Principal’s Piece.

NAPLAN
As I pen this letter, Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 9 students who successfully completed three days of NAPLAN Testing. As I walked through the classrooms, it was very pleasing to see our students engaging with the complexion of the test. A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year.

I have read with some curiosity the advice being offered in the print media and on television regarding student preparation for the NAPLAN testing – Be relaxed, have a good night’s rest, eat breakfast and attempt every question. Great advice but can I say that the preparation for every day at school should look exactly the suggestions above. This would be basic preparation for students who were seeking to perform well in any activity at school or work.

While NAPLAN is often dismissed as a once a year test for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9, the reality is that knowledge, skills and processes required to engage with the tests are accumulative and every day in every year that went before the test is important for a successful outcome. I look forward to seeing how our students went in 2013.

Recognition Assembly
On the 13th of May, at our full school assembly we recognised our high performing academic students with the awarding of this term’s Gold Awards. My congratulations to our students whose performance at school has reached such a high level. This particular assembly was unique in that our students and invited guests also had the opportunity to welcome the first group of junior students leaders invested at our school. This group of young people, drawn from our Year 7, 8 & 9 classes, will be central to our school’s future development of student leadership at our school.

Staff Changes Until the End of Term 2.
I will be on leave until the end of this term and there will be some role position changes with staff. Justin Harrison will be acting as Principal, Mark Thomas will be our Deputy Principal and Georgie Schluter as the Head of Department for the Health and Physical Education Department. Please don’t hesitate in contacting either of them should the need arise.

I look forward to seeing you all back in Term 3.
Reminder for Senior Subject and Course Enrolments for 2014.

A number of information sessions and activities have been planned to support students in Year 10 to make choices about Senior Subjects and Courses for 2014. The following list of important dates will assist you to meet deadlines for enrolments and selections.

An information session on Senior Pathways at Toolooa SHS will be conducted later in the term by the Deputy Principal during EFL.

Information sessions will be presented to students in EFL regarding the external programs and enrolment processes on **Thursday 30th May** in period 4.

Heads of Departments will also be presenting information sessions to all EFL classes on **Wednesday 5th June** providing students with information on subjects that their departments offer in grade 11.

An information session on Senior Pathway including; QTAC Prerequisites for University and Tertiary Entrance, the Job Guide and external provider applications will be presented by the Guidance Officer and EQUIP on **Thursday 6th June** in period 4.

**A SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH JUNE AT 6.00PM AT THE SCHOOL.**

Students will complete an Expression of Interest –Subject Form by **Thursday 13th June**.

Students will complete their subject choices online through OneSchool by **Friday 26th July**.

Students complete Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans online by **Friday 26th July**.

Applications for External courses will be available from the 14th June on the EQIP website. [www.eqipgladstone.com.au](http://www.eqipgladstone.com.au)

The closing date is **Monday 19th August 2012**.

Programs include:
- Engineering Skills Centre program
- GAGAL pre-trade program
- Business and Technology Skills Centre (BITS) academic & /or vocational program
- Technical College Gladstone

The following information evenings will be held on:
- All EQIP programs - **Tuesday 16 July**
- ETCGR - **Tuesday 23 July**
- EPMA - **Wednesday 24 July** (at CQIT)
- EBITS - **Tuesday 30 July**

Year 10 students will have the opportunity to visit the Gladstone Careers and Tertiary Studies Expo at the PCYC on **Tuesday 6th August**.

Offers for external programs made on **Friday 6th September**.

Acceptance and deposit due by **Friday 20th September**, TAFE enrolments and payments are due in **September**.

Timetables for 2014 finalised and Senior Enrolment interviews held late term 3 or early term 4.

As you may appreciate, there is a diverse range of programs on offer for students continuing their education and/or training after the completion of Year 10.

It is vital that students attend all information sessions at school and bring the relevant information home to discuss with parents.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the options your child is including in their SET Plan.

