Welcome
A warm welcome to each of our new and continuing students as we begin their 2014 academic year. This year we will continue to implement a performance culture across our school that has high expectations of each individual, students and staff, as we continue our determination to ensure that every student can be 'the best that they can be'.

Dux
Congratulations to Joshua Reilly, Toolooa State High School's 2013 Dux. The fast facts on Joshua’s 2013 academic achievements:

- Overall Position (OP) 1
- Queensland Core Skills Test Rank A
- Mathematics B VHA
- Mathematics C VHA
- Physics VHA
- Chemistry VHA
- Legal Studies (2 semesters) VHA
- Biology (2 semesters) VHA
- English VHA
- English Extension VHA

A deserving reward for Joshua’s many years of focused study, personal persistence and determination to achieve his goals. In 2014 Joshua will continue his studies at the Queensland University of Technology.

Student Leaders
Our 2014 Student Leaders – Bradley Fuller, Jordana Wale, Emma Kyle, and Nick Bennett.

Year 12 Exit Results

- Students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education and / or Certificate 2 = 100%
- OP 1 – 5 = 21.4%
- OP 1 – 10 = 69%
- OP 1-15 = 90.4%

These exit results demonstrate a very strong performance and recognise the outstanding efforts of students, quality support from parents and expert teaching by the school team.

Road Safety
A firm reminder to everyone that our school is located on the intersection of two very busy arterial roads. It is imperative that students and visitors exercise considerable common sense when crossing roads while arriving and departing from school. The speed limit within the school grounds is <20kph and there are busy times before and after school when it is more appropriate to stop, drop and go at the front gate rather than drive your child all the way into the grounds.

Senior Study Day
Monday, February 24 will be the first senior study day for 2014. Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 will not attend regular school classes and will have an opportunity to work on assessment and teacher set work at home.

Junior school students, Years 7, 8 & 9 will attend regular classes at school on February 24.

Personal Presentation
The expectation of our team and our community is that our students will be well presented and wear their school uniform each day to school. One of the concerns continually voiced is the shorts/skirts worn by some of our girls (way too short). Where this is a problem in 2014, parents can expect a phone call asking to bring a replacement pair of shorts to school. Please be prepared if this is a continual issue with your daughter.
I would like to introduce myself to the school community as one of the three Deputy Principals. My life in quick review, I grew up in Sydney, but please don’t hold that against me when State of Origin is on, graduated from Uni in 1994, spent some time in Canberra, Toowoomba and Brisbane before moving to Gladstone. Most people probably won’t know my name, although my face is possibly familiar due to my previous role working on the Regional Behaviour Team, a role that saw me working in nearly all of the schools around Gladstone. I am really looking forward to the opportunity of working with the staff and students at Toolooa.

The term so far………

It has been a fantastic start to the school year. Students have returned eager to catch up with friends and of course, also enthusiastic to get stuck into their school work. This term is again like all school terms, busy. Teachers are very busy getting to know the students in their classes, preparing the students for what lies ahead. So far we have had the presentation of the school and student leaders on Wednesday, combined with the awarding of Dux for 2013. It is a real privilege to be part of a school where hard work, persistence and dedication is such a key component.

Students have already been showing the values that make Toolooa such a wonderful place. The core values of respect, achievement and responsibility are clearly visible and embedded into school culture. Teachers have been rewarding students with purple slips for both demonstrating these values by applying themselves to their learning. So many positive student behaviours have been observed, that we have almost run out of purple paper!

What a fantastic start to the school year.

Have a great term 1 everyone!

Kind Regards

Danielle Willard

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Maths Tutoring Available at School.

Maths tutoring will resume on February 5 in room CA05. It is on every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm - 4pm and is available for any year level. Come for a little while or stay for the whole hour - depending on your needs. If you are planning to attend we ask that you put your name on the whiteboard outside the maths staffroom no later than 2nd break on the day you plan on coming so we have some idea of numbers.

You also have to make sure you have made your own arrangements to get home that day.

For more details or any enquiries please contact me on Ph. 4971 4317 or ghage2@eq.edu.au

Greg Hage HOD Mathematics

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Arts News

There are exciting things happening in the Arts department at Toolooa this year. We have the Toolooa high school musical ‘Alice in Wonderland’ on the 31st of July and the 1st, 2nd of August. The cast will be made up of students from Toolooa SHS. Teachers and students are fund raising for the musical during term 1 and 2. This project enables the entire Arts department to work together in a combined unit.

At the moment we need people who can sew for the costumes and later on we would like volunteers for building set.

If you would like to join our team for this amazing experience with sewing, set construction or fundraising, please email Miss Hutten at phutt1b@eq.edu.au or Miss Mewing at mmewi1@eq.edu.au. The more hands the better.
WELCOME, NEW TEACHING STAFF FOR 2014.

New Teaching Staff for 2014.

Top Left to Right— Ashley Rabbit, Emily Fulwood, Jess Collins, Karen Petherick, Katrina Roobottom, Matt Miller, Megan Bale, Natalie Joun Quay, Nikki Carroll, Sarah Hingst and Tim Reilly.
Welcome to Instrumental Music 2014 at Toolooa.

The Instrumental Music teaching team for this year will be:
- Mrs Carol Slape – woodwind/brass/percussion
- Mr Greg Duckham – woodwind/brass/percussion
- Ms Nicole Bruce - strings

The full timetable of lessons will begin in week 3.

