This year the Queensland Government is funding additional support measures for students in Junior Secondary classes who require extra support to meet the national minimum standards in literacy and numeracy. For identified students in our school this will mean intensive intervention from a skilled teacher several times each week. As a result some changes to subject and timetables will occur as this group of students have the opportunity to revise and master important foundation skills. In second semester the focus of this intervention will shift to extension activities for more capable learners.

Traffic

Thanks to parents who have modelled great driving behaviours when entering our school grounds. Your adherence to the 15 kmph speed limit ensures that our students and your driving licence are safe. Dropping and picking students up from the drop off zone each day in Philip Street is our preferred arrival and departure point at school. Unless your child has a particular injury, illness, disability or is carrying a gigantic musical instrument, the short walk from the front gate to the buildings can only be a health benefit. Driving in the school ground between 8:15am and 8:45am and between 2:50pm and 3:15pm, when the greatest number of students are moving about, requires additional care, attention, skill and adherence to the speed limit. Common sense would suggest that avoiding driving into the grounds during these times should be avoided.

Spelling

Have you noticed that your Year 7, 8 & 9 students is going through a process of revising spelling rules throughout this year? Students revise one rule each week, relearning it for the first time in form class and then revising the rule in the first lesson of each subject during the week. That will mean that each student has nine opportunities to consolidate the rule each week. Perhaps tonight would be a great time to ask your youngster about the spelling rules learnt so far this year.

Facebook

Our school has been operating a Facebook page since late last year. This page is a great tool for communicating events and broadcasting messages. Setting up your device to get notifications from our Facebook page will mean that we are able to manage the missing note or missed that message problem.
From the Deputy’s Desk— Danielle Willard

Newsletter Week 6

Monday 3rd of March saw the start of another busy week. Year 12 Marine students are off to Tannum Beach to collect samples and research the local area for their portfolios. Year 11 tourism students are heading off on an excursion to Capricorn Caves on the 13th March and the Arts department are busy preparing for their Art auction which is to be held on the 15th March.

At the whole school parade we saw the presentation of badges to our junior school leaders. It is fantastic to see so many students prepared to go that little bit extra for the school. Lily Furness set the challenge for the students sitting before her. In her speech, where she accepted the junior leadership positions on behalf of all students’ leaders, Lily asked all students to step up and also be leaders. It is exciting to hear such inspirational words from students in the junior school.

As I walk around the school and visit classrooms, it is lovely to see a large number of students following the school rules and demonstrating that they are being respectful, responsible and they achieving in their pursuits. Many students are being rewarded with purple slips, and we have seen our first students winning movie tickets and tuck shop vouchers at the year level parades.

Congratulations to everyone who has received a purple slip!

While the majority of students are doing a fabulous job, there is a small number who appear to need a reminder about our school rules. It is important to remember that as part of Toolooa’s Responsible Behaviour Plan, bullying and harassment, in any form, will not be tolerated. At year level parades, it has been repeatedly discussed with the students, the need to report any issues that they may be having and also to report any issues that they can see around them.

Warm Regards,

Danielle Willard
Deputy Principal

2014 GRIP Leadership Conference

On Friday 21st February 18 of the 2014 Student Executive members woke early to travel to Rockhampton for the annual GRIP leadership conference.

Students participated in a range of sessions which provided them with information and practical ways of ‘being a leadership group of influence’, ‘how to maximise student involvement’ and ‘creating unity at school’.

Toolooa students had a great time participating in the "LOUD NOISES" activities which at times took some of them out of their comfort zone.

The students represented themselves extremely well and came back to school with a renewed sense of enthusiasm.

Keep an eye out for the range of activities that the student executive will be organising in 2014.
“Project We Care” is an initiative of The Gladstone Port Curtis Rotary Club and is currently being piloted at Toolooa State High School and Gladstone South State School. It aims to use evidence based, long term sustainable and whole population strategies to make our community suicide safer. It aims to use a variety of psycho-educational strategies and programs implemented across Prep to Year 12 with school students, staff, connected government and non-government agencies, to make a difference. Toolooa State High is very proud to have been chosen to be the inaugural secondary school for the pilot.

As part of “Project We Care”, the Gladstone Port Curtis Rotary Club has funded the significant cost of having locally based facilitators trained to present Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) to school staff and other government and non-government agencies.

Two out of the three accredited facilitators as members of staff, Lea Sycamore, Youth Worker and Jenny Morris, SWAN Guidance Officer.

ASIST helps people to:
- Increase their awareness of suicide and see prevention opportunities they may otherwise miss;
- Become more alert to clues and communications that someone may be thinking of suicide;
- Ask about suicide and respond in ways that show understanding and assess risk;
- Work with persons at risk to increase their safety;
- Facilitate links with further help from family, friends and professional helpers as needed.