Please contact **Mark Thomas (Deputy Principal), HOD Senior Schooling or your child’s EFL teacher on 4971 4333** should you wish to discuss options.

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**Help us Name the Newsletter.**

And the winner is..............................................Lily Furness from Year 7 with **Tune in Toolooa.**

Congratulations Lily for participating in the Name the Newsletter competition and providing us with such a fantastic name for the new design of the Toolooa State High School Newsletter.

Not only have you won for yourself two movie tickets you have earned yourself the bragging rights each fortnight and your suggestion will be seen on the Banner of every newsletter.

Thankyou to all that have forwarded on suggestions and that have participated in the competition.
SuperChallenge 2013.

Toolooa SHS SuperChallenge will be held on Thursday 6 June 2013. Schools have the opportunity to register a team for the SuperChallenge event. SuperChallenge is a fun day at Toolooa SHS for primary students in years 5, 6 and 7 to compete for the Toolooa SHS SuperChallenge Shield.

Teams will compete in various learning challenges to earn points for their school.

Public and Private Primary schools across the district are invited to enter a team of Year 5, 6 or 7 students to compete one or more of the exciting challenges below.

Please note a team competes in one challenge, all day.

SuperChallenge in 2013 is sponsored by the Toolooa SHS Parents & Citizens Association. Student and teachers will be required to arrange travel to and from the Toolooa SHS campus arriving no later than 8:40am ready for the briefing and to commence SuperChallenge.

The events and presentation ceremony will be concluded by 2:45pm; again private transport should be arranged for all students and teachers.

Parent of participating students are welcome to attend the presentation ceremony and should arrive at Toolooa SHS by 2:30pm.

2013 SUPERCHALLENGE – 6 June 2013
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Instrumental Music/GYMC Meeting Times:

Meeting dates for 2013, at this stage, are:

- 5 June, 7.00 pm
- 7 August, 7.00 pm
- 7.00 pm 4 September,
- 7.00 pm 6 November,

Meetings are held at Gladstone State High School Language Centre

Toolooa’s Music Students.

Five of Toolooa’s music students were chosen to participate in the Capricornia SHEP program (State Honours Ensemble Program). SHEP was hosted in Rockhampton and was held over a three day period from the 17th May - 19th May.

The students Karl Brennan (trumpet), Adam Murray (trumpet), Bradley Read (trumpet), Kaitlyn Read (clarinet) and Bethany Kirkpatrick (clarinet) attended and valued the skills learnt.

The program enabled those who attended to experience the size, sound and performance quality of a large band. As well as this it was great to have the ability to work with professional conductors and composers from the conservatorium of music provided. Kaitlyn Read Year 10, Toolooa State High Instrumental Band student.
Toolooa’s Aspiring Leaders Attend Summit.

On Tuesday the 30th of April, 20 of Toolooa’s best and brightest aspiring leaders from year 10 attended the Y-Lead Regional Youth Leadership Summit at St Stephen’s College. The Summit, supported by Aurizon, presented a motivational and inspiring opportunity for our students to network with students from other schools, as well as gain an insight into what being a great leader entails.

The day included three sessions entitled, ‘Ain’t no mountain high enough’, ‘Realising your potential’ and ‘Making a difference’. These sessions were interactive and explored the idea that leadership isn’t always about being awarded a position or a badge, but more about the way you can make the world a better place, even if your change seems insignificant at times.

As always, Toolooa was represented with exemplary behaviour and fabulous ideas to contribute to the group. I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes of their newly inspired ideas!

Jess Batey – Year 10 Co-ordinator

Year 8 Home Economics Textile Students.

The year 8 textiles students seen above are wearing their creative cooking aprons that were made during term 1 in Home Economics. All students have enjoyed the challenge of expressing their creative talents through the use of many textile techniques.

The students have looked extremely impressive for their cooking lessons this term!

From the Home Economics Department.

AUSTRALIAN BRAIN BEE STATE FINALS.

