Swimming Carnival
What a brilliant day! Blue skies, light breeze and hot competition! Almost 70% of our students attended the carnival; a strong result but something that we will aim to beat in 2018. The students in attendance were a credit to the school displaying house spirit through their cheering and participation. I cannot identify the winning house just yet as our students will not find out until our parade on Friday, however I can say it was a hard fought close contest. I would like to thank our students for their behaviour and recognise Mr Miller and Mr Hill along with their team of staff that ran a great day!

Wellbeing Focus in 2017
Whilst our school has always supported the needs of our students, this year we have a very clear focus on ensuring that our school structures are in place to cater for the ongoing wellbeing needs of both students and staff. We are currently trialling a new Head of Department position tasked with overseeing this very important work in our school. The early signs have been very positive with students linked to appropriate case managers as required, along with reviews and updates to a range of policies and processes within our school.

Road Safety
The safety of our students is our paramount concern and it’s quite concerning when we get reports from our community about students that are riding their scooters, bikes or skateboards in unsafe ways on their way to and from school. We would appreciate the support of our parents to discuss this with their children. We have reports of student going straight through intersections and roundabouts as well as crossing roads without looking or stopping for oncoming traffic. The last thing that I want myself or my staff to have to do is ring a parent regarding a serious traffic incident due to this unsafe behaviour or monitor a student with serious injuries from a collision with a vehicle.

Assessment Calendars
Assessment calendars were handed out last week. We encourage our parents to go through these dates with their children to ensure that they have a full understanding of when assessment is due and the type of the assessment it is. If you have any concerns or need further information regarding the assessment listed please contact the school.

Attendance
We have had a very strong start to the year in relation to attendance. We encourage our parents to maintain this focus and have their children at school every possible day. Attendance Matters - Everyday Counts!

Uniform
Our students are doing a great job wearing their uniform with pride. This has been wonderful to see! We will continue to work with our parents to support this requirement.

Year 7 Parent Meet and Greet
Thursday March 9 from 4:30pm until 6:00pm has been set aside for our year 7 parents to connect with our teachers of our year 7 classes. We encourage our parents to attend this event to create positive relationships with our impressive team of teachers working with our year 7’s.

Senior Curriculum Study Day
Monday 20 February
A reminder that there will be a Senior Curriculum Study Day for Year 11 and 12 students on Monday 20 February. This is to accommodate the large number of our teachers of senior classes who are members of District and State moderation panels. In the lead up to this day, teachers will provide seniors with assignments, revision tasks and other study to be completed on this day. All assigned work will be written into their Student Success Journal. This day is an excellent opportunity for students to make a start on assessment items, to revise unit content and skills to date, or to form their own study groups for support throughout the year.

For the Fridge
22 & 23 /2/17 School Photos
1/3/17 Year 7 Immunisation
8/3/17 P & C Meeting—6:00—8:00pm —Snr/Schooling Room.
12/4/17 P & C Meeting—6:00—8:00pm —Snr/Schooling Room.
14/4/17 Easter Holidays Commence
2/5/17 School Resumes Term 2
Senior Schooling News
With Natalie Jounquay

Block 1: 3rd - 7th April
Block 2: 10th - 13th April
Block 3: 26th - 30th June
Block 4: 3rd - 7th July
Block 5: 18th - 22nd Sep
Block 6: 25th - 29th Sep
Block 7: 27th Nov - 1st Dec
Block 8: 4th - 8th Dec

December Holidays: 11th - 15th Dec

TERM DATES:
TERM 3 Week 10 - 11th to 15th September
TERM 4 Week 3 - 16th to 20th October

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES:
Any block throughout the year incl. December holidays 11th - 15th Dec

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES:
Blocks 1 to 6 Only

YEAR 12:
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TERM 4 Week 3 - 16th to 20th October

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES:
Refer to your Year Level dates

FLEXI STUDENTS:

WORK EXPERIENCE - AVAILABLE DATES FOR 2017

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FLEXI STUDENTS:
From The Junior Secondary Head of Department
With Jess Batey

Great Start to 2017

In last fortnight’s newsletter, I wrote an article regarding FCAs (Focus Correction Areas) and the positive impact they can have on a child’s writing. This morning, Mrs Willard and I walked through several classrooms and it was wonderful to see students in a range of subjects using their individual FCAs to influence their writing. If you haven’t had a chance to do so, I urge you to have a look in the back of your child’s diary (Student Success Journal) to see their personalised FCAs. These are excellent tools for students to continuously improve their writing skills and work towards achieving goals.

