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Photography Alternate Program

Term 1 saw the first class of Photography in the Alternate Program. Students learnt about Pinhole cameras and Solargraphy photos. The activity included learning about how it works, building their own cameras using recyclable materials and then taking a photo using the camera and light sensitive photo paper. They also were able to try some different types of photos and created forced perspective photos. At the end of the term students were asked two questions: what they learnt and what they liked about participating in the subject.

Rhiannon E wrote: 'I learnt there were different ways to take a picture and different types of cameras you can use. I liked how we were able to go outside and create amazing photos and build our own pinhole camera using different recyclable items'.

Liam A wrote: 'I liked taking the photos the most and learning about how to make a pinhole camera out of a coke can and taking a solargraphy photo'.



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

SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE

4976 6158

SCHOOL OFFICE LINE

4976 6111



National Constitution Convention Canberra

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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Pictured: Tia S at Parliament House with the Federal MP for Flynn Ken O'Dowd.

In February 2016, Gladstone State High School students attended the Central Queensland Regional Schools Constitutional Convention in Rockhampton. One of the main reasons for this event is to elect a delegate to attend the National Convention held in Canberra in March 2016. The successful student, as voted by students from schools across Central Queensland was Tia S. Last month Tia attended the National Constitutional Schools Convention in Canberra. Tia had this to say about her experience:

"The National Schools Constitutional Convention 2016 was unforgettable and an amazing experience. Over the course of just three days I learnt a lot about the Australian Government, the inner workings of Parliament, and issues that have shaped Australia's states and territories. This was a great opportunity to meet like-minded students from all over the country, to observe the leaders of Australia, and to take notes from key speakers who had captivating views on topics such as: education systems in other countries and; which level of government should control education in Australia. I particularly enjoyed watching Question Time in Parliament House and touring Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Government House and the High Court of Australia. I am thankful to have been a part of this exceptional program."

Gladstone State High School Library

Everyone is welcome to walk through the door.
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor.
There are books on tables and books on shelves.
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourselves.

Come and meet your heroes, old and new,
From William the Conqueror to Winnie the Pooh.
You can look into the Observer or read The Courier Mail,
Or bring along an iphone to view a "fail".

The librarian's a friend who loves to lend,
So see if there's a book that she can recommend.
Read that book, and if you're bitten
You can borrow all the other ones the author's written.

Are you into battles or biography?
Are you keen on games or geography?
Gardening or ghosts? Sharks or science fiction?
There's something here for everyone, whatever your addiction.

There are students revising, deep in concentration,
And school kids doing projects, finding inspiration.
Over in the corner there's a table with seating,
So come along and join in the LEGO Club meeting.

Yes, come to the library! Browse and borrow,
I hope to see you in here tomorrow.



(with apologies to Julia Donaldson – the original author of "Library Poem")



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Careers Corner

Work Experience 2016

The work experience programme for 2016 has been opened and forms are now available from Senior Schooling for students who wish to attend placements. Cost is \$40 and students must be 14 years old. Medical and Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited work experience is available also. Forms will NOT be accepted during lesson time or without payment first. Please see Mrs Christopoulos in Senior Schooling.

Eagle Boys Pizza

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and quick thinking staff members that have a knack for customer service.

Applicants need to be available to work from after school until 9/9:30 and until 10pm Friday/Saturday.

During a school week applicants would be rostered to work a maximum of 12hrs/week, 4hrs/day, until 10pm on applicable nights.

We are looking for delivery drivers specifically.

Drivers must have access to their own car for delivery in the event the company cars are already in use.

Please note - a delivery driver's car is covered under the business insurance policy and these details can be provided to the successful applicant.

All necessary training will be provided.

