8 December 2016

Thank you!
Karen Dixon

EQIP Technical College would like to say “THANK YOU! “To our incredible employers who generously sponsored the EQIP Technical College Journals. We are very fortunate to have the incredible support of our partners who provide this fantastic opportunity to our students.

Congratulations Georgia!

Congratulations to Georgia H who graduated at the EBITS Centre last Wednesday attaining her Certificate II in Business and Certificate II in Workplace Practices. Georgia will be continuing next year when she will be completing her Certificate III in Tourism. Fantastic work Georgia!

PBL Mission

Students are to remain dry at all times. Students are to not wet themselves or others. If students are wet they will be directed to the PBC. Students are not allowed to enter classrooms wet and will remain in PBC until we can contact home and the student has a change of clothes.
Chappy Chat

Yvonne Kamholtz and Jarek Reah

Well done! Congratulations to all! Everyone has really put in their best and now it’s time to rest and refresh.

Our Year 7 Girl’s VITAL group thoroughly enjoyed this programme. Comments they made included:

Values and skills they’ve identified and experienced:
- Trust
- Friendship
- Trustworthiness
- Courage
- Acceptance
- Patience
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Communication
- “your attitude determines your altitude”
- “an unreflected experience is a lost experience”

Things I’ve learnt:
- How to work as a team
- Courage – for example, talking to others in front of an audience; socialising better; how to bond with greater trust; the importance of and how to trust
- Self-respect
- Self-confidence
- Acceptance of what I can and can’t do and what others can do
- Importance of challenging myself
- Grown as a person
- Recognize the value in helping each other
- Positive and negative tones in communication
- Benefits of being inclusive
- Learnt the importance of being encouraging
- To be a good role model to others

Most Memorable moments included:
- The Frisbee game that didn’t really work (hahaha)
- POTENTIAL vs self-concept
- Neurological pathways
- Helium stick
- Back to back challenge
- Adventure Model of learning

Many new friendships have been built through the girls challenging themselves to stretch their capabilities. Miss McKenzie and I have been truly privileged in sharing this part of the girls’ journey. Miss McKenzie commented that she really enjoyed watching everyone volunteer by choice in the activities and the reflection and growth that followed. The helium stick was valuable in not only working together as a team, but dealing with struggle and then celebrating with success.

Our two Drumbeat groups will have had their presentations by the time you read this newsletter. All participants have enjoyed learning to play some drumming rhythms and I loved that one had an impromptu opportunity to play in front of a small audience and they thought she “was really good”. She was very chuffed especially as she thought they were “only basic rhythms”. It’s fabulous to see the growth in recognising their own capabilities and realising how far they have come. Once again, Drumbeat has been highly successful as “Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes and Thoughts” resilience programme. For one particular group we also were able to relate to the importance of a positive, mentoring leadership tool. Thank you sincerely to the parents who were able to attend and support for the final performance.

“The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.” May you find time to enjoy those that you love this Christmas season and may you experience abundant small blessings each and every day of the holidays.

Blessings from Chappy Jarek and Chappy Yvonne.

Tristan Nietfeld

As another school years draws to a close again, we have bid farewell to another cohort of seniors. We thank all of the families and guest speakers for attending our traditional celebration service where we were able to reflect on our journey. We again thank the Port Curtis Christian Centre for hosting us. All of our students looked spectacular for their celebration evening at Yaralla for the Formal. We thank Madi Ash and our prom committee for dedicting so much of their own time to ensure this event was able to run for our seniors. The fashion did not stop there either flowing into our beach day where Hawaiian shirts dominated Canoe Point. With the tide up, inflatables galore, the BBQ fired up and the duel gladiator getting a work out, it was a great way to celebrate together in an informal setting for their last school trip. The time had then come to graduate. Our Friday Graduation Ceremony saw the most number of guests attend in
many years which is a testament to the support provided to these students throughout their years. We wish to thank our seniors for the impact they have had across all areas and wish them luck in all future endeavours.

Well done Kirsty!
Kirsty played in the amazing Queensland Schoolgirls 10/12yr Softball team that finished the 8 game tournaments Undefeated, National Gold Medal Champions. Her very talented team played against NSW, SA, ACT, VIC coming out on top with the support of the wonderful coaching staff. There is no higher achievement at this age group. It is the first time Queensland has won this age schoolgirls outright since 2002, 2003 & 2010 were shared wins with NSW. The 10/12 Queensland schoolboys drew with NSW for gold.