Not only are students working on improving reading and writing in the junior secondary years, but there is also a heavy focus on numeracy. Currently, our year 8 students are spending an additional 70 minutes per week honing in on their numeracy and problem solving skills. If you fancy yourself as a bit of a mathematician, have a go at the following number challenge that was set for the year 8 extension maths class this term.

Overall, it’s been a great start to 2017. Please remember to keep track of your child’s upcoming assessment dates by looking ahead in their diaries. Assessment calendars will also be coming home in the next week so that you can stick it on the fridge for easy access at home.

Jess Batey
HoD – Junior Secondary
Good Guidance
with Silke Hetherington & Jenny Morris

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Stymie allows bystanders to send anonymous notifications to our School, about someone who they believe is being bullied or harmed.

Rachel Downie, Director of stymie.com.au will be talking to parents about this new bullying and harassment tool that we will be using at Toolooa State High School. This session will held on Monday the 6th of March 2017 from 6pm—7pm, in the library, come to the information session and you can go In the draw to win a lucky door prize of a $200 uniform voucher.

You will also learn Interesting and important information about your child’s use of technology. Having trouble managing technology at home? Rachel will give you tips on how to manage kids’ devices and which apps potentially create problems in the lives of students and in classrooms everywhere. You’re not alone; Techno Parenting isn’t easy! Take this opportunity to set some boundaries.

Nurse Natters

Hi, my name is Kerry and I am your new School Based Youth Health Nurse. I will be working at Toolooa State High School on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. My role involves working with students, staff, parents and families to:

- Promote health and wellbeing;
- Create a supportive, healthy school environment (a health –promoting school)
- Help connect people with other support services.

I can talk to students confidentially and provide health and wellbeing information about:

- healthy eating and physical activity
- feeling unhappy or stressed
- relationships
- personal and family problems
- growth and development
- sexual health
- pregnancy
- smoking, alcohol and other drugs
- Other health related concerns

I am available for confidential consults with students and families. My office is situated in the technology building, I also have a please contact me drop box on my door if I am not available at the time you visit.

Yours in Health,

Kerrie O’Connell
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Ph: 49 714 364
Before the school year had even begun, five enthusiastic and promising year 10 students volunteered their time to extend their educational experiences by attending the 2017 ConocoPhillips Science Experience in Brisbane. ‘Hard work really does pay off when you’re offered to take part in an experience like this,’ exclaimed Brooke Assman excitedly.

Our students ‘boarded’ at St Leo’s campus while they attended three of the largest universities in Queensland – QUT, UQ and Griffith-Nathan – for a true university experience. They toured scientific facilities, attended lectures and, more importantly, participated in hands-on workshops all science based. Activities included examining stem cells with electron microscopes, working with lasers and soldering miniscule electronic parts to expand their knowledge of electronics.

While the thought of physics may be boring and the laboratory was actually positioned in the basement, seeing super-awesome scientific equipment catch and study electrons using super-cooled helium at a temperature of minus 300 Kelvin was brilliant. Ysabelle Glori stated, ‘Being able to take part in the ConocoPhillips Experience is life-changing.’ The students were all excited to have been part of the whole experience and most commented that while they thought they knew where science could take them, they were now even wiser as to the variety of career pathways available in science. All came back with an excited demeanour and a new passionate drive to pursue careers in the science fields. Supervising teacher, Ms Karen Rusten, commented that all students were on their best behaviour, were enthusiastic and made her experience a very pleasant one that she would gladly undertake again.

Stem Ambassador Toolooa State High School 2017

Congratulations to Maddison Campbell – Toolooa State High School STEM Ambassador 2017

STEM is the collective term for the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Queensland Government identifies that STEM touches every aspect of our lives from smartphones to research in outer space. Improving student’s capability to participate in a fast-changing global economy where innovation and the ability to solve problems are key components requires high levels of STEM skills.

2017 is the second annual STEM Girl Power Camp. The STEM Girl Power Camp is an initiative of Advancing education: An action plan for education in Queensland and will be held in Brisbane from 21-25 March this year to coincide with the World Science Festival. The camp is designed to engage year 10 female students in a range of exciting STEM experiences and invite them to aspire other students. In early November 2016, Maddison was chosen to be Toolooa’s applicant.

