From the Principal

Principal's Piece

Welcome
Welcome to our new and continuing students as we commence the 2013 school year. This year our school welcomes many new students, across each of our year levels, particularly in year seven and year eight. The year will no doubt present many challenges, as we work our way through the learning required at the highest level that we can possibly engage. I look forward to the many successes that await our students, academically, socially and culturally during this year.

Presentation of Dux Award
At our first recognition parade 2013 it was a great pleasure to present our 2012 Dux, Bryn Rohdmann with her Dux Medallion in front of the assembled student body. Breen was the outstanding student in year 12 in 2012, from a group of young people who all demonstrated that they were able to engage with learning and achieve in a particularly high level. Bryn moves into the next stage of her learning having achieved at our school an OP 1, a ranking of A on the Queensland Core Skills Test, six VHA and an offer to study medicine at the University of Queensland.

Student Leader Induction
2013 Student Leaders
Captains – Isabelle Wood and Miguel Pengel
Vice Captains – Ashleigh Kahondo and Tiana Gibson
Student Executive Members
Samuel Vogler, Kahlia Mallett-Jackson, Elora Ghea, Kelsey Corrin, Laura Liefing, Taelor Mackenzie, Jodie Hall, Sarah Goldner, Tamyka Rothall, Alisha Benson, Kahlia Button, Madeline Riddle, Kaitlyn Read, Sarah Lumsden

Gold Academic Award Winners Acknowledged
Congratulations to the following high performing students for their personal academic achievements.

Yr 9
Jasymn Dew, Samantha Ireland, Bradley Preston (special mention as we omitted to present Bradley with his award on assembly on Monday)

Yr 10
Tahlia Downey, Felicity King, Seth Martin, Nic McKeiver, Megan Pascoe, Kaitlyn Read, Matthew Richter, Georgia Robertson, Hayley Ward

Yr 11
Alisha Benson, Kahlia Button, Lacey Fontaine, Brad Fuller, Emma Kyle, Lana Lette, Edgar Maguta, Katie Morgan, Michael Ruge, Duncan Volschenk, Mariah Thomson-Gray

Yr 12
Joshua Reilly, Isabelle Wood

(Gold Awards – Yr 7, 8 & 9 – must achieve 5 As and not more than 3Bs in end of semester academic achievement. – Yr 10, 11 &12 - must achieve 5 As and not more than 1 B in end of semester academic achievement)

Student Diary
Each of our students has a personal diary that is used each day at our school. This particular resource is used for more than day to day recording of events and homework activities. Rather, our Student Diary should be seen as a personal organiser and planner for students to organise their learning and their study patterns at home. I would strongly encourage every parent to take some time during the week with their son or daughter to review the information in the diary.

Coming Events
- P & C Meeting – Second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:30pm in the Senior Study Room
- Swimming Carnival – Feb 22 at the Gladstone Aquatic Centre.
- Senior Study Day (Year 10, 11, 12) February 25.

Alan Whitfield, Principal
**MATHS TUTORING AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL:**

Maths tutoring will begin on February 6 in room CA05. It is on every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm - 4pm and is available for any year level. 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 coming 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

**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ANAPHYLAXIS ACTION PLANS**

The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) has recently revised their anaphylaxis action plans to include the administration of CPR and asthma medication after adrenaline injection. Our school will be implementing this new plan.

More information is available from the ASCIA website, www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis

Greg Hage
HOD Mathematics

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

It’s that time again to dust off the flippers and goggles!! Swimming carnival is fast approaching and is scheduled to take place on Friday 22nd of February 2013. Students will be bussed to and from school to the Gladstone Aquatic Centre. Once again sun safety and participation are our main focus.

Students are encouraged to dress in house colours ensuring that they are wearing appropriate sun safe clothing (i.e. no singlets) and bring the right attitude to have a good time.

**ONE TO ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM – ARE YOU INTERESTED**

An information session for parents of grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 students interested in becoming part of our Laptop program will be held on Thursday, 21st February at 5.30pm in the library. Attendance at an information session and the payment of a parent contribution of $100 is required before a Laptop will be issued to your child.

This is a fantastic opportunity to secure a Laptop for your child for the remainder of the year – don’t miss out! For more information please contact Tara Stewart on 49714312.

