Principal’s Piece.—Justin Harrison.

Parent Teacher Night
Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the parent teacher interviews last Thursday night. If you could not attend and have concerns with the progress of your child, please contact the teacher to discuss the matter. It is critical that all parties address any issue early and work together so we get the best possible outcome for your son/daughter.

Want to know more about year 7 and 8 at Toolooa in 2014?
If your child is coming to, or you are considering Toolooa SHS for year 7 and 8 in 2014, please attend our upcoming school tour and information nights. These events provide an opportunity to meet key staff across our school and receive information pertinent to the year level.

Details are as follows:

Year 7 Night
Date: Tuesday 6 August
Time: School Tours (5 – 6pm)
Information Session (6 – 7pm)
Venue: Toolooa SHS Library

Year 8 Night
Date: Thursday 8 August
Time: School Tours (5 – 6pm)
Information Session (6 – 7pm)
Venue: Toolooa SHS Library

Discipline Audit
Feedback from the Discipline Audit that was conducted in the first week of term three has been officially provided to the school. The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile are available on the school’s website. Additionally, a fact sheet for parents and carers has also been attached. Please go to the quicklinks section on the school website to view the feedback.

School Opinion Survey
Thank you to all parents, staff and students who completed the school opinion survey last week. The report will help our school and Education Queensland to further understand how to better meet the needs of our community.

Year 10 Subject Selections for Year 11 2014
The first round of student Subject Selections for Year 11 2014 on OneSchool is now locked. Class lists for each subject will be generated for HODs and key teachers to run filters. These filters are designed to ensure students are in their chosen senior pathway (OP, Flexible, Pre-Trade) and that they are meeting the pre-requisites for that subject to ensure every chance of success. After analysing their subject class list, HODs will make contact with both the student and parent to discuss the appropriateness of that subject selection and then refer them through to the Senior School Deputy Principal to make changes.
Mr Kabota’s Visit To Year 8 Art Students.

Mr Kabota’s visit to Year 8 art students. We were very privileged to have Mr. Kabota to come and give us a presentation on his craft of mask making. Students were very interested in this, as our five classes of Year 8 Art students are currently looking at making clay masks.

The level of respect shown by the students encouraged Kubotasan to present his traditional ceremonial Kabuki dance, blessing our students with good health and happiness.

CONFIDENCE

How Confidence Develops

For most children school means spending more time on learning and less on ‘play’. It also means more expectations of them – from parents, carers, teaching staff and also from themselves. Children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how others respond to what they do. These things influence their confidence in their abilities, and influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

How Parents and Carers Can Help

Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents, carers (and teaching staff) can help by:

- explaining that skills develop with practice
- encouraging persistence when outcomes aren’t achieved straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over
- encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement

Confident Thinking

Self-esteem is an important part of confidence. Having good self-esteem means accepting and feeling positive about yourself. Confidence is not just feeling good but also knowing you are good at something. Remember: How I think affects how I feel. Particular ways of thinking are very important for building confidence.

Helpful ways of thinking include:

- believing that, if you try, you can succeed
- finding positive ways to cope with failure that encourage having another go
- enjoying learning for its own sake by competing with your own performance rather than that of others.

Dealing with Disappointment

Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents and carers (and teaching staff) can help by:

- Acknowledging feelings, and respond sympathetically and with encouragement e.g. “You sound disappointed, but at least you had a go.”
- Helping kids focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them, e.g., “What can you try that might make that work better next time?”
- Challenging words like ‘I can’t’ or ‘I’m a failure’, and letting them know that ‘giving up’ may not help them reach their goal.

Let them know you believe in them and remind them of what they have achieved.

Adapted from: www.kidsmatter.edu.au

What’s Happening In THE ARTS Department?

Year 10 Play

On Wednesday the 11th of September, the year 10 Drama class will be performing their class play Watermark. This poetic play looks at the experiences of victims of the floods in Katherine in 1998.

The proceeds of the evening’s performance will go to the Red Cross to help with the Queensland flood relief. Year 10 Drama have been working very hard to put this play together and it is sure to be a fantastic production.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Drama Club

Drama Club is on in term 3 and 4, on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5pm in the Drama Room. So far students have played drama games, worked on their improvisation and acting skills, been involved in shooting a short film, and been the stars of a film being used in the term 2 Drama Night.

Drama Club is open to any student who wants to be involved; you don’t need to take Drama as a subject.

If you’re interested in joining this fantastic club, grab a permission form from the Drama Room and come along on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5pm in NA05.
Nurse Natters

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

During this event the senior executive 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.

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

A big thanks to the students for such enthusiasm on the day and the Youth Support Coordinator Initiative for funding the health hut, it was extremely appreciated.

