**Chappy Chat!**

Jarek is away at Schoolies this week as a support person with Red Frogs. It will be fun as I step in to the boys' groups this week on Jarek's behalf. I'm sure I'll have a story or two to tell next week!

In the next couple of weeks the Shine Girls will prepare a meal, enjoy make-up lessons, discuss the importance of good health and nutrition and create a healthy luncheon and then celebrate in the last week with a final dinner. The Zonta ladies have already spent a lesson with our Shine girls and will be back to encourage and support with a double lesson of cooking and positive mentoring. As I said in a recent newsletter: "We are so fortunate to have such a generous community in Gladstone".

A group of Year 9 girls has had both a fun and challenging semester full of a wide variety of activities such as "Team Up", Vital, Community Art work and further team activities. Miss Randazzo is to be congratulated for her tireless, positive encouragement and the girls have benefited by growing in such values as commitment, trust, persistence and "getting amongst it". I've really enjoyed being part of this programme.

Our Year 8 girls' group will meet for another two lessons. Last week we discussed topics such as how they feel when other people in the group do better than they do; what do they think about sharing items with others; are they able to say something if they feel it's important; do they try and see the other person's point of view if they disagree with someone and are they able to talk to a trusted person about how they feel. Our highly animated lesson brought lots of laughter and sharing and the possibility for new friendships has certainly been experienced. It was a great way to end the week!

At the Year 12 Church Service, I said that I thought 2015 has been more like a sprint than a marathon. Christmas will be upon us very soon. In the meantime, when life's "flames" test us in the run up to this busy season, may those who observe our choices and behaviours recognise our love and compassion for each other by our self-control and ability to maintain a good attitude in all situations.

"The right temperature in a home is maintained by warm hearts, not by hot heads" (Barbara Johnson)

Happy days,

Chappy Yvonne

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**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

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**Student Absentee Line**

4976 6158

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**Yvonne Kamholtz and Jarek Reah**

School Chaplains of Gladstone State High School

(07) 4976 6162
Quick News

Enrolments 2016
We are currently looking at numbers and forming classes and lines for 2016 so it is imperative that families in our catchment area enrol their children as soon as possible.

Gladstone State High School is enrolment managed. Only families living within our enrolment catchment are eligible to enrol. Please see the Catchment Map at http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/. If you are unsure or need assistance with this please contact the school office on 4976 6111.

We are asking families who have not already enrolled their child for 2016 to please come into the office to enrol as soon as possible. IMPORTANT: Please bring with you proof of residence; this can include Electricity Invoice, current Council Rates Notice or a lease agreement. If you do not have any of these items please contact the school for further advice.

Upon receiving your completed enrolment form you will be contacted to arrange an enrolment interview. Interviews take approximately 15 minutes.

Should you have any queries in relation to enrolling at Gladstone State High School please feel free to contact the school.

Farewell Seniors of 2015

It is with sadness that we farewell another cohort of our students. The past week has been a fitting way to celebrate the end of 12 years of schooling, with family and friends. For those who were fortunate to join us at one of our Graduation Week activities we were able to reflect and recall on some of the more memorable moments in their high school journey. Personally I would like to thank all of the Seniors of 2015 for an unforgettable and enjoyable past 4 years. I would like to thank parents and family for their support over the years also ensuring each student was well cared for. On behalf of the staff here we wish the Seniors of 2015 all the best in their next chapter of life. I leave you now with a part of our 2015 School Captains address which emphasises their gratitude.

- Mr Nietfeld

“ To our parents and guardians, thank you for being there for us in more ways than we could possibly count. You dragged us out of bed each morning, made sure we were fed and clothed and herded us out the door for school. You cheered us on at our sporting events and kept us focused when we tried to procrastinate. You listened to our daily teenage dramas, gave us a shoulder to cry on and helped us through even the hardest of times. These are just a few of the thousands of ways you’ve supported us on our journey.

To our teachers, thank you for so unselfishly sharing your time and knowledge with us for the past 5 years. Yes, we know it was your job to do it, but what you did for us went above and beyond. You demanded excellence from us whether or not we wanted to give it. You set the bar high and challenged us to live up to it, to reach for our stars”

Chris Ibell & Varsicka Kularadhan, School Captains 2015
Quick News
Start date 2016!
The Department has changed the start date for the 2016 school year. With the number of students at Gladstone SHS we will again have a staggered start.

Wednesday 27 January
Yr7, 8, 11, 2016 Yr10 Peer Mentors and Yr12 School Leaders (Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Executive Committee)

Thursday 28 January
Whole School


Deadly Choices Leadership camp
The Deadly Choices Pathways to Success Program are having a Youth Leadership Camp, from 10th-13th December at Chaverim for years 7,8 and 9 students.

Pre-ordered TONKAS
If you have ordered a Tonka for 2015, they are ready for collection at the office at break times.

What motivates 7I?

7I were asked to reflect on different types of motivation and write a letter to their teacher titled: “What motivates me?” Here are some examples of their letters.