During term 1, the Year 10 Extension Science participated in the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge round 1. Round one saw 5,500 students from 300 schools participating.

Round 2 – Queensland State Finals – will be held at the Queensland Brain Institute, University of Queensland on Tuesday 18th of June.

The day includes individual and team challenges to determine the Queensland Champion.

For the second year in a row Toolooa State High School has secured a position in the State Final.

Congratulations must go to: Dana Connelly, Kaitlyn Read, Jayden Coolwell, Blake Ward and Jacob Mason who have qualified for the Individual Challenge - State Final.

Toolooa will also be participating in the Team Challenge again this year. One to all students involved in round one and best of luck to the five students off to round two.

From the Deputy’s Desk –

Amanda Stirling.

Reporting

Report cards have been posted to homes and hopefully you have had the opportunity to discuss your child’s results with them.

While most of our students received positive feedback, there are some who are not working towards their potential. For this reason, a number of parents/guardians have had an interview requested of them.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent/Teacher interview night held on Tuesday 7th May. It is extremely important that parents/guardians make the most of this opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with teachers. Instructions on how to book interviews online have been sent home with reports.

Y lead? Y not!

I was lucky enough to accompany year ten students to the YLead workshop this week. I was very impressed with the behaviour of our student group and their willingness to meet new people and participate in the activities. Many thanks to Ms Jess Batey, year ten year level coordinator, for organising this event.

Warm Regards, Amanda Stirling.
Nurse Natters
WHY TEENAGERS SHOULD EAT BREAKFAST
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. The reasoning behind this is because:
- It gives you energy for the rest of the day
- It has shown to increase a student's ability to concentrate in class
- Helps maintain a healthy body weight

Body image is important to teenagers. What most of them don’t realise is that eating breakfast lowers fat intake. This is because it can limit snacking of unhealthy foods throughout the day or overeating at other meals. Skipping breakfast is generally linked to greater body fat and sets up extreme hunger patterns later on in the day. Eating breakfast and small frequent meals throughout the day can prevent this.

This information is from:
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
www.breakfastfirst.org

In the next couple of newsletters I will discuss why students skip breakfast, suggestions for breakfast foods and how to get your teenager to eat breakfast.

Lani Clements
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays
Ph: 4971 4364.

Performance Night -Term 2.
This term Dance and Drama Students will be showcasing some of their creative work in Dance/Drama Night Term 2, on Wednesday the 12th of June, at 6pm. Year 8, 9 and Senior Dance will be performing Contemporary Dance, while Senior Drama will be presenting student-devised contemporary theatre works.

Year 9 and 10 Drama will have the audience in stitches with their Clowning and Commedia Dell Arte scenes. Term 1’s performance night was a great success with family and friends showing their support to our very talented students, the money raised by donations from our very generous audience going to assist the Arts at Toolooa.

We hope this term to have an even bigger show of support for our fantastic Arts students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Visits to Primary Schools.
Over the next few weeks, Mr Townsend (Junior Secondary Deputy Principal) and Mr O’Connor (Year 7 and 8 Coordinator) will be visiting local primary schools to talk to Year 6 and 7 students about their plans for 2014.

Accompanying them will be our Year 7 and 8 Junior leaders who will return to their primary schools to talk to students about their high school experience so far and to provide facts and information about the transition to high school. These visits are a follow-up to those conducted earlier this term by our principal, Mr Whitfield, who spoke with the same primary school groups.

The visits are part of our overall transition plan that we feel carefully prepares incoming students for their high school life. Even if some of these students do not eventually enrol at Toolooa, we feel that their involvement in this program prepares them well for any high school that they choose to attend.

If parents have any question about our transition program, they should call Craig O’Connor on 4971 4333.

Maths Update.
What is happening in each year level?

Year 7:
- Are just about to begin a unit that will cover fractions, perimeter, area, variables and index notation.

Year 8:
- Have just completed their mid-term exam and will now be working on a measurement unit.