Yours in health,
Lani Clements.
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Ph 4971 4364
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Zombies Bombard Boomtown Bonanza!

Congratulations to Toolooa dancers who recently performed at Queensland Music Festival’s mega production “Boomtown”.

Students dedicated extra curricula hours throughout the past five months in preparation for the amazing musical performance presented at the Gladstone Marina from the 18th -21st July.

The combined school dance group performed a collage of popular routines in the disguise of Zombies, oozing personality and enthusiasm that thrilled mass audiences.

Being part of the largest production to sweep Gladstone, Boomtown was an amazing opportunity for students to work with industry professionals and engage among the region’s budding talent.

Congratulations again to Toolooa students who presented themselves with professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment.

Well Done!

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Community Notices.

Benaraby Country Fair.

When: Sunday 11th August, 2013
Where: Benaraby State School

Don’t miss the wonderful country atmosphere of Benaraby State School’s 26th Annual Country Fair. It’s set to be our biggest yet, with both school ovals filled with market stalls, a Cent Sale, Old McDonald’s Farm, white elephant stall, licensed bar and more amusement rides than ever before!

Get the earlybird discount and pre-purchase your ‘All Day Rides’ pass for just $28 at www.facebook.com/BenarabyFair.

Enjoy the bush poet while having Devonshire tea and scones and later, pull up a hay bale or bring a blanket/chair to enjoy some fantastic live music. The crowds are set to swell at the live music stage with country singer-songwriter Terry Clark bringing his band from Brisbane!

We also have some other great local artists performing – some featuring in the recent Boomtown production! Don’t leave without visiting our wonderful homemade Cake and Candy stall.

Hope to see you there!

GYMC August Meeting Date Change.

Due to the Gladstone Show Holiday, the GYMC August Meeting has been changed from the 7th of August to the 14th of August.

Apprenticeships at Boyne Smelters

Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) is pleased to be offering fantastic career opportunities by offering a number of apprenticeships commencing next year.

BSL prides itself on providing excellent training in a dynamic environment where apprentices are mentored as they work, allowing them to gain a variety of skills and progress into sought-after, highly experienced tradespeople.

In July we will be recruiting for the trades of Mechanical, Electrical, Fabrication and Diesel Fitting.

HOW TO APPLY

We can only accept online applications for the 2014 Apprenticeship program.

After 12th July, please visit the Pacific Aluminium careers page www.pacaluminium.com.au/careers

Application close 2 August.

Applicants will need to submit electronic copies of:

- Application cover letter (why you want to complete an apprenticeship at BSL)
- Resume (up to date)
- Most recent school results

INFORMATION EVENINGS - 18th & 24th July

Interested applicants and parents/guardians are invited to attend an optional evening session on BSL’s Apprenticeship program, allowing us to provide additional information and answer any queries you may have.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP with names of attendees and your preferred session date by emailing.

BSLHRRecruitment@pacaluminium.com.au

Once we receive your RSVP you will be provided with the event location and time.

For other enquiries regarding the information night or our recruitment process, please phone Julia Francis on 4973 0373.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

FREE INFORMATION SESSION!!!!

Date: 5th August 2013
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Location: 4600 Child and Family Centre, 74 Auckland Street, Gladstone

RSVP: CO8 Wednesday 31st July 2013 on 4999 3600

Topics include:

- What is Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Overview of Autism QLD Services
- Autism Qld services in Central Qld

This information session is open to parents/carers and professionals working with children on the Autism spectrum.
Kate Leahy

Having toured Europe, Queensland and Australia’s major cities, Kate Leahy is now bringing her latest EP ‘bring home more’ and The Village Festival Road Trip to eight of Central Queensland’s regional and remote towns.

Kate is calling all local musicians and music lovers to come along for an opportunity to perform in front of their hometown. Kate and fellow musicians will be offering free afternoon workshops as part of the event. Workshops cover singing, song writing, a variety of musical instruments and music styles.

"With this tour, it’s not just about putting on a show for people... it’s about improving regional music capabilities... bringing towns and people together through music! I really want to engage with as many people as possible and get them making music with us. We want people of all ages to come to the workshops, rehearse a song with us, and if they are ready, they’ll even have the chance to perform with us in front of their home town that night.” (Kate Leahy)

Workshops will be followed by an evening of live music with performances from Road Trip musicians and local stars. On the bill are performers KATE LEAHY, WEATHERED, STEVE BUTLER, LOGAN BREWSTER.

Event details:
3rd August
Workshops from 3.00pm / live music from 7.00pm
Gladstone Entertainment Centre Marquee
For tickets ($10): Contact Elders Real Estate Gladstone