Principal’s Piece.—Alan Whitfield.

End of Term

In recent weeks our school has farewelled our senior students in Years 10, 11 & 12. Students in Year 7, 8 & 9 will complete the semester on December 13, after a final week of structure lessons and activities.

Semester Two Reports

Student Progress Reports for students in Years 7 – 11 will be posted to home addresses.

These reports will provide both parents and students with a summary of progress in the areas of Academic progress, school Behaviour and Effort in learning at school. In addition this report will give an indication of the number of days that each student has been absent from school, a measure used consistently by employers when determining suitability for part-time or full time work.

If you have changed your address and are yet to let us know, please do so before the end of the week, so that your child’s report is posted to the correct address.

2014 School Dates

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Student Free Days for 2014

- Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January
- Three additional days within the Easter holiday
- Monday 20 October

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season, and look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

QUOTE:

Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but what we give.

- Ben Carson

For the Fridge

- 11/12/2013, P & C Meeting—Senior Schooling Room, 6:30pm—8:30pm
- 8/01/2014 Australia Day
- 26/01/2014 Australia Day Holiday
- 27/01/2014 First Day of Attendance Yrs. 7, 8 & 11
- 28/01/2014 All students back at school.
- 12/02/2014 P & C Meeting—Senior Schooling Room, 6:30pm—8:30pm
- 24/02/2014 School Photos
- 26/02/2014 MSP Photography Catch Up Day.
From the Deputy’s Desk— Amanda Stirling

Reporting Schedule

Year 10 and 11 report cards have been posted home and should be hitting letter boxes very soon. Those students who have worked hard and maintained a good rate of attendance will be rewarded with the marks that they deserve. Year 7, 8 and 9 report cards will be posted to homes in the first week of the holiday.

Staggered Start To 2014

In the interest of kicking off 2014 in a smooth style, we are once again conducting a staggered start to the school year. Years 7, 8 and 11 will start on Tuesday 28th January. Years 9, 10 and 12 will join the whole school on Wednesday 29th January.

Farewell

I have called Toolooa State High School my base school for the past 8 years now. Arriving in Term 2, 2005, I have had many wonderful moments at this school and made a number of life-long friends.

I have decided to do something a bit adventurous next year and return to classroom teaching at a lovely little country school. A combination of factors has led me to this decision, but I feel that the time is right to try something different and fine tune some other skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those colleagues, students, parents and community members - past and present - who have supported me and offered their friendship. Toolooa really is a fantastic school and you should all be very proud to say that you learn and work here.

As the Deputy Principal who manages The Arts, it was fitting that one of my last school outings was to help Year 8 Art students create a mural at Tannum Sands. I had a thoroughly enjoyable day, the memory of which goes straight into the bank of good times had at Toolooa.

Best wishes for the future and thank you once again.

If nothing ever changed, there’d be no butterflies. ~Author Unknown

Good Guidance with Silke Hetherington

Who’s Chatting to Your Kids?

The internet today contains many sites that are designed to encourage children and teenagers to communicate by messaging each other in real time. Many of these sites contain areas where children can post personal information about themselves including their name, age, location, photographs, and contact details.

Please take some time to discuss these on-line safety tips with your children:

- Never give out personal information on the net, like your full name, address, phone number or school, even sporting events attended, or locations of extra-curricular activities
- Ensure your screen name does not reveal personal information about you.
- Review your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- Only allow your friends to view your personal blog and profile.
- Never send your picture to someone you don’t know.
- Don’t accept invitations to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- Never arrange for face-to-face meetings with people met online.
- Understand predators ask personal questions and attempt to become friends quickly.
- Time chatting online to a person does not equal trust or knowing the person.

Teach Children the 5 R’s :

- REALISE – people you chat with may not be who they say they are, nor what age/sex they give.
- REFUSE – requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.
- REVIEW – your contacts. It’s not “kool” to have contacts you don’t know or wouldn’t say hello to if you see them in person.
- RESPOND – quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while on-line. Close the program, Tell your parents or a trusted friend.
- REPORT – any suspicious or danger on-line contact to the police.