Maddison’s application included highlighting her interest in STEM, her understanding of why STEM is important to society and her personal involvement in activities within the school and local community. Maddison’s application was then assessed by the STEM panel based on her statements and levels of achievement.

On 25th January, Mr Goltz and Maddison were given the official notification that Maddison had been selected to represent Toolooa. Maddison is one of approximately 20 year 10 girls who have been chosen to attend the STEM Girl Power Camp where she will meet other high achieving year 10 girls to participate in World Science Festival sessions and interact with leading experts from a number of fields such as climatologists, biologists and many others.

We wish Maddison all the best and cannot wait for her share her experiences with us.

Year 8 Science - Bunsen Burners

Bunsen burners feature as a key piece of scientific equipment for Year 8 science this term as they study chemistry. Students were very excited to be learning how to use Bunsen burners safely. Students needed to be able to demonstrate the steps involved in successfully lighting a Bunsen burner and changing the flame from a safety flame to working flame and back again.
Junior Business Studies

2017 is an exciting year for business students at Toolooa SHS. Business has been reintroduced in year 8 this year with Economics and Business forming part of the Australian Curriculum. This opens a world of opportunities for students to experience the wide ranging aspects of the business world. In 2017, students in years 8 and 9 will learn about managing finances, consumerism and running a successful business in addition to the practical skills needed in the business world. Our year 10 students have the opportunity to complete their Certificate I Business before moving into Accounting or furthering their VET qualifications in the senior years.

Indigenous News

Our team wishes to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families and would like to take this opportunity to advise of staff changes and a few upcoming events. Across the Central Queensland region, Toolooa has one of the highest rates of Indigenous students. With over 100 students we now make up 10% of the schools population.

Our team consists of Cassie Benjamin, Community Education Counsellor; Ambrose Coolwell, Inclusion Officer and Michelle Eggmolesse as Administration Support. This year Cassie Benjamin has taken on the additional role of Indigenous Coordinator. She will be working closely with teaching staff, engaged with and supported by the Principal and Deputies to ensure the best outcomes for our indigenous students. Toolooa has a history of successful outcomes, with the 2016 indigenous cohort all attaining their QCE.

This is the fourth consecutive year we can celebrate this achievement, highlighting Toolooa as one of the best high schools in Queensland as far as academic outcomes for indigenous students.

Next Thursday 23rd February, will be the first of our family events, with a Meet and Greet afternoon. Students have been given and invitation, please ensure to RSVP. Families and staff will have an opportunity to meet outside of school, in informal surroundings to build positive relationships which will assist in both the classroom and across the broader community.

Chaplain Report

With
Chappy Tiff

Hey everyone,
Welcome to Week 4. School is starting to get busy and kick into gear. Remember that there are always people you can reach out to for support if you need it. Your form teacher and Year Level Coordinator are both there to support you.

Brekky Club started yesterday up in the Restaurant. It was a great morning of eating delicious pancakes and having some good chats. Remember to come join us next time. It will be Week 6, the 1st March, at 8am. We will be serving French Toast that day.

The Swimming Carnival was yesterday and wasn’t it a great day. Congrats to everyone who participated and earned some points for their House.

This week as you do all you study and classwork, and go about general life, I want to remind you to think about your words. Your words can have an incredible power to build people up and encourage them in what they are doing. However it also can have the opposite effect and ruin someone’s day or make them feel bad about themselves. A cliché saying is “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Before you speak to someone think about what you are going to say, would you be okay if someone was going to say it to you, how would that make you feel. Use your words wisely, make someone feel valued and appreciated, not hurt.

Until next time,
Chappy Tiff!
COMMUNITY NOTICES

The FIFTY FIFTH annual
GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY 12 - SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017

GET INVOLVED!

OZZIE & FRIENDS
TWILIGHT STREET PARADE
SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017, 5:30PM

The annual Gladstone Harbour Festival Street Parade is gearing up to roll down the streets of Gladstone, with this year’s ‘Ozzie and Friends’ theme.

Ozzie needs his fishy friends to get on board and help him celebrate fifty five years of festival fun.

Dolphins, sharks, turtles, whales, jellyfish, boats, sailors, pirates and anything that lives under or on top of the sea are welcome to get involved in the 2017 Ozzie & Friends Twilight Street Parade.

