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Words from the Principal

It is Queensland Core Skills Test week next week. Arguably, this is one of the most important events in the calendar for our year 12 students – everything seems to have built to this. The most important things for our students to remember is that in this test, it is about all our students working together to boost the result for State High compared to the other schools in Queensland. I spoke to the year 12's about the effects of individual commitment to the tests and the role that each one of them plays in ensuring our school ranks as well as it can. A lot of work has gone into this moment – 13 years by the students, years, weeks and months by teachers, aides and parents. I hope that each and every one of our students gives it everything they can.

The Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) program was presented to the P&C on Monday night. I would like to congratulate Ms Karen Parker for the commitment that she has shown to the program. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts and commitment of Mr Paul Burrell. As the students who presented to the P&C identified, this program offers so much in terms of personal growth and development for the students involved. Many of our students began this program in year 8 and still remain committed until year 12. Some of the benefits that our students identified included learning about themselves and their resilience and endurance. They spoke about the sense of belonging to the program. They spoke about the friendships made and the support and encouragement not only from our own team but from teams across the state. I am reminded yet again of the value of extra curricula programs in the development of the whole student. Students who commit to programs such as this, the musical, robotics, sport, Relay for Life and so on are often happier and have found a corresponding lift in their academic performance. There are many options available both in and outside of school hours for our students. As the year 12's say, #getamongst!

Year 10 SET Plan interviews are happening now. These meetings are held with parents/caregivers and students to begin the process of mapping out a future. Staff will work with students to help them understand the various pathways – OP, non OP, Vocational and will advise students around the issue of subject selection. It is important that students engage in this process so that they can be certain that when they finish year 12 the pathway they choose to go down is available to them. The staff at State High has very specialist knowledge about subject combinations and I encourage our students to work closely with staff to ensure they make the best decisions for their future.

I was notified by Buslink this morning that due to a rise in fare evasion, students who do not have fare or a bus pass will not be able to travel on the buses as of 31 August. This effectively means that students who present to the buses in the afternoon may be refused travel. Gladstone State High School will provide supervision for these students at school until a parent can be contacted to collect their child. This will of course mean extra work for the supervising teachers and the administration staff who may have to be called upon to contact parents. Please assist us with ensuring your student has the means – fare or pass – to be able to get home in a timely manner.



**Mrs Christine Hills
Principal**



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Quick News

All Rounder Awards

Have you achieved/participated in the following areas during 2015: Academic, Cultural, Sporting and Service? If you have you may be the All Rounder for your year level for Awards Night. Please collect a nomination form from your year coordinator and complete and return by Friday 4th September.

Lunch time activities

There are a wide variety of lunch time activities for junior students to get involved in. Remember it is the fun that you get involved in at lunch times that will be the highlights of your schooling days. Get amongst it!!! All activities are at 2nd break. Mondays - Soccer at the oval, Tuesday - Dodgeball at the hall, Wednesday - Basketball at the courts, Thursdays - Lip Sync at the hall, Friday - Trivia in the library classroom. Grab some friends and enjoy a laugh and some fun!

Chappy Chat!



On Sunday night we celebrated our Chaplaincy Combined Service. One of our junior students spoke from personal experience. She shared how her family had to unexpectedly deal with a traumatic event and the role that the school chaplain played in supporting her and her family. She explained how important it was to have a door that she knew she could open, talk confidentially, and then return to class feeling empowered that she could cope and perform to her best academically. I sincerely thank our GSHS P&C, our staff and our Gladstone community for supporting School Chaplaincy. Each of you has a part in supporting and nurturing today's youth. Each of you enables the support to be there when needed.

Thank you

"My Life Rulz" Year 7 girls' group came up with some gems when I asked if our sessions had helped. Responses included:

- # "I know how other people feel now and I'm more understanding. It's helping things between Mum and me - it's much better."
- # "My brother was hurt in an accident and I read one of our quotes and I know it will work out in the end."
- # "It's helping me because I'm helping Mum a lot more! And I'm telling my friends they need to help too because it makes it much better - much happier."
- # "It's helped me because I'm a bit more patient. A friend's Mum gave some amazing feedback to my Mum about how I'm much more patient and not forcing people to do things anymore."
- # "I thought I was alone. Now I know someone is there to support me and I know someone is there to help me."

In My Life Rulz we discuss such things as choosing to have a good attitude, recognising that sadness is not forever, dealing with fear, recognising that life is sometimes not fair or good but dealing with disappointment will make me a great person and that our choices matter. Our choices have consequences and affect the people around us. My decisions decide what my life will be like. The girls have been committed and are benefiting because of their decision to participate fully.

Have a great week and find a few minutes to acknowledge the blessings in your life.

