Words from the Principal

I wish to congratulate all of our award winners who were presented with recognition of their efforts at our 2015 Awards Night. It was a wonderful celebration of the work of our students. Particular congratulations to our 2015 Student of the Year (Dux) Mikalya Ralph. The awards evening represents the best efforts of the students at Gladstone State High – academically, culturally and in sport. This was on display also with some wonderful performances by our music students. The evening highlighted the excellence that is being achieved at Gladstone State High School. Next week we will continue to recognise and celebrate student performance and achievement with our Awards Day ceremonies. I would like to recognise all the award winners. Thank you to all the staff who gave many extra hours to ensure that this celebration was as wonderful as possible.

Preparations are well under way for the end of the year for our year 12 students. Whilst it is important for us to celebrate this milestone, it is important to remember that the main focus is the achievement of academic qualifications. Whether it is an OP or QCE, our year 12 students need to keep their focus on the goal. Exam week is in week 6. It is important that all of our 12’s are focussed on giving their best throughout this week. There will be ample weeks for rest after November 20. I know that the staff are working hard preparing students and ensuring they are in the best position possible.

With prom very close, I would like to remind students and parents that appeals have closed. All outstanding fees must be paid before students can attend this event. The organisation of the prom is a major event and I thank Ms Waddell for her work in ensuring that our 12’s have a memorable night. The event is quite a large undertaking logistically given numbers of attendees and the nature of the car arrival component. Please ensure that all timelines and requirements for attendance are met so that the planning can continue to be as smooth as possible.

Planning is well under way for 2016. We ask any families who have students eligible for enrolment under the Enrolment Management Plan, to ensure that their enrolment is underway to avoid having to be placed into classes at the last minute early next year. Deputies are interviewing all new students. The interview process will be suspended in the last week of school. Students will need to be interviewed before their enrolment process is complete. It is certainly an exciting time of the year at State High. I look forward to the final celebrations with our year 12’s.

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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 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.

Chappy Chat

We’ve completed our third lesson for Drumbeat which is being facilitated by PCYC. This week’s lesson revised respect of self, respect of others and respect of resources. We explored harmony through practical activities and it was obvious that disharmony uses a lot more energy, is far more exhausting and not much fun. When we are in harmony, life is a lot more pleasant, much more enjoyable and not as tiring. I’ve attached the Theoretical Model underpinning drumbeat so that you can appreciate the positives that this programme offers.

Awards night was truly inspiring and I look forward to both the Junior and Senior Awards next week.

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White Card Training
If you are planning on doing Work Experience in Year 10 in construction, it will be essential for you to have a white card in safety induction. Mr Wiebusch will be running white card training in Week 9 of this term, please see him for more details and paperwork. Limited vacancies. First in best dressed.

Peer Mentors 2016
Calling all year 9’s who would like to become Peer Mentors in 2016 and assist our new Year 7’s in their transition into High School. Please collect an application form from Miss Rowe and return by the 30th of November. All successful applicants will attend a training day on Monday November 9 and be involved in the Year 6 Transition days at the end of the year, taking up your full responsibility of the role in year 10.

Formal Procession
We are about to start organising the procession order for the formal. Any students attending this year’s formal need to write their name and partner on a piece of paper and drop this into a box down at the Year Coordinator’s staffroom. If you have an escort that is not a member of the Yr 12 cohort, please indicate this on the paper. Only one person from each pair/group needs to submit. Anyone who does not have this completed by the end of next week (6/11/15) will be placed at the end of the procession order.

Head Lice
Head lice can be a problem for some families. Here are a few facts to help everyone understand how to detect and treat head lice.

**Head Lice**
- Head lice are a small wingless, egg laying insect found on human heads, they don’t fly and they don’t jump.
- Head lice live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp
- They are the size of a sesame seed or pin head.
- Not everyone who has head lice will scratch their heads.
- Live eggs are less than 1.5cm from the scalp and are attached firmly to the hair shaft.

The most effective way to detect head lice:
- Apply sufficient white conditioner to dry hair to completely cover the scalp and hair from roots to tips
- Use an ordinary comb to untangle hair
- Use head lice comb (metal is preferred) to comb small sections of the hair
- After each stroke wipe the comb onto a white tissue and check for head lice.
- Systematically comb the whole head checking for lice.
- Put all tissues in a plastic bag and dispose of in rubbish.