The workshop helps people apply suicide first aid in many settings - with family, friends, co-workers and team mates and more formal helping roles. Many organisations have adopted the program as part of the professional development of their workers in suicide intervention training. The program’s widespread use in communities across Australia helps promote a common language of assessment, risk management and referral across diverse organisational backgrounds.

During 2013, more than a dozen Toolooa staff have completed the training, with more to attend during 2014!

For any further information about the training or “Project We Care”, feel free to contact Lea or Jenny.

Jenny Morris,
Toolooa House.

Dear Parents and Students, Extra Help Wanted.

We are requesting help for the Fundraising Sausage Sizzle for Bunnings 26th April 2014.

We are asking for parents to man the BBQ’s for 2hr shift. Students will be asked with drinks and orders also.

Please ring me on 4971 4351 if you can help……..

Dear parents and students,

If you are a musical parent or an art parent, we would love to have your assistance for the Auction…….

We need people to run aspects such as the tills assisting with rapping and catering…….

Please contact me on 4971 4351 if you can be of assistance.

Big thanks to Elders Real Estate for $200 sponsorship.

SCHMIDT, Sharon

Art Auction Assistance
Dear Parents and Students

We are raising money for the musical – with the sale of some Art works.

Students and staff have been working to create artworks and these will be on sale on Saturday 15th March 2014. Please come along and support us.

There will be an artwork for everyone’s taste.

Drinks and snacks will be available for the night and Wine and cheese will be available for parents.

Come along, have some fun and support the school’s fundraiser.
Nurse Natters

This swimming carnival we had the health hut to promote sun safety, nutrition and physical activity within the school community.

During this event the students took every opportunity to promote health messages to students, taking sunscreen around, offering fruit to students and making sure plenty of water was available.

Thanks to Aimee Gleeson and Jenny Fluerty for helping set up. It was extremely appreciated.

It was fantastic to see the students having a great day.

Yours in health,

Lani Clements
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Ph 4971 4364.

Work Experience Dates 2014
Semester 1 – Term 1

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TOOLOOA SHS - POLICE OFFICER
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A reminder to all that new legislation relating to Out-of-Control Events commenced on February 19, 2014 in Queensland. This now means there is an onus on parents, hosts and guests to consider their responsibilities to keep all persons involved at the event safe.

The legislation is aimed at providing a better framework for police to respond to out-of-control parties and gatherings. It includes offences relating to;

1) organising an out-of-control event,
2) giving permission for the organisation of an out-of-control event, and
3) causing an event to become out-of-control.

There are also provisions for the Courts to order that those charged in relation to an out-of-control event pay the cost for any police response.

While police are generally satisfied that home owners in our area are responsible when organizing and hosting events, we would like to remind residents of the importance to ensure that their events or parties do not disturb neighbours or other community members.

Those planning or hosting an event are encouraged to register it under Party Safe either online at www.police.gov.au/party, by telephoning Policelink on 131 444, or by visiting the Gladstone Police Station at 10-12 Yarroon Street, Gladstone Central.
Office Info

The 2014 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME fees should now be either:

1. paid in full or
2. have paid the first term instalment of $60 plus have a written payment plan in place.

For your convenience payments can be made:

1. in person at the school.
2. by phone call (if you have a Visa or MasterCard) The receipt can be emailed to you or given to your son/daughter.
3. by a Direct Bank Transfer from your account into the school account. (If you choose this option it is essential for you to enter identifying information i.e. invoice or student ID number, with this transfer so the payment goes to the correct student.) Please contact the school office for necessary details if this is your preference.

If your fees are unpaid please phone the school office so arrangements can be made to start a Student Resource Scheme – Participation Agreement.

A signed Student Resource Scheme – Participation Agreement Form is required each school year. This signed agreement form is to confirm arrangements between yourself and the school and is required for auditing purposes. The form approves the use of a government subsidy plus your commitment to pay a contribution of $160 (or a pro rata amount) for textbooks and consumable resources for the current year.

STUDENT ID CARDS

Student ID Cards and also any student participation in non-curriculum activities such as Port Curtis sports will not be available to students who have unpaid school fees or who have no negotiated (written) Student Resource Scheme – Participation Agreement Form in place.

MANUAL ARTS FEES

It is a condition of acceptance into a Manual Arts class that all annual resource fees are to be paid under the same principles as for the Student Resource Scheme conditions as indicated above.

Receipting times for the school office are from 8:00 am until 3.00 pm. (Other times by arrangement.)

Cybersafety Help Button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns.

The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to Cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.


2014 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
Welcome to 2014.

Parents and students often ask me why we should learn history to which an apt reply is:

“Our overview of the possible lessons of history may not so much explicitly focus importance on the broader range of past mistakes of history, of which there are many, as learning useful lessons about - The Human Condition AND Social Change. This can show, through cautionary examples, how past mistakes and serious misjudgements have arisen from time to time disrupting the normal and decent functioning of would-be well-meaning societies.”