Miss McKenzie

How to motivate me
Dear Teacher,

How many things that motivate me such as getting a big reward, rewarded with praise or being called a good person. What motivates me most is a big reward because I get something out of it. A big reward could be something such as money, chocolate or lollies. If there is a big challenge it doesn’t really motivate me though if there is a huge reward I will do it. Most reward I would prefer is money because I can get something I want.

Michael

How to motivate me
Dear Teacher,

There are many things that motivate me those things include prizes (rewards), projects and anything that’s positive. Prizes that motivate me include chocolate. This is because chocolate makes me work harder. Projects that motivate me include netball and swimming. This is because I enjoy these sports very much and I see my friends that I don’t see at school.

Hannah

How to motivate me
Dear Ms McKenzie,

How I am motivated is by doing fun projects like building things, making posters or painting/colouring a picture. It is more interesting when teachers make the lesson fun and exciting and playing games to help learn about things instead of just writing down some boring words which won’t stick in my head and I won’t remember. I am most likely to enjoy fun times which means I am more motivated to learn something thats fun.

Rhyanna

How to motivate me
Dear Teacher,

There are a variety of things that motivate me, but few motivate me as much as something that impresses my parents. By impress I mean like a phone call home or some form of contact to my parents to inform them of my success and good behaviour at school, yours sincerely

Joel
CQ Ice Works
We are looking for 2 truck Jockeys for the Dec/Jan School holidays. The position would include assisting our delivery drivers with their deliveries over the busy Christmas time. It would include weekend work and the successful application would need to work Christmas day and the public holidays surrounding Christmas. Please see Mrs C in K Block for more info.

Thanks from Senior Schooling
As we are approaching the end of the school year quite quickly, Mr. Hooley and Mrs Christopoulos would like to wish all Gladstone State High School students and their families a Happy Christmas and New Year break. We would like to extend our thanks to those students who have participated in the work experience programme and all other Senior Schooling activities throughout 2015. We look forward to working with students and families once again in 2016.

SOE Volleyball Trials Yr 7 2016
Trial for SOE Volleyball for 2016 year 7’s Wednesday 2nd of December 2015 at 6:30am - 8am in the hall.
### Dates to Remember

- **1st/2nd December - Yr 7 2016 Orientation Day**
- **29th November - 4th December - Year 9 Canberra Trip**
- **11th December - Last Day of Term 4 for years 7-9**
- **28th January - Boys Cricket 15 - 19 Years**
- **28th January - Boys & Girls Swimming 10 – 12 Years**

### School Calendar!

#### REMINDER TO PARENTS

If you know your child is not attending Gladstone State High School in 2016 please phone Administration on 4976 6111 or come into the office and collect an intention to leave form. Please also return any textbooks to the library or laptops if you will not be attending in 2016. If you have changed address recently please update with the office staff by doing a change of details form. This is important for when it comes time to send out our report cards.

- Tuckshop will be closed last two days of term 4 2015.

### 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

### Uniform Shop opening hours 2015/2016

The Gladstone State High School uniform is available on site through the P & C Uniform Shop. This shop is located on the ground floor of D-Block, directly in front of the main stairs leading up to the administration building. Uniform Shop contact number is (07) 4976 6193.

**Normal opening hours:**
- Monday: 8:15am to 11:15am
- Wednesday: 11:00am to 2:00pm
- Friday: 8:15am to 11:15am

**Last week of school 7th – 11th December:**
- Monday – Friday: 8:15am – 3:30pm

**Year 7 Transition days 1st and 2nd December 2015 - 8:15am to 3:30pm**

**Week before school commences:**
- Monday 18th January 2016 to Friday 22nd January 2016, between 8:15am and 3:30pm

**First week back for Term 2, 3 and 4:**
- Monday: 8:15am – 11:15am
- Tuesday: 8:15am – 11:15am
- Wednesday: 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Thursday: 8:15am – 11:15am
- Friday: 8:15am – 11:15am

### Awards Day/Night photos

**Congratulations Award Winners**

Did you know you can go on-line to view and buy your official photos?

www.stephenmills.com.au

Allow 4 working days AFTER the event IS COMPLETELY FINISHED and ALL AWARDS have been presented in the School click on “Client Login” and enter the following details...

**Login name:** gladstone

**Password:** awards15

You can view, order and pay for your images on the secure site. Allow approximately 15 working days for orders to be despatched DURING THE ORDER PERIOD. If experiencing difficulty please phone 0417198690

**NOTE:** Offer available until March 30th 2016 after which this OFFER WILL EXPIRE and prices/delivery times and postage may vary. Images may be removed from the site.

Happy viewing and Safe Holidays.

### SCHOOL PAYMENTS

**- BPOINT - NEW PROCESS AVAILABLE FOR PAYING INVOICES. PLEASE SEE BOTTOM OF INVOICES FROM NOW ON**

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

### Tuckshop closure

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