Year 9:
- Have just completed their NAPLAN testing and are currently working on units based around similarity and trigonometry. They will have an exam that covers everything they have done this term on the 18th June.

Year 10:
- As this term comes to a close we will be changing classes to best prepare students for senior mathematics subjects. We will be placing students in classes which we think best suit their ability and therefore students and parents should consider this when choosing subjects for 2014.

Students who are currently achieving A’s or B’s will be doing Maths B preparation. Students on C’s will be doing Maths A preparation and students who currently aren’t passing mathematics will be doing a Prevocational Mathematics preparation course.

Year 11:
- Maths C – assignment drafts are in and the final submission is due on the 21st May.
- Maths B – assignment drafts are in and the final submission is due on the 23rd May.
- Maths A – currently working on a building/bracing unit to be followed by a finance unit.

Prevocational Maths – currently working on their travel assignment.

Year 12:
- Maths C – assignment drafts are in and the final submission is due on the 31st May.
- Maths B – assignment drafts are in and the final submission is due on the 27th May.
- Maths A – currently working on a navigation unit

Prevocational Maths – currently working on a data and statistics unit.
2013 Fun Run/Cross Country.

Our annual Fun Run/Cross Country was conducted on Wednesday the 24th of April 2013. This event gave students the opportunity to run competitively for selection within the school team to travel to Port Curtis trials or to compete socially where they could walk the track with their friends and participate within physical activity.

Our fundraising event was run in conjunction with our competitive event in which students who decided to raise money would contribute a point for each dollar raised to their overall careport points tally. This year Toolooa SHS raised $2600 and the highest fundraiser was Lootphee Dzulkamal who raised a total of $453.

**Age Champions.**

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The Age Champions and points tally at the end of the carnival was as follows;

1st Elliott 1600 points
2nd Keppel 1381 points
3rd Heron 1293 points
4th Curtis 1095 points

The Arts.

The ARTS and Opportunities.............

Lead role for “King and I” goes to Toolooa student …….Emily Newman.

Emily Newman is a talented music and drama student at Toolooa. She has performed several occasions for us at our “Arts Showcase” and she is looking at a very successful future.

My name is Emily Newman and I am currently a busy student at Toolooa State High school. Not only am I a grade 12 student and aiming to receive a successful OP; I have an extensive commitment to the music programs in our community. Currently underway is the Gladstone music festival production called ‘Boomtown’ which will be presented in July at the Marina.

The story of Boomtown incorporates characteristics of Gladstone history and is based around a family arriving to Gladstone. Mum, Dad, George and Gladys Stone (that’s me) have an argument and are separated, leaving the storyline to George who meets the people of Gladstone.

The massive production consisting of a cast of approximately 400 people, will be presented in July and I hope you will be able to make it! On top of grade 12, QCS and ‘Boomtown’, I am currently involved in the production “The King and I”. The Bunbury Players, who previously produced “The Mouse Trap”, will be presenting the play in November. Being offered the substantial role of ‘Anna’ in The King and I, I was very reluctant to accept due to all other commitments.

Without the support of the many teachers at Toolooa, I would not be able to do the things I love on top of schoolwork. Doing what I love makes the extra work and effort worth it.
Will somebody listen to me?

This year so far at school has been a very interesting one, and in my position as chaplain I have learnt a lot about young people and the root cause of many of the issues that they face.

Very often a young person will ask to see me, and as they begin speaking I notice that very often they just want to get some things off their chest, vent, and share things with me that they haven’t been able to share with anyone else. Whether that be by choice, not being able to trust other people to keep what they share confidential, or simply because they have no one to share the deep things of their heart with.

As a chaplain I have had the privilege of showing them that, “Yes. Someone will, and wants to listen to you!” Often me just sitting and listening to a young person talk, and showing genuine interest in what they are saying goes a very long way.

By looking into a young person’s eyes with sincerity and love, and making their opinion feel valued, has made them feel validated and valued as a person, has dramatically aided in their self-confidence and even helped them to help themselves solve an issue or problem.