It is very important that we learn about our past mistakes so that we can identify what led to them in the first place, and, never make them again.

What is Happening In the Humanities Department

We would like to welcome Miss Emily Fulwood to our department. Emily is a newly graduated teacher from Brisbane and primarily teaches Year 9. Also, Mrs Rachel Bos has decided to take the plunge and move from being a Year 7 teacher to a junior secondary teacher. Both these ladies are valuable assets to our team,

Up Coming Events

- Year 11 Tourism excursion to Capricorn Caves at the end of this month Cost $25.00
- Year 8 Geography excursion to Sunshine Coast in August. We are still finalising the details of this excursion but costs will be approximately $500

Year 9 History excursion to Canberra at the end of the year. Costs this year will be approximately $550. This is a much sort after and looked forward trip.

We look forward to a very successful year and congratulate those students who have performed outstandingly in the humanity fields in 2013. As always, please feel free to give me call if you have any concerns.

Cathey

Cathey Hale
HOD Social Science
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Request To Administer Medication at School.

NOTE:

For school staff to administer over-the-counter medication, authorisation is required from a medical practitioner.

The following points are for security and safety purposes, and are requirements of the Health (Drug and Poisons) Regulation 1996 (Qld).

- The parent notifies the school in writing to administer medication. This may include written guidelines from the prescribing health practitioner, including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide medication in original pharmacy labelled container to the school.
- Ensure medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time/s to be taken.
- Notify the school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction is to be accompanied by a letter from a prescribing health practitioner or change of label from a pharmacist.
- The student has received a dose at home without ill effect.
- Advise the school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.
- Where parents are working with a prescribing health practitioner to determine a dose for that day (e.g. insulin, Rivotril) parents will provide a letter from a prescribing health practitioner instructing that parents will be responsible for notifying the school of the adjusted dose.
- This form will be reviewed annually or as the student is prescribed a change in medication.

The correct form is available from the Toolooa State High School office and must be signed off by a prescribing medical practitioner.

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Senior Schooling News

With Natalie Jounquay

QCS Practice Test

All Year 12 students sitting the QCS Test will be involved in the QCS Practice Test which is occurring on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April (Week 10). All OP-eligible students are expected to sit the QCS Practice Test. The QCS Practice Test provides students with the opportunity to become familiar with the test format and conditions.

Additionally, students’ test papers are professionally marked and feedback is provided, allowing students to gauge their strengths and weaknesses in the test and prepare accordingly.

Careers Newsletter

Toolooa State High School subscribes to a regular careers newsletter service provided by MHS Careers. The newsletter contains a range of information about universities, private colleges, apprenticeships, traineeships, scholarships and competitions.

This newsletter is emailed to all Years 11 and 12 students’ school email addresses. Interested parents and guardians can log into the MHS Careers website (http://www.mhscareers.net/) to view the news pages and calendar using “parent” as the login and 14cairns as the password.

Work Experience

It is pleasing to see that a number of students have applied for holiday work experience this term. Work experience is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of their intended career path and decide if it is really for them.

It also provides students with a work history for their resume, which is particularly important for students seeking apprenticeships and/or traineeships or employment at the end of the year.

Natalie Jounquay

Head of Senior Schooling

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gladstone Performing Arts Company Youth Theatre

Attention SunFest Participants! If you were one of the many students who participated in the SunFest Performing Arts based activities then GPAC has good news for you! Our Years 4-12 Youth Theatre group meets each Tuesday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:15 at the Salvation Army Hall in Goondoon St.

Annual Membership is $30 and there is a weekly fee to help pay for expenses of $5 a week.

Activities include singing, dancing, acting and theatre sports. The group has also started to rehearse for GPAC’s Musical Revue performance in June.

Please note, that when numbers for the group increases, there will be a Years 7-12 group commence, 5:30 to 6:30 on the Tuesday.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah: 0408728594.

Meteors Football Club

"Meteors Football Club is seeking more junior players to fill some of our teams for the 2014 season - from Under 12s to Under 17s.

Visit www.meteorsfootballclub.com or email registrar@meteorsfootballclub.com. We welcome new and returning members to our family friendly club. Families with a healthcare card may be eligible for a $150 voucher to use towards fees."

Soccer players needed

Are you looking to join an awesome sporting club in 2014?

Meteors FC is your club!
Family friendly and pathways to senior teams.

Email registrar@meteorsfootballclub.com
Visit www.meteorsfootballclub.com or find us on Facebook.

Meteors Sports Ground, Glenlyon Road (opp Botanic Gardens)

BAM Art Competition

Hi all - a reminder about BAM art comp on the 1st March, starts at 3 - until 4pm.

It’s such great fun. First prize $100 and second $75 framing voucher. AND you could then sell your work!

Please contact lynnhow@bigpond.com for further information and entry.

Thanks
Hayley Ridden

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