Yvonne

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Quick News

Unexplained Late Slips

If you arrive late to school you must sign in at the office. The office will give you 2 slips of paper. One slip is to give to your teacher and the other is to be signed by your parent/guardian and returned to the school (via Care Class). The consequence of not returning the signed slip will result in a PBC detention.

The yellow slip is for students who have not done this. A friendly reminder.

All late arrivals MUST be explained.

Woolworths Stickers

Don't forget we are collecting the woolworths stickers. Please either hand in at the Year Co staffroom or give to your care teacher for collection or you can place in the sticker bin in the Admin office. The more stickers we get the more resources we get for the school.



Junior Secondary News

Part of our job in Junior Secondary is to make curriculum engaging for young adolescents and to develop a love and appreciation of academic subjects so that students transition into Senior School as empowered and confident students. 7E and 7K had fun in History when they held their own Class 'Slave Auction'. They were re-enacting what they'd learnt in History about social hierarchy. Volunteer slaves were asked to write some qualities about themselves on a board that was then used to display to our bidders. Bidders used their knowledge of what slaves were used for in Roman society to place a starting value on each slave. Bidders themselves were given roman money based on their social class, with only a few holding patrician values of \$1900 down to the many who held lower class plebeian values of \$900. Students enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in togas, commenting on how uncomfortable and cumbersome they were, which helped students to understand why Romans changed to wearing tunics. The afternoon was loud, boisterous and enjoyed by all with 7F joining in when our surprise slave, Mrs Keefe, was brought bound into the room, all ready to be auctioned off at \$2000 ... our highest sale for the day!



Things were a little more civilised in Ms O'Brien's Grooming and Department elective held during Flexi class on Mondays. Workplace authorities promote that proper grooming and professional appearance are important to gain not just positive impression but also respect in the workplace. Proper grooming and professional appearance is important to both men and women. In Grooming and Department the students are learning to take care of themselves and how to present themselves in the best way. They learn hair and beauty skills as well as how to walk, talk and sit. Their graduation will be a celebration of the accumulated skills they have learnt. It is lots of fun and builds self-confidence!



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Careers 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

Port City Air Conditioning

Port City Air Conditioning is looking for a highly motivated young person to fill a Refrigeration Mechanic Apprentice position they have available. Any students interested can call Brendan (Branch Manager) on 0400 093 040.

Cockatoo Coal Recruitment

Cockatoo Coal Recruitment are looking for expressions of interest for trainee operators at Baralaba Mine. Closes Monday 31st August 2015. Please see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block for further information.

Senior Schooling

There are currently some positions available for students seeking work. Please see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block for more information.

Position Vacant

Toooloa State High School is recruiting for a Permanent Part-time Scientific Operations Officer. This position is 18 hours per week worked over 4 days and will commence the first week of term 4. Additional information has been uploaded to the school webpage www.toooloashs.eq.edu.au. Enquiries should be directed to the school Business Services Manager on 49714310.

Book Week

2015 BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES AT THE GLADSTONE SHS LIBRARY

FREE ENTRY COMPETITIONS were held each day of the week to promote this year's theme - Books light up our world. Students guessed the Principal's (Mrs Hills) favourite book. The winner Dylan B (Year 11) chose correctly with "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, explaining his choice by saying it was also his favourite book.

Students have also had a go at matching the tanks with their correct names in the current library display created by our very own Physics teacher Mr Reah. Jarrod P. (Year 10) won this competition. His knowledge was amazing to see.

Other competitions included creating a book sculpture where students received 1 book (retired) and some basic materials to create art representing the theme of books lighting up our world - Georgina D (Year 7) won this competition with a very creative entry. Students were also guessing how many books the Gladstone SHS library has and creating displays depicting this year's theme.

Students have also been involved through their participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge and ordering books through Scholastic Book Club.



Dates to Remember

1st-2nd September - QCS Test

11th September - HPV
Maryborough Event

7th-11th September -
EXAM BLOCK

14th - 18th September -
Hospitality Melbourne Trip

19th September - 4th October
- School Holidays

5th October - Public Holiday

6th October - School Resumes



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

- BPOINT - NEW PROCESS AVAILABLE FOR PAYING INVOICES. PLEASE SEE BOTTOM OF INVOICES FROM NOW ON
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- Welders
- Carpenters
- Plumbers
- Scaffolders / Riggers / Crane Operators
- Professional roles
- Administration roles

Opportunities are available for residents of Gladstone

only. To register your interests please email your resume:

UGL.indigenousapplications@ugllimited.com and write the title of position you are applying for in the subject space of the email

Student Absence Notification

Student Name:

Care Group:

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date:

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date:

Student Absent from School:

Parents are required to authorise all student absences. This can be done in 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