Application forms can be downloaded via the link at the bottom of this website <https://www.eagleboys.com.au/Corporate/Careers>

Guidance Officers News

Year 12 OP Coaching

All Year OP eligible students who didn't receive their new OP estimate at the parent/teacher interviews will be having a brief OP coaching session with either Mr Hooley, Head of School – Senior, Mr Jackson or Mrs Dalton, Guidance Officers to discuss their progress towards their OP and any plans they may be considering for 2017. Each student will be told an OP prediction based on their grades at the end of term 1, Year 12. It is important to be aware that this is only an estimate as it is not using the data that will be used to calculate their actual OP at the end of Year 12. However, this information can be useful in giving students an idea of how they are currently tracking. Further discussions and updated OP predictions will occur with the students each term throughout the year. It may be helpful to have a discussion with your child about their progress towards their OP. If you have any queries about this process please contact Mr Hooley, Mr Jackson or Mrs Dalton.

Year 12 students – time is passing

This year is passing rapidly. There are less than four months left until the QTAC online application is activated (2 August 2016). You need to begin serious planning for 2017 if you have not already started. If you haven't a clue where to start or aren't aware of your options, make an appointment with a Guidance Officer ASAP. Starting this term, you will have many opportunities to explore your options. For example:

- 10 May 2016 – EQIP Careers Expo at the Central Queensland University (Gladstone Marina Campus).
- From May to August most of the institutions have open days at which you can obtain information about courses and check out the campuses. See <http://www.qtac.edu.au/courses---institutions/open-days-expos> for a list of dates.
- You will receive the QTAC Guide in June. This booklet contains information about courses and application processes.
- 16 – 17 July 2016- Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) at the RNA showgrounds. Interstate universities will be represented at this expo. See <http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/>.
- From 2 August 2016 you can access a range of up-to-date information about the 2016/17 QTAC application and offer processes and the courses offered from the QTAC website at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/>.

Take advantage of all these opportunities to plan your immediate future. If you intend to apply to QTAC for entry to tertiary courses in 2017, you need to submit your application by 30 September 2016 to avoid a hefty late fee.

Defence Force Talks

Gladstone State High School will once again be holding Defence Force talks in the Lecture Theatre on Tuesday 19th May. Any students in years 10, 11 or 12 interested in learning about the many opportunities that exist in the Australian defence force are strongly encouraged to nominate on the sign on sheet located outside Mr. Jackson office in D9.



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ARMY



AIR FORCE

Call 13 19 01 or visit defencejobs.gov.au



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Quick News

7 SOE Volleyball Girls Trials

Attention ALL year 7 girls. The trials for the grade 7 School of Excellence Volleyball team will be held on Thursday 19th May after school. You do not need to have been in the class to trial. Come and collect a note from the HPE staffroom for more information if you are interested.

Skateboards (PAGE 33A/34A in your Planner)

Skateboards are to be locked at the bike racks at the front of the school in the designated area. Students who are seen with a skateboard during the day will have it confiscated and placed in the Deputy Principal's Office. A parent or guardian will be able to collect the item after 3.05 pm.

This weeks PBL Winner!

Congratulations to Sirinya K 7K2 who has won the weekly PBL draw. We have put all the signature cards and out of class cards to date together and the winner of this week's draw is Reanna Mc 10P3.

Please come to the Year Co Staffroom to collect your tuckshop voucher.

Remember keep handing in your signature cards and out of class reward cards. If you want to hand them in but don't want an iceblock you can put them in the tin near the front door of PBC.

Once again congrats Sirinya and Reanna.

Chappy Chat



Chappies' Chat



Jarek has been hanging out with boys playing guitar, handball, football and regular mentoring sessions. Relationships take time and that is so true with teenagers. However, already evidence points to small positive changes being made by some of the boys that meet regularly with Jarek. In the June/July holidays the local school chaplains will be facilitating a day camp which students from Yrs 5-9 are invited to attend. The main aim is to build a sense of community, relationship and faith whilst exploring the outdoors. Details are still being finalised.