Well done Jarrod!
So what an amazing year we have had with our sports at GSHS with athletes achieving personal bests in AWD Sports, Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. We have had many GSHS sports heroes rise up and shine through the years and we are very proud of their achievements. One of our sports heroes, who we are excited to congratulate, is Jarrod L. Not only is he a dedicated sportsman, but he is always a hardworking, well-spoken and well-mannered young man. Jarrod has just competed at the New Zealand Trans-Tasman Games and returned with 3 gold medals in 800m freestyle, 400m freestyle and 100m freestyle. Not only that but he also achieved personal bests in all events!! What an amazing achievement! Well Done Jarrod!!

Junior Secondary News
Melissa Daniels
What a jam-packed final two weeks of school we have had in the Junior School! Activities have included, but not been limited to, the following:
- Year 9 Canberra Trip;
- Year 6-7 Transition Days;
- Year 8 Love Bites presentations;
- The Year 8 Performing Arts Class’ performance of Elf;
- Year 8 eSmart presentations;
- Drumbeat group performances;
- School of Excellence Volleyball competing in Melbourne;
- Junior School Awards Day ceremony; and Junior School Rewards Day.

Thank you to the students for your mature, respectful engagement in these activities. Many positive comments related to all of the above have been received in regards to your behaviour, your participation, and how you have represented yourselves and your school.

And so, with that, another year of learning, friendship and growth is behind us. I wish to congratulate our Junior School student body on the progress they have made this year and acknowledge those who have stepped outside of their comfort zone and taken safe risks in order to gain valuable skills or learn something new. You have a well-deserved break ahead of you, and I hope you use the time to relax, enjoy yourselves and spend some quality time with the people who mean the...
most to you. To our Year 9 students who are now moving up to the Senior School: all the best with this new chapter of your learning. We look forward to seeing you all returning to school fresh-faced and enthusiastic in 2017.

**Year 8 Performing Arts Academy**

The Junior School were a test audience for our dress rehearsal of our Year 8 Performing Arts Academy performance of 'Elf' on Friday, December 2. Community members came on Tuesday, December 6, to watch the show in the school hall. The teachers of the Performing Arts Academy wish to thank the school community for their support. Remember the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

**Year 6-7 Transition Days**

What a wonderful, full two days our future Year 7 students experienced on November 29-30! Year 6 students got to try a range of subjects including Drama, Art, Industrial Design and Technology, Mathematics and Home Economics. The two day transition programme ended with an enthusiastic war cry challenge lead by our House Masters followed by a whole of grade parade. Thank you to our amazing team of Peer Mentors for looking after our new students so maturely and capably. All Year 6 students took home information regarding the first day of school next year and a booklist. To think the next time we see the group, they will all be in Gladstone SHS uniforms...

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES**

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2017 Opening times
Contact: Christine on 4976 6193

**CAREERS CORNER**

CQ Ice works are looking for the following. The positions are “Truck Jockies”. The job requires you to go out with our drivers and assist them with their deliveries so that over this busy time we can get them done a lot quicker. The job also includes loading and unloading trucks, ice boxes and cold rooms.

The successful applicant would need to be fit, available to work weekends and the public holidays including Christmas Day.

If this sounds of interest to you, please contact Simone Offord on (07) 4921 0011

**QUICK NEWS**

- Please be aware that we do not process eftpos transactions under the limit of $10
- No Glass water bottles are allowed at Gladstone State High School
- The absentee text message number has now changed to 0400244477 and the direct line to the absentee officer remains as 4976 6158
- BPOINT is available to pay your invoices. Please see the bottom of your invoices mailed home or you can request a copy of your invoice by emailing accounts@gladstonshs.eq.edu.au. We do not take payments over the phone.

**PUBLIC NOTICEBOARD**

- Reminder to students to please take care when crossing the highway at the start and end of your school day.

**Year 10 End of Year Celebrations**

Students celebrated the end of Year 10 with a party cruise around the Gladstone Harbour on November 25. A great night was had by all involved. Thanks must go to Ms Hipathite, Miss Rudd, the Interact Team and Gladstone Rotary – Port Curtis for their catering services and Mr Nietfield for providing the music!
Upcoming Events

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!