of the participants on being prepared to remain engaged. This is no mean feat for teenagers! In reality, (even for adults) when it's all hard work it's not always fun and definitely not always easy. When the going gets tough, it's hard to stick it out. Running away would be the easiest route. However, learning to persevere, even when it's difficult grows our resiliency (essential life skills!)

From Jarek: This term has been an extremely busy one! I have been running three boys groups with a group of teachers and our School Based Police Officer! The boys have been doing really well with the activities that have been focusing on Team work and Personal Strength and resilience. Some of the activities have been Physical (which boys are great at!) but also some of the activities have been mentally challenging, which boys can often struggle with and give up especially if the task is a bit of a challenge! But the boys have risen to the challenge and completed every task that has been put before them.

I'm looking forward to seeing how the groups perform over the last few weeks of Term and finding out what the boys have learned.

Hoping each of you has a great week,

Yvonne and Jarek (ykamh2@eq.edu.au) (jreah0@eq.edu.au) (Ph 49766162)

Junior Secondary News

Quick News

Junior Indigenous Engineering Camp

Any students who wish to go on this camp please see Mrs Keefe in E Block staff room.



All Rounder Award

The All Rounder Award recognises efforts in Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Service Achievements.

To be considered for this award you need to come to D block to collect nomination forms and have them submitted to your year level coordinator by Friday 2nd September.

To complete the form all you have to do is list the activities you have been involved in this year and have the organising teacher sign to verify your involvement.

Sporting Awards

All students please check the list outside the PE Staffroom and Office to make sure you are getting credit for your sporting achievements this year. Whether it be interschool, Port Curtis, Capricornia or State level achievements in and out of school time. If you are not on the list, or something has been left off please see Mrs Marrable (in the PE Staffroom) with a note from your teacher/coach so I have proof you have represented the school/district in your chosen sport. Students have until the end of August to sort this out. In

September sporting awards will be short-listed and put on display outside the office.

Over the course of Term 3, the Year 9 Junior Student Council have been involved in promoting wellbeing in Year 7 classrooms. In these wellbeing classes, the Year 7 students have learned to understand their own feelings as well of the feelings as others. The Year 7 students have been able to identify strategies to control strong emotions, such as anger or distress. They have also been made aware of what they do and say can affect other people in a positive or negative way. Students are also being taught how to build resilience after setbacks that they may face in personal or schooling life.

The Year 7 students are also taught about the concept of kindness. In this program, students learn about the importance of being kind and how to be kind toward their peers. Kindness, like any other subject taught at school, takes time and practice to master. To help facilitate this, students in the Year 9 Junior Student Council have been working in Year 7 classrooms to help provide the Year 7 students a solid foundation to become strong, respectful and compassionate students.

Last week the Year 9 Junior Student Council worked with the Year 7's to brainstorm, describe and record the characteristics of someone who is kind to others. The Year 9's also worked with the Year 7's to develop a role play on how to respond with kindness in a positive way toward a difficult situation.

The Year 9 students worked extremely well with the Year 7 students during these lessons and had a very positive presence in the classroom. Both the Year 7 students and Year 9 student leaders have thoroughly enjoyed engaging and participating in these lessons.



Dates to Remember

Volunteering New Auckland Place
23rd August

QCS Testing
30th August - 31st August

Exam block years 11 and 12
5th September - 9th September

HPV Competition
9th September - 11th September

Year 7 Camp
12th September - 16th September

School Holidays
17th September - 2nd October

Awards Night
25th October

Senior Awards day
2nd November - 9:30am start

Junior Awards day
TBA

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
3rd October

Pupil Free Day
17th October

SCHOOL PAYMENTS
BPOINT - AVAILABLE FOR PAYING INVOICES. PLEASE SEE BOTTOM OF INVOICES FROM NOW ON OR YOU CAN REQUEST A COPY OF YOUR INVOICE BY EMAILING accounts@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

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

Road Safety Week

This week is road Safety Week 22nd – 28th of August. “Speaking up for road safety” is the focus and people are encouraged to talk about it and encourage each other to be safe on the roads.

Each day of the week there is an emphasis on road safety topics. These are driver distraction, speeding, drinking driving, driving tired and seatbelts and restraints.

Parents are encouraged to speak to their kids regarding their road safety and how they can improve it. Some students walk, ride and even drive to school. I'd like people to consider how they “share” the roadway. The night owl centre traffic lights continue to be a source of concern from members of the community as students aren't crossing the road safely. If your child uses these lights to cross the road, encourage them to do it safely and wait their turn.

Also, some people may have noticed the reduced speed limit on Dawson Road outside the front of the school grounds. The section of road is lit up with a flashing 40km/h speed limit sign. Please adhere to this limit as it is regularly patrolled by Gladstone Police.

Stay safe on the roads.

For more information check out - <https://jointthedrive.qld.gov.au/>

WESTS

where swimming is fun!

SIGN ON DAY

SUN 28 AUG

11 – 3 pm

John Dahl Pool

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



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