Tour de Chaplain: I encourage you to consider supporting the Tour de Chaplain either by way of donation, riding or volunteering to help. Details can be found at gladstoneschoolschaplaincy.org.au/tour-de-chaplain. We'd like to draw your attention to SU (Scripture Union) Alternate Schoolies for 2016 at <http://su-schoolies.com/>. Prices range from \$650 (Sunny coast) to \$1850 (Hawaii – surfing). These are drug and alcohol free weeks that are fully catered. Some are highly organised and others far more flexible. Students who have attended in the past have absolutely raved about the brilliant experiences they enjoyed.

Congratulations to Mr Grayson and his energetic team of helpers who facilitated a professional and moving Anzac Day ceremony at school last Friday. All were encouraged to remember, reflect and respect through the video, presenters and music.

Operation Christmas child – skirts: Our first skirt is finally finished! (Decorated with lace). Congratulations to the girls who battle a short time frame on Tuesdays at 2nd break! (some even "crack the whip" and we do a second session before school on Wednesday morning).

ZEAL Programme: Zonta International is a worldwide organisation of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women and girls through service and advocacy. The Zonta Club of Gladstone is very excited about their short new program aimed at high school girls aged 14 – 17 years, and are passionate about the development of our local future Leaders. (Only 20 places available)

The main focus of the ZEAL Program is self-awareness, with a particular focus on the concept of each individual's 'Personal Brand'. Some of the skills to be explored include professional presentation, public speaking, first impressions, communication skills and dealing with conflict.

During each session Guest Speakers will share real life experiences, deliver course content and give related advice.

Content will be interactive, with an emphasis on discussion as well as group and individual activities. There is no cost to the participants. If you want more information, please contact Chappy Yvonne by email/phone. (ykamd2@eq.edu.au 49766162)

The Women's Health Centre is hosting the Inspiring Women's Award on May 6 beginning at 8am sharp at Yaralla. The Breakfast presentation costs \$45 and bookings can be made by ringing 49791456 by Tuesday.

Opportunities like the ZEAL program, RYPEN and the Inspiring Women's Award all help to strengthen connectedness, improve relationship building, personal resilience and problem-solving skills and encourage good mental health – all essential skills in negotiating a constructive, satisfying and happy life.

Today I was reminded of just how important it is to smile or laugh. A student who has chatted quite often, is often very tired and rarely smiles suddenly laughed out loud at something totally unexpected. What a joy! They were surprised at their own impulsive laughter, but a smile and hope returned to their face. Next thing, I was surprised when they wanted to be involved in a lively activity. I was reminded of a quote by Barbara Johnson "A smile is the lighting system of the face and the heating system of the heart."

We wish you a week sprinkled with smiles and moments of laughter!

Yvonne and Jarek



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Junior Secondary News

Dates to Remember

1st - 7th May - North West Trip 2

2nd May - Labor Day

3rd May - Volunteering West State School

10th - 12th May - NAPLAN Testing

13th May - NAPLAN catch up

13th May - RED FOOD DAY

29th May - 3rd June - Out-back Safari



NAPLAN TESTING

On May 10-12 (Week 5), all our students in Years 7 and 9 will be sitting for the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. A catch up test day will be run on Friday, May 13. As stated on the NAPLAN website: "NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests." (<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html>) From a school perspective the NAPLAN tests provide rich data on student progress, which make them a valuable tool when reviewing our teaching practice and classroom programs. Next week (Week 4), further information will be sent home with students regarding the co-ordination of the tests. If you have any questions or concerns in relation to NAPLAN, please contact me as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing how much our students have improved over the past two years.



STAFF CHANGES

Next week (Week 4), Mrs Narelle Hayne (Deputy Principal – Year 7) will start three weeks of leave, returning at the start of Week 7. For this three week period, Mrs Melissa Daniels will be Acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Jo Dahl will be filling the role of Head of School – Junior.

Melissa Daniels
A/Head of School – Junior
mdani61@eq.edu.au



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

- BPOINT - 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

Student Absence Notification

Student Name: _____

Care Group: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Parent's Signature: _____

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.

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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