From the Principal

YEAR 12 GRADUATION
16 November 2012

ENROLMENTS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS
In recent visits to Gladstone Primary schools, Year 6 and 7 teachers provided us with the names of students who had indicated that they would be attending Toolooa State High School in 2013 as a year 7 or 8 student.

At this late stage, the names forwarded to us from Primary schools and the actual number of students enrolled, are quite disparate in number. Toolooa's preparations for 2013 are well advanced and a key part of this is managing enrolments. With this in mind, we encourage all potential students to enrol now and ensure they are processed as soon as possible.

Early notification of numbers are essential to the staffing of the school and to the planning which is currently occurring to ensure that the programs, particularly elective classes offered to year 8 students in 2013, are all able to be conducted.

Students are placed in elective classes in order of enrolment and a student is therefore more likely to receive their preferred classes if they submit their enrolment sooner, rather than later.

Please contact the school office to organise an enrolment form at your earliest convenience.

Alan Whitfield, Principal
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS.
SUBSIDY FOR FRENCH HORN AND PRIMARY TRANSITION.

Great News.........
A long wait is over, thanks to the GYMC (Gladstone Youth Musical Council) and Mr. Whitfield. Toolooa's Instrumental Music Program has been kindly granted a subsidy to help towards the purchase of a French Horn for our instrumental music program. Pictured with it are two of our instrumental students, Kaitlyn Reid and Sarah Lumsden. Carol Slope, our concert band conductor and one of our instrumental teachers, has been tireless in sourcing information about our best choice. Trinette McClinton, a past student of Toolooa SHS and current French Horn player with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, offered her assistance and advice in the selection of this beautiful instrument. The purchase of this and other instruments this year will assist in building the depth and breadth of our musical repertoire and will make available instruments for our growing program.

Many thanks for the support and hard work of all of our instrumental music teachers. They assist not only with the practice and development of our players; they also work tirelessly to create learning opportunities of live performances in the community. Again, thanks to all who made the purchase of this instrument possible. We look forward to a new year filled with events and a growing number of students who love music and the opportunities that it brings.

Mrs. Schmidt
HOD ARTS.

TOOLOOA SHS JUNIOR SECONDARY ORIENTATION DAYS

This year we are holding two orientation days. On Friday the 30th of November, Year 6 students who will be attending Toolooa SHS in 2013 as part of Education Queensland's pilot program for moving Year 7 to high school, will visit Toolooa for the day.

On Monday the 3rd of December, we will be holding an orientation day for Year 7 students intending to come to Toolooa in Year 8 in 2013. Both days will begin with a bell at 8:45am and students will move to the shelter. They will be organised into groups and will attend four lessons during the day. TSHS students from Year 8 have been selected to take groups to each lesson and work in the class with them as well as taking them to and from their lunch area.

Towards the end of lesson 4 on each day, all students will return to the shelter for a question and answer session with our Principal, Mr Alan Whitfield. It is important that students are aware that they must organise their own transport to and from Toolooa and that they:

- wear full primary school uniform, particularly appropriate footwear
- bring an exercise book and pen, pencil and ruler, water bottle and a hat
- bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at our canteen

Any required medications should be clearly labelled and taken to our office.

Please note that students will be given all relevant information and handouts to ensure they are ready to commence Year 7 or Year 8 in 2013 on Tuesday, January 29th.

Students will be released from the shelter at 3pm to go home. Staff will be available on bus duty to assist students.

Any questions can be directed to the Transition to High School Coordinator Craig O’Connor, on 49714341.

TIME TO RETURN SCHOOL LOANS

With the end of the year fast approaching, it is time for everyone to start returning school resources to the Library. We are encouraging student to return any resources that they no longer require as soon as possible.

Textbooks can be returned to the Library as soon as final exams are completed. Your help in this matter would be really appreciated.

Linda Ryan - Teacher Librarian

COUNTING DOWN TO CANBERRA 2012

It is not long now until students of Toolooa State High School will once again embark on the annual trip to Canberra. This trip has become one of the highlights of the Social Science program with students being able to put their theory into practice.

The year 9 students begin this excursion with a visit to Taronga Zoo in Sydney, and then move onto Canberra visiting the Australian War Memorial, as well as both old and new Parliament Houses. They are able to see democracy in action and experience Australian history first hand. Students also experience the inner working of the Australian Institute of Sport where last year we met athletes currently competing in the Commonwealth Games. The group will also visit the CSIRO, the National Capitol Exhibition, which deals with the history behind the creation of Canberra, Screensound Australia (the keepers of Australia’s film history), Telstra Tower and Questacon.

This is an outstanding opportunity for students however trips like this do not occur in isolation. They need the support from the school, the community and Government organisations like the National Capital Educational Tourism Project who administer the “Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Scheme” (PACER). PACER provides a cash rebate to students visiting our national capital for educational purposes. This scheme plays an important role in enabling students to visit Canberra to take advantage of the resources that it has to offer. With PACER’s continued support, this excursion will continue as part of the Social Science program into the future.