GREAT RAFT REGATTA
FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2017, 10AM

The competition is fierce and the rivalry is intense in this annual regatta, as competitors float, splash and paddle their way to the finish line for the fantastic cash prizes, and not to mention - bragging rights for the entire year.

Whether your raft places first or last, there are many different awards and cash prizes still up for grabs. You may be sporting the wackiest fancy dress, have the most creative raft, or simply sink straight to the bottom of Auckland Creek - all of which gives you the chance to win some great prize money!

SANTOS GLNG & 4CC’S TALENT QUEST
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2017

A night celebrating Gladstone’s finest talent on the GPC Marina Main Stage. Whether you’re a singer, dancer, magician or have another hidden talent - we want you!

With over $2,000 worth of prize money up for grabs across the Junior (12 years and under), Senior (16 years and over) and overall categories.

If you’re interested in taking part, submit your application now as spaces are limited!

HARBOUR FESTIVAL AMBASSADOR QUEST
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2017

Open to girls and boys aged between 5 - 16 years old. Have heaps of fun and make new friends, and be in the running to take home some fantastic prizes, including vouchers from Kmart and McDonalds Gladstone, Department and Grooming Course, courtesy of Australian Etiquette School, A Festival Fun Pack* and a Model Boot Camp** courtesy of Runway T.

The overall winner across all four categories (Mini, Junior, Tween and Teen) will also be crowned ‘Mini/Master Gladstone Harbour Festival and will win a trip to Heron Island!

* Festival Fun Pack for Mini Ambassador winner only. ** Model Boot Camp for Junior, Tween and Teen winners only.

www.gladstonefestival.com

Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club

Celebrating 25 Years

Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club extends an invitation to all present and past players, coaches and supporters to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. This will be held in conjunction with our Senior Presentation Night.

Date: Saturday 8th April 2017
Venue: Clinton Clubhouse
Time: 6:30pm
Cost: $40 per person (includes 3 course dinner)
RSVP: 25th February 2017
Dress: Semi-formal

Please pass this invitation on to any current or past members that you have contact with.

Contact Caroline on 0429 776 520 for more information or to book tickets.

Clinton Junior Football Club

Want to play Soccer????
Sign on for Clinton Junior Football is still open.
Ages: Under 5 to Under 17 Boys
Under 5 to Under 16 Girls

New and returning players of all levels welcome.
We are especially looking for U16 girls to fill our existing teams.

Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au to register or enquiries can be directed to:
Dave Lederhouse 0429 069 822
Jon Gifford 0417 382 038
Facebook: Clinton Football Club
COMMUNITY NOTICES

ORDINARY PEOPLE CREATING EXTRAORDINARY PLACES IN JUST 7 DAYS

Help transform Gladstone CBD or Mount Larcom in just 7 days!

Gladstone
Tuesday, February 21
6:30pm - 8pm
Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre
58 Goondoon St
(info night for makeover occurring in Gladstone CBD during the school holidays April 1 - 7)

Mount Larcom
Wednesday, February 22
6:30pm - 8pm
Mount Larcom Hall
47 Raylan St
(info night for makeover occurring in Mount Larcom April 22 - 28)

INFO NIGHTS
FREE EVENT. Everyone welcome! Kids & Adults.

FOR MORE INFO + REGISTER TO TAKE PART: 7day.com.au

Download this FREE Guide at 7day.com.au
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Uniform Shop News
Opening Hours are
Tuesdays
8am-12pm
Enquiries, online orders or emergencies
please email
uniformshop@toolooashs.eq.edu.au
You can download a uniform pre order form
from the school website at
www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au
Just a reminder that the
everyday shorts with Toolooa
Logo become COMPULSORY
Music shirts are now
available to purchase at the
uniform shop.

Sale Items
Girls and Boys Formal
shorts at $22.00 a pair

Tuckshop News
Check our daily special board
for changing meals or why not
order a healthy salad or wrap
suited to your own requirements; please see
our staff to help you with this.
Students can preorder at tuckshop from
8.20am for their lunch to ensure they do not
miss out on their
favourite food or if they
have a special request
please have a chat
with one of the
tuckshop ladies
Did you know we offer
outside catering as well as internal catering?
Having a Luncheon/ staff morning or
afternoon tea, we can help with a variety of
options
Sandwich and Wrap Platters
Fruit and Sweets Platters
Other options are
available
Call our staff for a
quote Phone No.
49714353

Application forms can be collected from
Mrs Read or the Senior Room.