Lessons with:
- Mr Duckham will be each Monday from 9:00am -3:00pm (full day)
- Mrs Slape will be each Thursday from 9:00am -3:00pm (full day)
- Ms Bruce will be each Wednesday from 9:00am-3:00pm (full day)

If you will be using a school-owned instrument please collect an Instrument Loan Agreement form from your instrumental music teacher and return it to Miss Mewing (Classroom Music Teacher) as soon as possible. A meeting will be held in room NA10 in Week 3 on Wednesday 12th February from 6:00-7:00pm. All instrumental music students and their parents are encouraged to attend this brief meeting to gain important information relating to the year ahead, and to meet our dedicated Music team.

If your child/student is to be absent during a scheduled lesson or group rehearsal, please send a courtesy email informing their instrumental teacher that they will not be attending.

Feel free to contact any of us at the school on 49714352, or via email (see below).

We encourage you to contact us via email at any time, as we would like to keep the lines of communication as open as possible.

Once again, a warm welcome from our entire team! We look forward to a great year of Instrumental Music at Toolooa in 2014.

Staff Contact Details:
- Greg Duckham: gduck2@eq.edu.au
- Carol Slape: cslap3@eq.edu.au
- Nicole Bruce: nbruc8@eq.edu.au
- Mindi Mewing: mmewi1@eq.edu.au
- Sharon Schmidt: sschm38@eq.edu.au

Regards,

Mindi Mewing
INSTRUMENTAL COORDINATOR

The Role of the School Based Youth Health Nurse.

My name is Lani Clements and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for students from Yr 7-12 at Toolooa State High School.

My role includes working within the school community on issues that may affect the health and wellbeing of young people.

I provide information through whole of school health promotion, classroom education and individual consultations with students on various issues such as growth and development, relationships, stress, self esteem, personal problems, healthy lifestyles, sexual health and drug and alcohol awareness.

I can also provide information on other services and community agencies.

Student consultations are confidential except in circumstances where the student’s safety is at risk.

I am located in Technology Block on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Students can make an appointment with me directly on the days I am at the school.

Yours in health,

Lani Clements
School Based Youth Health Nurse

Ph 4971 4364.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gladstone Waitangi Day 2014
When: Saturday 15th February 2014
Time: 10AM - 6PM
Where: Gladstone Showgrounds
$5.00 Entry Fee (12 years under free)
Stalls, Competitions, Entertainment, Food and Lots More

Meteors Football Club
Soccer Sign On
Sunday Feb 9th
10AM - 4PM
Meteors Sports Ground
Glenyon Road
Opposite the Botanical Gardens
Seniors, Juniors, Squirts

Do your kids like:
- camping, sailing, hiking, caving, abseiling or rock climbing?
- orienteering, construction or knot tying?
- learning first aid skills or geocaching?
- open fire cooking, kayaking or learning about conservation?
- learning survival skills, astronomy or learning bush skills?
- learning about aircraft or tackling obstacle course?
- making new friends and experiencing new challenges?
- earning badges to wear on their uniform?

BAM Art Competition
1st March 2014
Theme: Autumn in Australia
Time: Start 3.00PM
Time: Finish 4.00PM
Time: Winner announced 4.45PM
- Open to all artists. Including students
- Artists supply their own gear etc
- The public will be the judge of your work
- Prize money:- First cash prize of $100.00
- 2nd prize by Gladstone Picture Framing
- Minimum size of canvas 18 x 24 inches
- No nomination fees
- Your artwork must reflect the theme
- You are allowed one background colour
- You can sketch your planned work
- Time Limit of 60 minutes to complete
- You may sell your masterpiece if you wish

Sign On Day
at Kareeba Scout Group
Address:
21 Yaralla St, Gladstone.
Date:
Saturday 8th Feb 2014
Time: 11AM - 3PM
For more info
Contact the Group Leader
Mobile: 044 779 7100
Email: scouts.kareeba@yahoo.com.au
www.scoutsqld.com.au
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gladstone Road Runners Club.
Gladstone Road Runners Club Inc.
P.O. Box 97, Gladstone, Qld. 4680
www.gladstoneroadrunners.com

We are a group of people of all ages and abilities who enjoy running. The club was originally formed in 1974 and known as Gladstone Amateur Athletic Club. Numbers these days are around 180 members with around 60+ people at our weekly run. **Families and children are encouraged to attend and join in the fun and the friendship.**

We meet every Thursday at 5:20pm for a 5:30pm race start. Weekly timed courses vary with the short course over 2 km and the long course over 5 km.

We meet at the following venues:
- **School Term 1 - Duckponds**
- **School Term 2 - Lions Park**
- **School Term 3 - Marina Stage**
- **School Term 4 – Duckponds**

**We are holding a “Come & Run” afternoon on February 13th for newcomers to come and see what we are all about, so why not come down then or any other Thursday and have a run, jog or walk with us!**

Harbour City BMX
Sun Valley Park, Sun Valley Road
Gladstone, Qld 4680

**Join us**
Sunday 23rd February 9am-12noon
National Sign On Day
**All fun No Cost**
Free Sausage Sizzle for Participants.

**What you need:**
- Long Pants
- Helmet
- Covered Shoes
- Bike
- Long Sleeve Shirt
- Gloves
- Socks
- Parent Permission

**BMX Training**
Monday & Wednesday Nights 5pm onwards.
**BMX Racing**
Saturday Night 4.30pm onwards (full canteen)

**Further Information:**
Di Young 49785349/ 0438785349

*Join us for fun and fitness.*