It is shocking how so many of us don't feel listened to, because in our culture it seems we have become too busy with work and seeking pleasure for ourselves. We have become victims to the destructive ways of our culture and because of it we are losing influence in each other’s lives. We have no time, neglect relationships and don’t realise the importance of really listening to each other. Let's be counter-cultural.

I’ve learnt a very valuable lesson: there is no such thing as a bad or evil kid, but it is in fact only a hurting kid, and hurting kids like to be listened to.

Dewald (Waldo) Van Der Merwe

Instrumental Music- Ice Creamery Performance.

Last week Instrumental Music students from local primary and high schools, teamed together to perform a selection of repertoire outside the Ice Creamery in Gladstone.

Many parents and friends gathered around to enjoy the live entertainment where students showcased their hard work, skills and talents.

The teachers thoroughly enjoyed the event, and were extremely proud of the students.

All participants were generously rewarded with a free ice cream of their choice by the owners of the store.

A great time was had by all, and staff and students are eagerly awaiting their next event which is the Music camp to Tanyalla at Tannum Sands held on May 24-26 of this year.

Students will be rehearsing known and unknown repertoire over the weekend camp, in preparation for their exciting Primary Schools tour held in week 10 of this term.

The students will also be delivering a performance to parents on their arrival to pick their child up on the Sunday 26th of May at camp, to showcase their efforts.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mindi Mewing—(Instrumental Coordinator)

Maths Tutoring Popular Amongst All Year Levels.

Maths tutoring which is on every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm - 4pm and is available for any year level has become very popular and it is good to see so many students making the effort to come and improve their mathematics skills by doing a little extra work each week.

Remember: 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 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
Resilience through Problem Solving.

Children with good social and problem-solving skills are more equipped for life. In fact intelligence alone is not enough and it is these skills that lead people to be successful in life. Children who have learnt these skills are comfortable in new situations. They are friendly to others and join in activities. They cooperate and compromise. They trust others and others develop trust in them.

They handle conflicts well and respect differences of others. They apologize when they are wrong, but will assert themselves when they believe they are right. They are clear in their thinking and non-threatened nor threatening. They are liked.

For children with poor resilience and/or at risk of depression, often these skills are lacking.

When children are young they depend on parents to help them solve problems, but as they grow they will need to learn skills to handle the problems they face. Seligman in his book ‘The Optimistic Child’ provides 5 steps your child needs to follow, in order to solve problems effectively.

1. **Slowing Down** – STOP before acting impulsively, then start thinking. How we handle a problem depends on what we are thinking. Replace hot thoughts with cool thoughts. Hot thoughts often lead to loss of control. Cool thoughts result in solutions that are non-threatening. **How we think affects how we feel and what we do.**

2. **Stand in another’s shoes** – understand what the other person was thinking or why they acted the way they did. This is easy to do by meeting with the person, looking at their face, and asking non-threatening questions to get answers (use of technology won’t achieve true understanding). Stay calm.

3. **Set Goals** – If you have a problem how would you like things to end eg. You have a fight with your friend, is your goal to restore friendship or have a stand-off.

4. As your child sets a goal, they should list as many ways as possible to reach it.

5. **Choose a Path** – which is the best solution. Look at the pros (any good outcomes that might happen) and the cons (any bad consequences) eg. speaking nicely to someone versus yelling at them.

How did it go? Did it work – if not then don’t give up. **Pick another solution** and give that a shot.

Notice that all these steps are about you, the parent, training your child in the art of problem solving. It is not about you finding their solutions nor is it about you rescuing them.

Our aim as parents is to have well adjusted, social, and happy children who are equipped to handle life in all its forms.—

*Adapted from Seligman, M – The Optimistic Child*

**FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER—Silke Hetherington—PH: 07 49 714 333**

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**School Jackets.**

A new supply of school jackets have arrived.

