Words from the Principal

You may have noticed the construction site that has appeared in at the top of the oval at State High this week. We are very pleased that work has begun on our Training Skills Centre. This is a joint project for the Gladstone area schools and when it is in operation, it will allow our students to complete certificate courses in a range of areas.

- Cert 2 Electrotechnology
- Cert 2 Telecommunication
- Cert 2 Logistics
- Cert 1 and 2 Logistics/transport

The Gladstone State High School uniform shop will also move to the new building. It will also house a state of the art simulator for instruction in transport. This is an exciting time for Gladstone SHHS and adds to the wide range of opportunities the students of our school have when it comes to education in Central Queensland. I cannot think of many schools – public or private that offer such a broad range of options for young people.

Our school musical premieres tonight at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre. Seussical unlocks the world of Dr Seuss and his range of wonderful characters including the Cat in the Hat and the Grinch. I went down to the rehearsals this week to see how the students were fairing under the bright lights and I was impressed by their energy and commitment to the show. It is certainly colourful and exciting. I am looking forward to seeing it this evening. Congratulations to Mrs Pitt and her incredible team for the work they have done – I am sure there will be some sleeping in after the show closes.

Our year 12 parents met for an information session about the Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre this week. Thank you to our 2 Guidance Officers for taking our seniors and their parents through this process. I encourage all parents of students who are contemplating university to keep in contact with staff to ensure they are supported through the process.

Enrolments for 2016 are due today. This is so we can start planning class structures, staffing and subject choices for 2016. If you have a child coming to State High in 2016, please ensure that your forms are in. We will be interviewing each student who is enrolled at Gladstone SHS for year 7 over the next weeks. Given that we have 270 or so students in our current year 7 class, you will appreciate that this is a big job. Priority will be given to those who have their enrolment forms in. There were a number of enrolments that arrived late last year and even early in 2015 this year. This meant delays to students starting on the first day of school. If your child has special educational requirements, it is extremely important that the conversations are had between family, primary and secondary staff so that the best arrangements can be made.

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Quick News

Botanic to Bridge

Botanic to Bridge is on again on 16th August 2015. Every year Gladstone State High is well represented by both students and families and are now seeking even more participants for this year’s event. All student nomination fees and portions of all other registrations from the GSHS community are donated back to the school for funding sport and recreation equipment and initiatives. For more information on registering please visit our school website or http://www.botanictobridge.com.au/register

SWPBS Mission

At times, life seems like a difficult jigsaw. We have some idea of what we want our life to be, but with so many choices to make and so much conflicting information to process, we don’t know which way to turn. Having the life we want doesn’t happen by chance. Each aspect of our life contributes to the full picture. We need to carefully decide which ones will add to the result we want and which ones will lead to results that will disappoint.

Your SWPBS Mission is: Create a jigsaw piece towards your bigger picture. E.g. Work extra hard to achieve those good grades, apply for a job and start saving, be compassionate and help others, meet a new friend, or just be positive.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Year 7, 8, 9

There are lots of great books available for borrowing through the school and public libraries - or you could lend a recommended title from one of your friends or you could buy a book from this month’s book club catalogues. Read another book this week and add it your Premier Reading Challenge Record sheet. Once you have read 15 books, drop the completed form into the library.

Chappy Chat!

Today Deep Blue Line began – the first of 8 double sessions. The biggest thing we mentioned today in amongst fun was some core values: commitment, respect, listening to others, appropriate language. Ken informed us that “swearing was using words out of context” - so this meant that even saying “fudge” at the wrong time was swearing! There were some discussions about what we say when things haven’t gone our way... e.g. “Ouch I kicked my toe”, “I didn’t like what you said”... etc. A comment was made “This is going to be hard!”. We unpacked that this difficult opportunity actually gave us time to reflect on what we are thinking/how we are going to act and this results in us having more control over ourselves. I actually challenge you to challenge yourself and see how you go! The resultant self-control leads to a happier frame of mind and happier relationships! “A win all round”, as they say.

Our lunch-time craft participants began their Pinterest inspired sock teddies today.

Next week I will be attending the SU Chappies’ Conference and a Vitalprojex mini-conference. The information, training and encouragement gained from these learning opportunities is essential in fine-tuning and becoming more effective in all that we do.

Have a great week and take up that challenge mentioned at the top of my article.

Chappy Yvonne

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Second up was the AWD Long Jump. Renai participated in this on her own and was successful in receiving 1st, at a distance of 2.29m.

Third event for the day was AWD Discus; both girls put in an incredible effort, displaying skills beyond the field. Renai positioned 2nd and achieved an impressive distance of over 9m. Kiara went out independently and was confident in her spin, to which she threw an incredible distance of over 16m, far beyond all competitors.

