Students from Gladstone State High participated in this year’s First Bechtel Robotics competition. The event involved the designing, building, and programming of Matrix Robots using LEGO Mindstorms controller (NXT). It gave students an opportunity to apply the mathematics and science concepts they have learned in real life situation. It also helped in developing problem-solving and team-building skills. Adam P, Johanna M, Fabio K, Matt L and Kanu G represented our school. Students found the event very interesting and expressed the desire to participate next year. It was a day of great fun and students enjoyed every minute of it.
Quick News

Orientation Day
When
Term 4, Week 9
• Year 7 into 8 Tuesday 2.12.14 and Wednesday 3.12.14
• Year 6 into 7 Wednesday 3.12.14 and Thursday 4.12.14
Where
• Meet at the hall on your first day
What to wear
• Your school uniform
What to bring
• Hat, water bottle, writing materials and a happy disposition along with a positive attitude
Enrolment forms: Please hand in your enrolment forms prior to orientation days (if you have not already done so). This is necessary so that students can already be placed into house groups and participate in activities during orientation days.
Lunch: A sausage sizzle will be provided on one of the orientation days (year 7s on the Tuesday and the year 6s on the Thursday). On the alternative day you may either bring your own lunch or purchase from the tuckshop.
Booklists: These details and other organisational details for next year will be provided at the orientation.
Performing Arts: Information regarding the Performing Arts Class will be provided on the orientation days.
Volleyball School of Excellence: Trials will be conducted on the second day of each age group (Year 7s on Thursday, Year 8s on Tuesday)
Travel: It is the responsibility of parents to organise drop off (9:00am) and collection (3:05pm) of students. If your child will be travelling by bus please contact the bus companies prior to these days.
If you require any more information please direct any queries to Nicki Collocott.
• ncoll55@eq.edu.au OR • 4976 6155

Korean class with year 11’s and 12’s

In Korean lesson, we had an opportunity to watch a Korean TV show that showed how to do Korean traditional bow and drinking tea. Here are some comments from the students after their experience.

“It was nice to experience wearing the traditional hanbok and drinking tea.”

“This isn’t a onetime experience because we are definitely going to do this again.”

“Learning how to properly show our respect to others through bowing while wearing the traditional hanbok was a fun experience.”

“(ahn-nyhung-hah-seep-nee-ggah.: Hello)”

“Please bring my size next time miss. Haha, or wait till I lose weight and we will do it again”

“It was good to have more experience in traditional Korean culture.”

“Getting more experience into the Korean Culture was great. I definitely have to work on not derping facing every photo though. Also… next time it might be a good idea for me to bring sugar. The tea was so bitter!!”
On Monday 17 November the Graduating Students began their final week with a Celebration Service held at Port City Family Church. Thank you for the generosity of the Port City members who catered superbly, organised the venue, were instrumental in the planning and provided the most awesome music! As recently as yesterday, I was still hearing wonderful reports and both parents and students found it a reflective, positive and meaningful experience. Mrs Thompson, our Principal, shared that her future and the students had similarities in that new chapters were opening and the possibilities are endless, exciting and unnerving all at the same time. It was fabulous to recall some of the funnier incidents, remember loved ones that had shared some of the journey and be encouraged by short talks given by Andrew Crighton, Mrs Thompson, Liz Cunningham and a parent representative, Laurie Fabling. Throughout the week, the message was to live a life of purpose and gratitude. There is no greater gift than yourself. Therefore, learn to give of your resources, your time, your skills and talents to make the world you live in, a better place. This year, in recognition of supporting others, our thank you gifts to the speakers were “Really useful gifts for a better tomorrow” purchased from TEAR Australia. We purchased 2 goats and a Tippy Tap. In purchasing a goat, we have contributed to a long-term poverty-fighting project. Goats provide meat, milk and cheese, and can also be bred and sold for a profit. This gift contributes to projects that help people keep goats, and may include providing goats as well as training on how to rear them, build a goat shed and grow fodder. Tap into good health. The tippy-tap gift equips communities with the skills to build their own “tippy tap” - a simple device that enables hand washing, and significantly helps to reduce the spread of disease. It also includes training in other important health and hygiene issues to help keep communities healthy. Symbolically, we were able to walk a beautiful young goat into the church and up on stage as we presented the thank you gifts.
Quick News

Year 8 Laptop Program 2015

POSITION VACANT

We have a limited number of spaces available for our 2015 Year 8 Laptop Class. The cost of the program over 3 years is $1410. Students and parents should discuss the program with our Deputy Principal, Narelle Madden before choosing to apply. If your child is selected, your acceptance form and payment of $800 must be received by Friday 28 November. Further information is available on inquiry.

Creative Gen. Auditions 2015

Singers! Dancers! Book an audition time with Miss Strudwick. Year 10s and 11s can book a time during the next two weeks but you can also come back when school is finished, just ask! Year 8s and 9s - can work up until Week 9 on audition pieces and tape in Week 10.

TONKA 2014 For Sale Now!!

Order the 2014 TONKA yearbook today! Pay $20 at the office. Full of pictures and memories of all the events of 2014!

2014 Year 9 Fraser Island Leadership Camp

We would like to inform parents who paid a deposit for their child to attend the leadership camp that unfortunately we did not receive the numbers which would enable the camp to proceed. Our refund process requires that a refund form be completed which can be accessed from either the school office or you can phone the school on 49766111 and request the form be emailed through to your email address. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Interschool Touch Competition

On Tuesday 11th of November both the year 8 boys and year 9/10 boys touch teams played in the Grand Final of the Interschool Touch Competition. Both Gladstone teams played against Chanel College. The year 8 side played well, but unfortunately Chanel were too good and defeated State High 11-3. On a positive note Jason Kim (their coach) said “They played well, and will learn a lot from the experience, as for a number of players this was their first time playing touch football”.

The year 9/10 boys team played exceptionally well against Chanel College, saving their best performance of the competition for the Grand Final. State High were victorious 7-2, and never really looked in trouble. Well-done to all 12 players who played on the day, and everyone who came down and supported both State High teams. Congratulations must also go to the Open Girls Touch Football team who won their age group the previous week. Well-done to the girls and their coach Ms Lambert. It is great to see that State High has a number of successful touch football teams, and they are sure to improve even further next year.

Matt Shallcross
(Sports Coordinator)
**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
- Practice safe and hygiene habits
- Follow the rules

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**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.

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**TUCKSHOP CLOSED**
11th & 12th December 2014

Reminder: If you know your student is not attending GSHS in 2015 please phone Admin or come into the office and pick up an Intention to Leave Form.

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**Variety Christmas Concert**
Details are as follows:

Saturday 6th December
Start time of 6pm (1 to 1.5hrs)
Gold Coin donation entry
Lots of lucky door prizes
Plenty of fun and laughter, singing and live music
Regardless of rain, hail or shine the event will take place!!

Held at the New Apostolic Church at 161 Sun Valley Road, Gladstone
For more information, call Craig on 4975 6828

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**Start dates 2015**
Monday 26 January – Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 January – Yrs 7, 8 & 12 also Mentors from Yrs 10 & 11, & School Leaders
Wednesday 28 January – whole school
Tuesday 27th January - NRG Year 11 Students to start