RELEASE OF YEAR 12 RESULTS

Provisional statements and eligibility reports

Provisional statements and eligibility reports for Year 11 and 12 students have been posted to the QSA secure website and available for download until 16 November 2012.

Activate learning accounts

With less than two weeks until the final date for Year 12 attendance, it is important that school staff encourage students to log into their learning accounts now to ensure that their personal details and mailing addresses are recorded correctly. Any errors should be immediately reported to their school or relevant learning provider.

Results online

All Year 12 students with a valid LUI and password can access their final results and OP in their learning account via the Student Connect website from 9:00 am Saturday 15 December. Senior Education Profiles will arrive in the mail from Monday 17 December.

Student Connect hotline

The Student Connect hotline will be available to assist students with queries following the release of Year 12 results. Our staff can offer information and advice about:

- accessing learning accounts
- verifying or reviewing results.

The hotline number is 1800 804 991. It will be open from:

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday 15 December (closed on Sunday 16 December)
- 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday 17 December to Friday 21 December
- 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Monday 24 December
- 8:30 am – 4:30 pm from Wednesday 2 January.

Please note that the service on Saturday 15 December is expected to be busy, and students should be advised to resolve any learning account access issues before close of business on Friday 14 December.

LAPTOP INFORMATION NIGHT

We are holding an information night about our One to One Laptop Program for current Year 9 students on Tuesday the 27th of November & Tuesday the 4th of December in our school Library at 5pm.

Year 9 students have already received information packs in regards to this program.

For more information contact the School Administration on 49714333.
ON-LINE BANK DEPOSITS
Parents making EFT payments into our school bank account are asked to ensure that:
- your student’s name,
- customer ID
- or invoice number

is typed in as the reference. With many EFT payments occurring, we have had several with little or no reference.

Recently, we had a Canberra payment deposited with no name or invoice number.

This payment could belong to a number of students and has not been matched to offset the payment.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

YEAR 12 INDIGENOUS GRADUATION DINNER
Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Moloney and I had the great pleasure of attending the first of many graduation dinners to celebrate the successful completion of year 12 for Indigenous students from Gladstone and Tannum Sands High Schools. The night was a great success due to the immense efforts of Community Education Counsellor Loris Corowa. Finally, friends and school staff gathered to recognise the efforts of our students to not only complete Year 12, but to do so successfully, with all students on track to gain their Queensland Certificate Of Education. Guest speaker Jemma Power spoke to the guests about the opportunities she has had on her journey from Bowen State High school to Queensland and Australian under 19s representative player, encouraging students to take advantage of their education and ensuring them that with commitment and hard work comes great reward. Caleb Ginn (pictured) leaves us on Friday with his QCE and a high OP Score, providing him numerous opportunities to undertake university study, Cadetships and apprenticeships. Sharma Parter (pictured) is graduating with a QCE, Tertiary Entrance Score and a number of VET certificates in Business and IT. She has secured a traineeship in Indigenous Health at Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation in 2013 and has yet to decide on a tertiary specialisation for university in 2014. Both Caleb and Sharma have been exceptional role models for Indigenous students at Toolooa and we wish them great success in their futures.

Tarah Vardy – Deputy Principal.

KATIE’S REFLECTIONS.
Visual ART - Year 10’s have been given the challenge of building “A Body of Work”. Since June, students have been developing the designing skills to look at a simple iconic object, hero or villain through different mediums and ways of looking. Students have created some very interesting viewpoints with simple items. Great work has been created in mediums such as printmaking, painting, found object sculptures, photography, drawing and clay. Realism has made way for clever abstractions........, symbolic representations and creative compositions.

HOSTING IS FUN! BECOME A WEP FAMILY!
Bringing a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!
Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

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Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you’ll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

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Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack.

Phone: 1300 884 733
Web: www.wep.org.au
Email: info@wep.org.au

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is an Australian, not-for-profit student exchange organisation, determined to make a difference by helping young people of different cultures gain insight and understanding about other ways of life and world views.

LOST PROPERTY
There are various items of lost property at the school office including:
- Jumpers/Sweaters, Jewellery & Watches,
- Mobile Phones, Purses, Reading Glasses,
- School uniform items – Jackets etc.

If you have lost any items please check our stock of lost property. Any items not redeemed will be given to charity during the September School Holidays.

For more information contact the School Administration on 49714333

YARNING CIRCLE BIRTHING
The Yarning Circle construction has been completed however our celebration due for Friday the 9th of November was postponed. The rescheduled event will be held on Tuesday 27 November from 10am. We again extend an invitation to parents and students to attend this ceremony and celebrate the creation of this meeting place and enjoy our first Yarn. Please let us know if you will be joining us by emailing tvard2@eq.edu.au or phoning the school on 07 4971 4333, for logistic and catering purposes.

DATES TO REMEMBER
16/11/2012  Senior Formal 5pm – 11pm
27/11/2012  Yarning Circle Birthing – 10am
30/11/2012  Year 6 Orientation Day 8:45am – 3:00pm
1/12/2012  Canberra Trip – Departing 12:00am – 6/12/2012 11:59pm.

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Articles from this newsletter are also accessible on our school website: http://www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au