Sizes now include:

Youth 12 and range up to XXL.

The cost is still $43.00.

If you’d like to purchase one, please see Mrs Smith at the cashiers desk in the administration building.

They’re well priced, excellent quality, and look great.

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**School Uniforms.**

A reminder to all of our students that during the colder months of the year our school has a winter uniform.

**Winter Uniform.**

**Slacks and Tracksuit Pants**

Plain black slacks or tracksuit pants of fade resistant material may be warm in winter.

**Pullover and jacket**

A plain black or plain maroon pullover or zipper jacket may be worn in winter. The CQ representative or Queensland sporting jackets (obtained through school teams) are also acceptable. A school spray jacket is available purchase through the school office.

**Headwear**

Basketball or bucket hat styles and acceptable.

*Beanies are not acceptable school wear.*

Please ensure that that you wear the correct winter uniform to school and present yourself with care and dignity.

*Students are not permitted to wear any faded jeans or jeggings of any description at school.*

When students choose to wear leggings, on days when the temperature has dropped, the expectation is that these leggings will be worn under a pair of school shorts or school skirt.
Maths Competitions Galore.

Term 3 is a time of competitions for mathematics students. First cab off the rank is the Gladstone District Senior Mathematics Teams Tournament which will be held here at Toolooa SHS on the 18th July. This competition has only been running for two years with great success and has filled a void that has been apparent for many years in terms of avenues for senior students to show their mathematical prowess.

Next will be the year 9/10 Mathematics Problem Solving Team Challenge. This competition is run and Tannum Sands SHS. Finally we will see the running of the QAMT year 8 Mathematics Competition. This is a team event that is held each year at Gladstone State High School.

Also throughout August we have a number of students nominated to compete in this year’s Australian Mathematics Competition and ICAS Mathematics Competition. They are open to all year levels and students who have nominated should have paid their $5 (Aust. Math Comp) and/or $8 (ICAS Math Comp) to the office no later than 20th June, to complete their entry.

Stay tuned, as I will be publishing Toolooa’s performance in these competitions in upcoming newsletters. Good luck to all those who will be competing!

Greg Hage, HOD Mathematics.

Year 10,11 & 12 Study Day.

Thursday the 6th of June will be a stay at home study day for all Year 10, 11 & 12 students. Please utilise this time wisely to maximise your chances of obtaining the best result you can.

Engineering Link Registration Reminder.

Since its inception in 1994 as a three day camp for Year 11 students, the Engineering Link Group has grown to be the exemplar in Queensland and Australia for introducing secondary school students to the discipline of engineering. We have grown to be state-wide since 1999, and have expanded to cater for both Year 11 and Year 12 students, as well as linking teachers with engineers.

The Engineering Link Project is a three-day immersion course for Year 11 and Year 12 students who may be considering engineering as a career. Students actually become engineers for the day. Examples of the sorts of activities you may participate in can be found below.

An ELP lasts for three days, with each day following a similar format. Students select a discipline they are interested in and they spend the day working in that area.

- A guest engineer from the local community (industry or university) talks briefly about their career, about why they become an engineer, what their life as an engineer is like and what problems and situations they face in their work.
- Students receive a model problem and in groups consider the problem, test materials, design a solution and produce a proposal.
- The proposal is assessed by the engineer and then the solution is built.
- These solutions are then tested (usually to destruction).

The engineer and students debrief and discuss the day’s outcomes. At the end of each day, the students tour the university, inspecting facilities and observing current research projects and highlights of each faculty.

Central Queensland Engineering Link Project

Location: CQ University, Rockhampton, Qld

Cost: $132.00 - course, and lunch only (3 days) or $302.00 - course, single room at Capricornia College + all meals - 3 days, two nights

Date: 25 - 27 June

Registrations: Open Now – register online: www.telg.com.au Registrations close: 7 June

See Miss Cooper in the Science Staffroom for more information.
What Is Going On In The Social Science Department?