(Adapted from Information provided by Queensland Police Service)
Adopt a Family 2014

The Interact club decided as the final event of the year to participate in the Gladstone Adopt a family campaign and asked the staff and students to bring in items to fill a basket. Congratulations to the staff and students at Toolooa who accepted the challenge of filling a shopping basket full of goodies to brighten the Christmas of a local family – we actually got so much donated that it did not all fit into the basket so a second hamper was created. The two hampers were donated to the Salvation Army who will distribute to a local family this holiday period. A special mention must be made to the Interact members who gave up their time delivering boxes, collecting items and bundling up the packages.

May everyone have a wonderful Christmas holiday knowing that they have brighten someone else’s Christmas holiday!!

What Is Kids Help Line?

Kids Help Line a confidential and anonymous, telephone and online counselling service for kids and young people between the ages of 5 and 18.

Young people can call about any issue such as problems at home, not coping at school or just feeling down or unhappy.

How to contact Kids Help Line

1. By phone it is 24hours a day, seven days a week to speak to a counsellor.
   1800 55 1800
   It is a free call from a landline and is free with a pre paid mobile with Optus. Other mobiles will have a fee.

2. Web or email counselling
   Web counselling is available Monday to Friday from 3pm to 9pm and weekends 10am to 5pm. This method is a better option than emailing as email can have a slower response.
   www.kidshelp.com.au

For more information, you can contact:
Lani the School Based Youth Health Nurse on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Ph 4971 4364.
Students With Additional Needs (SWAN) News

Local students commended for their academic performance in the international competitions and assessments for schools (ICAS) this year.

Students form Toolooa State High School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

The ICAS suite is developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), UNSW Global Pty Limited. For over 30 years EAA has been delivering ICAS to Australian students.

EAA is a leading international educational assessment organisation specialising in large-scale measurement and assessment programs in Australia and 20 countries globally. EAA has been involved in educational measurement in Australia since 1967 and is the largest independent provider of school competitions and assessments in the region.

ICAS are developed for students in Years 2 to 12 and are sat annually. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

‘The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are independent evaluations of students skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students’ understanding. The skills and understandings tested are important indicators of success in school and beyond,’ said Nick Connolly, Senior Manager Test Development at educational Assessment Australia, UNSW Global. ‘I would like to recognise the participation of students from Toolooa State High School with certificates and congratulate them on their efforts and achievements.’

General information about ICAS is available from the Customer Service Team at EAA on telephone number 61 2 8344 1010, facsimile 61 2 8344 1030, email info @ eaa.unsw.edu.au, or by visiting the EAA website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

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This has been provided to enable schools to adapt a media release based on their individual school results. It is available for download from the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/school-portal

Maree Harrison—HOD—Students With Additional Needs (SWAN)

Robot Challenge

“Ms Gwynne and the seven students from Toolooa SHS had a great time in Sydney competing in the National Finals of the FIRST Lego League (FLL.) The team showed amazing improvement; their first attempt at the Robot Challenge here in Gladstone saw them score 20 points. Their third attempt at the National Finals saw them gain a personal best of 363 which overall for that section put them in eighth place. The students had a wonderful time while being challenged academically, having to plan and work as part of a team while making sure they embraced the FIRST ideals of Coopertition® and Gracious Professionalism®. While they didn’t bring any trophies home, they are already planning for the 2014 competition. Again, we would like to thank our generous supporters; APLNG, the Toolooa SHS P & C, Walz Group and QER.”
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Youth Survey - Gladstone Regional Council

Gladstone Regional Council is conducting a Youth Survey to gain feedback from youth (12 to 24 year olds) who live work or study in the Gladstone Region. The information gained from the survey will help Council develop long-term strategies that support youth and address identified issues youth may be encountering. This survey which has been developed with input from local youth will enable young people who complete the survey to automatically go into a draw to WIN an iPad mini (Terms & Conditions Apply).

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GRCyouthsurvey

Thank you so much for your assistance

Kind Regards

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Gladstone Regional Council Youth | Discovery Coast Young People

SUNfest 2014 Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets are on sale now, for Gladstone Regional Council's awesome annual youth summer holiday program SUNfest, offering an enormous range of activities for young people looking for something different to do during the summer school holidays.

Initiated in response to a Council Youth Needs Study in 1997, the first SUNfest in 1998, offered 40 diverse workshops and included some fantastic activities including cartooning with Ginger Meggs creator, James Kemsley, a concert by Human Nature and a Basketball clinic with the Rockhampton Rockets.