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Last but not least was Kiara’s final events. Kiara completed her under 12 years long jump and had an impressive jump of 3.44 metres. Followed by this, Kiara participated in the 200m sprint and displayed perfect form, with a long and strong stride, which allowed her to take away 1st position for AWD.

SEP Athletics Carnival

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Career Corner

Eagle Boys Position

Eagle Boys Pizza Sun Valley is looking for in-store staff and delivery drivers. Hiring from 13 yrs and up. Need to be available for approximately 12 hrs of shifts per week. Training Provided.

Contact via email: lucas-doc@hotmail.com or in store.

Senior Transition Evening

All Yr 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to attend this important information night.

WHO: Current 10, 11 and 12 Students and their parents

WHEN: Tuesday 11 August 2015

WHERE: Gladstone State High School – School Hall

WHAT: Senior Transition Displays – 4:00 - 6:00pm
Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Presentation – 6:15pm (Year 10 students and parents only)

School Departmental Displays, University Information (CQU, QUT, UQ, Griffith, USC) and local companies (NRG, GPC, QAL, Rio Tinto, ENGAGE, Stockland, McDonalds, MRAEL, Busy at Work, EQIP, Centrelink, Medicare, GAL, Gladstone Regional Council) will be available for students and parents to talk to about future pathways.

Junior Secondary News

Quality relationships underpin everything we do …

Welcome to Week 3 where we have a wellbeing focus on Friends and Teamwork. This is because nearly everything we achieve in life is with and through people, side by side and face to face. Being able to build rich and caring relationships with people is an essential lifelong habit to cultivate in our students.

There are many things to consider when establishing a positive connection with others, and students can benefit from learning these in the school context as well as at home. They include:

• Living and learning collaboratively and cooperatively with other people
• Living by giving
• Focusing on mutual respect; everyone is special – expect it and respect it
• Appreciating others and their thoughts
• Listening with their eyes, their ears and their heart; being fully present
• Being true to themselves; respect the person they see in the mirror
• Building empathy for others’ feelings, needs and views; being positively mindful

Acquiring these personal qualities will enable students to build healthy and respectful relationships with others. A harmonious friendship group provides students with opportunities to enjoy leisure activities, study, and share good and not so good times together. It is all about helping students to develop their Emotional Intelligence, relationships and optimism, which will put them in good stead for being successful in every area of life.

Congratulations to our ‘A’ Students

Our Deputy Principal, Mrs Narelle Hayne, congratulated students at our whole of Junior School parade for having achieved a Very High Achievement (A) in all or the majority of their subject areas. Congratulations to students in:

Year 7: Brynn Beamish, Mahima Bhakta, Tia Crosisca, Arsheen Duggal, Paris Fallon, Sophie Fredericks, Joshua Jones, Chloe Martin, Annika Messervy, Gracie Moore, Tai Scott, Sarah Windsor.
Year 8: Caillean Byrne, Keely Dillon, Ashleigh Gleeson, Abbie Sykes, Tia Wary

Teaching and Learning in Junior Secondary

Teaching and learning in Junior Secondary is designed specifically with the physical, emotional and cognitive needs of early adolescents in mind. We need to spark their interest, incorporate some movement and appeal to students’ curiosity to ensure they remain engaged in their learning. Here are some excellent examples of how we are catering for our young teens …

Flexi Fun!

Last Friday Mr Reah and Miss Mathews showed the class how to use a Mechanical Van Der Graaf which caused many sparks and hair raising antics. In Miss Manning’s ‘Get Crafty’ Flexi lesson the students created beautiful patterns using a single line, eight dots and lots of repetitive curves. The results were stunning! Next week in ‘Get Crafty’ students will be painting some amazing geometric shapes using tape and paint. Well done to all students involved for their continual effort and excellent behaviour.

Egg-citing Science!

Mrs Marrable’s Science class have been studying Energy. They were looking at how to dissipate gravitational energy by absorbing the impact to prevent a raw egg from breaking to simulate safety features of modern cars.
Career 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 CII in Business. Interested students can apply online at www.kfcqld.com.au

Apprenticeship Intake 2016
The major industries in Gladstone have commenced advertising their Apprenticeship intake for 2016. The industries include NRG, GPC, QAL, Ergon Energy. Most of the industries will be advertising in The Gladstone Observer this coming Saturday (18/7/15). Students interested can see Mrs Christopulos in K Block for further information.

Down Under Tournament
DownUnder Tournament 18 & 19 July 2015
Held on the Gold Coast at Tallebudgera Sports Complex the Down Under Tournament is in its 17th year. Our senior girls’ team was one of only two high school teams and six Australian teams to compete in the tournament along with nine teams of girls form the US. Each year the Down Under group bring to Australia, American high school athletes, from various sports, including volleyball to compete and enjoy some touring.