2013 is a year of great excitement with the implementation of our National Curriculum – History into our schools. This is a core subject along with Maths, English and Science.

The main emphasis for students is on the historical inquiry process, looking at how effective questioning, not only gives you some answers, but also more questions.

As teachers, we are thrilled that our students have engaged in this subject so readily.

What are they studying this term?

**Year 7s: The Ancient Past** with the assessment piece being a research assignment. This unit is an introduction to history, understanding historical sources and evaluating authenticity.

The students are loving this unit – learning about ‘Out of Africa’ migration, Mungo Man and Woman, ancient artefacts and all things ‘really, really old’.

**Year 8s: Shogunate Japan.** This unit is a continuation of our medieval unit from last term. Our boys are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Samurai and for those students who are going on the Japan trip this year, an excellent background of Japanese culture.

**Year 9s** is all about the **Industrial Revolution.**

What a fascinating period of history.

It is a great time to remind our students that not too far back, instead of being at school (which many thought was fantastic), instead of enjoying the luxuries of our time, instead of texting and being on Facebook; they would have been working from the age of four, doing 12-14 hours shifts in coal mines, factories or other industries; they would have been hungry, exploited and abused.

The students are learning that this was the time of development: Trade Unions, medicines, technology; and as a result, has had a huge impact on their present day lifestyle.

**Year 10s** have completed two very ‘heavy’ units WW11 and Rights and Freedoms. We are ending our compulsory history with the influence of **Pop Culture since 1945.** The girls are definitely shocked when shown some of the videos of the 1950s such as ‘How to be a good wife’, ‘Exercising while doing the housework’ and everyone has a good laugh at the fashions of the past.

As always,

If there are any concerns about your child, please feel free to call me on Phone: 49 714349 — Cathey Hale — Social Science HOD

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**UniFY—University For You is now in CQ schools.**

Central Queensland Region has committed funding to deliver three unique programs in 2013, to engage like-minded, high achieving and talented students from across the region. Over the course of the year, 500 students with a strong interest or ability in project topics will have the opportunity to connect in on-line higher order thinking challenges via the Brisbane School of Distance Education.

**Project 1: Power Up** has involved 72 students from 29 schools studying energy production issues and designing solutions through 3D virtual worlds.

Feedback has been very positive from both students and teachers.

Student comment: "The project explains things in much more detail than I would get in class; it’s very interesting and you learn a variety of different things on many topics."

Teacher comment: "I’m supervising three very bright students who are being challenged to try things they haven’t seen before. All are thoroughly engaged. The challenge is great and they are enjoying it even though it takes them out of their ‘comfort zone’.

Other 2013 projects include: Project 2 (May –Aug) **Design 3.0** and Project 3 (Sep-Dec) - **Creative Writing**

Nominations for Project 2 are now invited. Projects are open to students in Years 5-9 who have been identified as Gifted or who show talent in the project areas. If you would be interested in your child’s school participating in UniFY, please contact your principal.
Community Notices.

UBOBO PROGRESS ASSOCIATION and BOYNE VALLEY COMMUNITY DISCOVERY CENTRE
hope you will join them at the

UBOBO BUSH FESTIVAL
Celebrating Queensland Week
June 8, 2013 - 8am til late

- GRAB Fun Run
- Market stalls
- Food
- Children’s activities
- Art & photography competition
- Camp-oven dinner
- Picnic lunch
- Time capsule opening
- Bush games
- Live music

Gladstone Entertainment Centre
presents a live band “Swim” - from 6pm

Stonestreets Buses
$10 Adults, $5 Aged Pensioners
and children.
Must be paid for in advance, first in
best dressed.
Bus 1: Departs Gladstone
8.30am and returns 9.30pm
Bus 2: Departs Gladstone
9.30am and returns 4.00pm

If you liked the Mountain Challenge you’re going to love this!