SUNfest is now a major event on the regional calendar and each year Council teams up with the generous support of local businesses and industries to present this fantastic opportunity.

Since 2009, Gladstone Festivals Events have jumped in to help present SUNfest and in 2014 the program will run from Monday January 6 to Friday January 17, promising a more-than-ever, super-exciting summer holiday season.

SUNfest favourites, Brisbane based artists IZIT? Entertainment, Bazil Grumble and Hoozatt Entertainers, will make their way back to the Gladstone Region presenting an ever-innovative SUNfest arts program, alongside talented local artist opportunities.

There’s plenty of action and adventure with Party on with the Pool / Zorb Balls, Skateboard Mayhem and Reef2Beach Surf School.

All are encouraged to get in quick as popular activities sell out fast. Follow the link: SUNfest tickets online, phone the Box Office on 4972 2822 or head into the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre in person to be sure you don’t miss out.

SUNfest 2014 is open to all young people aged 12 to 17 years who live in the Gladstone Region and there is also a selection of Lil Kids events on offer for 10 and 11 year olds.

For further information please contact Kathy Andrew, Gladstone Festival & Events on 4972 5111 or email kathy@gladstonefestival.com
Good afternoon,

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum would like to invite you to join us for the following:

TRIPLE exhibition lA unch
| 5.45pm, Friday 13 December 2013
| light refreshments provided
| RSVP by 5pm, Tuesday 10 December 2013

HYPERclAY: contemporary ceramics
 investigating the field of ceramics while showcasing techniques and technologies embraced by 21st century artists. Assisted by Visions Australia and toured by object: Australian Design centre
 Guest speaker: Steven Poziel, Director, object: Australian Design centre

Lloyd Rees: Life and Light
 Brisbane-born painter and draftsman Lloyd Rees (1895 – 1988) is one of Australia’s most recognised and awarded landscape painters. The exhibition examines his focus on the effects of light on varied subject matters, including architecture, landscapes, figures and self portraits.
 A Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art touring exhibition.
 Floor talk by Michael Hawker, Associate Curator, Australian Art to 1975, Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art

Saki City Children’s Art
 Presenting artworks created by children from Saki City, Japan. A Gladstone Saki Sister City cultural exchange exhibition.
 Exhibition dates: 13 December 2013 - 21 February 2014

Be-Jewelled: Jewellery Making Workshop
 Learn the skill of jewelling making with local artist Lyn Love. Make a Christmas gift for someone special or create a fun piece of wearable art just for yourself.
 2 workshops available for children aged 6-16.
 10.30am - 12.00pm, Tuesday 17 December 2013
 10.30am - 12.00pm, Thursday 19 December 2013

Creepy Cutlery: contemporary clay Workshop
 All eyes will be on you as you use our fast-dry clay to decorate cutlery pieces. Be inspired by the current exhibition and get creative!
 2 workshops available for children aged 6-16.
 10.30am - 12.00pm, Tuesday 21 January 2014
 10.30am - 12.00pm, Thursday 23 January 2014

2014 CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA | Primary School Art Competition
 3 FREE workshops lead by local artist Jenie Petersen | 1 free venue limited spaces
 Workshop @ Wartburg State School
 585 Coast Rd, Baffle Creek
 11.30am - 1:00pm, Wednesday 18 December 2013
 Workshop @ Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum
 cnr Goondoon & Bramston Sts, Gladstone
 10.30am - 12:00pm, Thursday 19 December 2013
 Workshop @ Mt Larcom Youth Centre
 Narrows Rd, Mt Larcom
 11.30am - 1:00pm, Friday 20 December 2013

Finally a message from the Director:

Thank you and farewell!

As you may already know, this is my last Christmas as Director of the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum. My career in the region has spanned 20 rewarding years of exhibitions and events all of which have been achieved with your assistance. Thank you for your continued support of the Gallery/Museum. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2014.

You can be assured that I am leaving the Gallery/Museum in safe hands. My successor, Jo Duke, is highly experienced in the industry and I am confident that she will lead the team to ensure consistently interesting displays and engaging events for you to enjoy in years to come.

I will conclude my role late January 2014 to spend more quality time with my family and to tame the garden.

Until our paths cross again, best wishes.

Pamela Whitlock
Director
Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum

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