The teams were grouped into pools where they played in a round robin format. From these pools new pools were formed and then the finals round was decided. The Gladstone State High senior girls finished at the top of their pool and progressed to the semi-final. The semi-final was played against an American team, called the Wolf pack, with our girls being victors and going straight to the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was a nail biting match. The final was a best of three sets match. Our girls went down 22-25 in the first set and then came back to win 25-21 in the second. The third set was hard fought with the Gladstone girls ahead for most of the game. Each point was a long rally which had all the spectators with their hearts in their mouths. In the end our girls went down fighting at 21-25. The noise in the stadium was deafening. The American girls had the support of the other eight teams and they were chanting, stamping their feet and banging on chairs… U. S. A. It was a spectacle and girls were valiant in their defeat with so much support going to their opposition.

Successful Relay for Life 2015
We had many staff and students involved in this year’s event held at Chanel College over the weekend. With quite mild weather and determined participants, the 18 hour relay was conquered once again. Rileigh A, a year 12 student, was the second highest individual fundraiser overall, with over $700. What an outstanding effort. The Gladstone SHS Interact Club team raised $3,203 ranked 7th overall, with the help of the Port Curtis Rotary Club. The Gladstone seniors team raised $1, 855 end that was starting the fundraising race quite late! The GSHS Staff team also raised $979.. The whole event raised over $95 000 for the Central Queensland branch of the Cancer Council. Students had a great time but this would not have been possible without the staff support of the students - thanks to Mr Nietfeld, Mr Wilson, Mrs Rasmussen, Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Winyard, Mr Hooley, Ms Mathew, Miss Simpson, Ms Hipathite and Mr Johnston who helped with supervision during the event and to all staff and students who bought a chocolate during our fundraising campaign - THANK YOU VERY MUCH - your support is much appreciated in trying to find cures for cancer.
Quick News

HPV Training
HPV training is on a Wednesday afternoon meeting on the terraces near the hall. Mr Crighton will be eager to take you for training sessions for general fitness in preparation for the upcoming events at Benaraby and Maryborough.

Murry Homework Centre
Come along and get help from teachers with your homework on Wednesday afternoons in D6. Computers are also available for assignment work.

2016 Year 7 Enrolments
Please remember that the 31st July is the cut off for the year 7 Enrolment packs to be brought back to the front office.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!
Assessment Schedules Released This Week.
Students were given their individual assessment schedules this week in care class. This very important document gives all the dates that assignments are due and exams are held. We recommend that this document is displayed in a prominent place in the home such as the fridge. Often teenagers need support, help and encouragement to organise their studies to ensure all their assessment is complete. Making yourself aware of the assessment schedule and helping to manage your child’s assessment deadlines is of enormous benefit to them. When exams are approaching it is important that students spend extra time preparing and studying for them. Please contact the school if you have any questions or require a new copy of the assessment schedule. Year level plans are available on the school website.

ARTIE News
Gladstone State High School ARTIE Academy students were recently treated to a visit from Former Origin Great #143, Scott Prince. Scott spoke about the importance of teamwork when working towards attendance and academic goals, and engaged students in team building exercises. Scott also revealed the Semester 2 Challenge to students and encouraged them to strive for more than 90% attendance this term.

Benaraby State School Country Fair 2015
Come along for a fun filled family day
Sunday 9th August

Your Challenge!
CHECK POINT CHALLENGE
ACHIEVE 90% PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE OVER TERM 3

SEMESTER CHALLENGE
ACHIEVE 90% PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE OVER THE WHOLE SEMESTER

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https://benarabyss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx
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The annual School Opinion Survey is now open

All families are invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home Friday 26 June—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. The survey will remain open until 31 July 2015. If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Karen on telephone 07 4976 6130 or email kcloh2@eq.edu.au.

2015 Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2014. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part.

For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

Student Absence Notification

Student Name: 
Care Group: 
Date: 
Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other
Date: 
Reason (Circle): Sick Personal Family Other

Gladstone RSL
VIETNAMESE VETERANS DAY

Notice to all schools in the Gladstone Region

All schools are invited to participate in this year’s “Vietnam Veterans Day” commemoration of the Battle of Long Tan.

A ceremony and service will be held at Anzac Park (corner of Tank and Goondoon Streets) on Tuesday, 11th August 2015 commencing about 10:30am.

All schools are encouraged to support Vietnam Veterans Day by attending the Service. Participants are also invited to lay a wreath.

It would be appreciated if schools would confirm their participation by showing the participation in writing at 49766158. This will enable us to acknowledge those who lay wreaths.

Yours Faithfully

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