**Treatment**
- Non insecticidal treatment using the above white conditioner and combing can be used every to days until no lice are found for 10 consecutive days.
- Insecticide treatments fall into 4 groups.
- Use as directed by manufacturer; however you must treat once then treat again in 7-10 days
- If lice are found after 3 weeks of chemical treatment change to a product which has a different active ingredient.
- No treatment kills the eggs (nits)

**Prevention**
- Avoid head to head contact
- Keep long hair tied back
- Don’t share brushes, combs or pillows
- Pillow cases of an infected person should be washed daily on hot cycle, or hot ironed or hot dryer

For more information check out the Queensland Health Website www.health.qld.gov.au or contact the School Based Youth Health Nurse
Yr 11 Legal Studies Excursion

Last Tuesday the Year 11 Social and Community Studies class and 11 Legal Studies class accompanied by their teachers Mr Jensen and Mr Reardon departed from school and walked to the local Magistrate’s courts, police station and council chambers. The Social and Community Studies students had the opportunity to sit in on the council meeting and observe the Mayor and other councillors debate various topics that were occurring across the Gladstone region. Afterwards students had the opportunity to ask the councillors questions and pose for photos with them.

The Year 11 Legal Studies students went to the Court House to watch court proceedings. While there the students witnessed several live court cases and were shown firsthand how the Magistrate sentenced people to serve time in prison. Afterwards the students went to the local Police Station for a tour. All students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see these many different facets of local law in action in our local community. Thank you to Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Magistrate’s Court and Gladstone Police for the time you gave to our school during these visits.

SEP Camp

On the 13th and 14th of October a group of 18 SEP students went on a camp to Capricorn caves. All students involved had a great time and came back with stories of adventure and how they had overcome their fears and trepidations. Activities included adventure caving, which involved crawling through some very narrow crevices. All students (and staff) completed this and felt very brave and proud of their efforts. We had a night tour of the caves and were lucky enough to have thousands of bats belting around our heads. We sat in the cave cathedral while they turned out the lights and we were sitting in complete darkness. We learned that some students have an amazing voice as they sang for us in the cathedral. There was also rock wall climbing. Again every student and staff had a go at this. Mrs Slade came home very sore after being pushed beyond her limits and maybe trying to show off a little bit, by climbing a very challenging rock wall. We had no problems with the students sleeping at night time because by the end of the first day the kids were so tired that they didn’t take long to start counting zzzz’s. On the bus on the way home all the students were talking about how much fun the camp had been and asking if we could go there again next year. Thanks to the staff who were involved. Mrs Slade, Mr Dennis, Mrs Wicks and a big thankyou to BJ from the Salvation Army who drove the bus for us.

Work Experience

Attention year 10 and year 11 students. (This is not available to Year 12’s).

Work Experience at Gladstone Port Authority – 30/11/15 TO 4/12/15 or 7/12/15 TO 11/12/15

Any Year 10 or Year 11 students who are interested in doing work experience at Gladstone Port Authority in the last two weeks of school (30/11 to 4/12 or 7/12 to 11/12) can see Mrs Christopoulos in K Block.

Placements available are:

First Week – 30/11 to 4/12

- Horticulture x 1
- Plumber x 1
- Refrigeration x 1
- Marina x 1

Second Week – 7/12 to 11/12

- Fitter x 2
- Horticulture x 1
- Marina x 1

Get in early and don’t miss out.

Busy at Work

Busy at Work has an employer who is looking for a 2nd year chef; however he would be happy to look at school leaver’s resumes – grade 12’s. You will need to have good knife skills and preferably some basic kitchen experience and want to work in the industry.

If any students would like to apply please see Mrs C or Mr Hooley in K Block Senior Schooling staffroom.
Dates to Remember

4th November - Awards Day
10th - 13th November - Yr 12 Exam block
16th November - Yr 12 Church Celebration
17th November - PROM
20th November - Year 12 Last Day/ Graduation Service
23rd - 27th November - Yr 11 Exam Block
27th November - Yr10/11 Last day
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

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

BYOx is coming to GSHS in 2016!

“Bring your own device (BYOx) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student’s family), staff or guests”. Put simply, BYOx is a solution where students quite literally bring their own device to school in order to access the Internet and/or school network through a managed Wi-Fi connection. There are various models for BYOx which can be adopted. In 2016, Gladstone SHS is permitting laptop devices meeting a certain specification to connect to the School’s wireless network to enable students to access classroom content.

Students with BYOx devices will have access to a filtered Internet connection, access to classroom content, and a connection to printers within the School. All devices are maintained by the owner of the device and any loss, theft or damage is the responsibility of the student and their family. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the device. All BYOx participants must adhere to the rules set out in the signed BYOx User Agreement, as well as follow the rules outlined in the Acceptable Use Agreements for the Internet and Mobile Devices signed by all families upon enrolment.

More information will be provided at information sessions on Monday 2 November, 4.30-5.00pm and Tuesday 1 December, 3.30-4.00pm in the school lecture theatre (F Block) or contact Narelle Hayne, Deputy Principal 49766111.

To register your interest in participating in 2016 email byox@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

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

Thank you.

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