Admission to the festival is FREE
Roast Dinner - $15 per meal. Children under 12 half price.
For catering purposes meal bookings will close at 12 noon

Accommodation: RVs, camping and in house accommodation available.
Contact BVDC on: 4074 1212 or bookings@bvdcc.boynevalley.org.au


Art Competition

UBOBO BUSH FESTIVAL 2013

WHO CAN ENTER
The competition is in two classes:

- Child 11 years of age and under
- Open

SECTION CRITERIA

Section 1: Painting/Picture:
Any medium work to be framed or mounted on card within 5cm border; maximum size A3 (420mm x 297mm)

Section 2: Any dimensional piece
Any medium; works to be suitably mounted; displays; maximum size: pictures 20cm x 20cm

IMPORTANT DATES

- Delivery of Entries: 3rd June 2013 to 5pm (Early entries appreciated)
- Final Entries close: 8 June 2013
- Judging: 8 June 2013 10am
- Collection of Entries: 8 June 2013 3:00pm

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry: Free
Early entries may be left at Ubobo General Store where entries will be collected daily.
Latch collection will be 5pm, 3rd June 2013.
Each entry must have the name and address of the competitor and the section and class clearly recorded on the back.

Photography Competition

UBOBO BUSH FESTIVAL 2013

WHO CAN ENTER
The competition is in two classes:

- Child 11 years of age and under
- Open

SPECIFICATIONS

- Digital or standard image
- Black and white, sepia or colour
- Printed on photographic paper; minimum size: A3 letter
- Framed or presented with a border up to 30mm deep
- May be developed using Photoshop or similar software

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Inspiring Australia Day

Inspire Gladstone Community

Bringing the community together to help Inspire each other “you are not alone”

May 30th
6:30pm for 7pm Start
$5 entry (all proceeds to SOS Survivors of Suicide & Gladstone Women’s Health)

Venue: Tannum Seagulls Football Club

Come along be Inspired by members of the community of their stories of survival.

Inspire Australia Day is an event being run in many regional towns across Australia on May 30th to hear stories of survival to help the community understand Depression, Mental Illness, Community members affected by Suicide. Or to prepare the community if they need help in hard times.

Contact Mellisa 0422 032 315 or mel@mmdrivertrainers.com.au

Nhulundu Health Service
Ecofest FUN RUN
Commemorating Mabo Day

8.00am Sunday June 2, 2013
At the Tondoon Botanic Gardens
• $5 entry • Walk or run!
• 3km and 10km course

Have fun be healthy!

Plenty of prizes to be won!

Register on the day 7:00am – 7:45am

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching
Parenting Course

A program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behavior in children 2—12 years old.

A three week course, with sessions taking 2 hours covering:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviour
- Choosing your strategy, the “three choices”
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

(NB: ALL 3 SESSIONS NEED TO BE ATTENDED) Bookings are essential as places are limited

Easy to use and learn

Works within 90% of cases within only 6 weeks!

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Course dates:
- Mon 27 May
- Mon 3 June
- Mon 17 June
- Wed 29 May
- Wed 5 June
- Wed 12 June
- Thurs 30 May
- Thurs 6 June
- Thurs 13 June

Session Times: 9:30am-12:00

BOOKING: registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 529 985
RSVP: 22 May
Cost: $15.00/family

For more information about the 123 Magic Program
Contact Centacare Rockhampton on Ph 1300 529 985 or

For more programs facilitated by Centacare click on the following link
http://www.centacare.net/events
Community Notices.

Harbour City BMX Free Come Try Day.

Harbour City BMX is holding a FREE Come and Try day on the 16th of June from 9am until 12pm. Anyone who can ride a bike without training wheels can come on down for a ride and the first 50 riders will receive a Free BMX Goodie Bag.

All you need is a Long Sleeve Shirt, Long Pants, Gloves, Helmet and a Bike.

For more information contact Di Young on 0438785349.

Toolooa State High School Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30 pm
General Enquiries Ph. 07 4971 4333
Student Absentee Notification Ph. 07 4971 4360