**GLADSTONE YOUTH MUSIC COUNCIL – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Welcome to all our beginning Instrumental Music parents and to our returning students parents. Each month, on the first Wednesday of the month, the Gladstone Youth Music Council (GYMC), a parent body for our instrumental music students meets at McDonalds Meeting Room (Kin Kora) Gladstone at 7.15 pm to support Education Queensland’s Instrumental Music program.

The Annual General meeting for 2013 will be held this Wednesday, 6 March, 2013 and all parents, new and past are invited to attend.

**Meeting dates for 2013, at this stage, are:**

- 6 March, 7.30 pm
- 1 May, 7.00 pm
- 5 June, 7.00 pm
- 7 August, 7.00 pm
- 4 September, 7.00 pm
- 6 November, 7.00pm.

Our venue for 2013 will be confirmed at the AGM.

We hope that you can join us at all or some of these meetings.

We have a Gladstone Youth Music Council – Instrumental Music (Education) Facebook page. Follow us on Facebook by liking our page for current events, activities and school Instrumental Music news.

Type in Gladstone Youth Music Council – Instrumental Music and look for the black and white musical logo.

**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION.**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education.

To assist you (the Parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $80 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred.

This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter.

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

**GET STARTED VOUCHERS TO HELP CHILDREN GET ACTIVE**

Get Started is a new State Government funding program offering up to $150 per student towards sport club registration or membership fees to help families who can’t afford to sign their child up and encourage other children who would improve their social connections or health to get involved.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a Health Care or Pension Concession Card and submit a form will qualify, while other families will also need to submit recommendations from two referral agents with their application.

Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s Get in the Game website.

The first funding round opened on 15 January 2013 with vouchers distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocation is exhausted or closes on 15 April 2013.

A second round will open on 15 July 2013.


**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photo time is here again and this year we have engaged MSP Photography to create our school photographic records.

The dates set are **Thursday 28th February and Friday 1st March, 2013.** The majority of photos will be taken on the Thursday with the Friday as a ‘catch-up’ day for those students and staff who were ill or away on the Thursday.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. It is very important that students are wearing their full school uniform for photo day.

Photographs will be supervised by a Deputy Principal, who will ensure that students are dressed appropriately without excess jewellery.

Your student has already been given a personalised order envelope from the photographers.

Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully.

This will ensure that your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

If your child is being photographed as part of our School Captains/Student Executive/House Captain special groups, order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day.

Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

Our school staff members are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments.

Please direct any questions or comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Amanda Stirling – Deputy Principal
STUDENT EXCHANGE - MEMORIES AND SKILLS FOR A LIFETIME!

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two $3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

Find out more:
- Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
- Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days
- Call 1300 884 733

CLINTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC - 2013 SIGN-ON

Saturday February 2, between 11am - 5:00pm.
CPSA clubhouse - Aerodrome Road
All grades, Boys & Girls - Under 5 to Under 17
New Players please bring a copy of birth certificate.
Enquiries: [juniors@clintonfc.com.au](mailto:juniors@clintonfc.com.au) or
Jeff Jackson 4978 5481
Greg Hage 4978 0160
Jon Gifford 0417 382 098.

RHEE TAE KWON-DO

New Classes Opening 11th February 2013!
Find us on facebook: Rhee Tae Kwon-Do Central Queensland Region

- Self-Defence
- Fitness
- Confidence
- Men & Women
- Children & Adults
- Family Discounts

Enrol now to receive your $30 voucher!

Phone: 0417 769 242

DOMINOS KIRKWOOD IS LOOKING FOR JUNIOR STAFF.

MUST be 15 years of age, possess a good attitude and a willingness to learn, have good communication and math skills.
Available to work Tuesday, Friday and/or Saturday.
Apply in-store, on Kirkwood Rd, to Warren or Steff Or online at dominos.com.au

GLADSTONE ROAD RUNNERS CLUB.

President Brett Stevens (07) 49786536
Vice President Stephen Thefs (07) 49782280
Secretary Charmaine Thompson (07) 49791153
Treasurer Greg Hage (07) 49780160

We are a group of people of all ages and abilities who enjoy running. The club was originally formed in 1974 and known as Gladstone Amateur Athletic Club.

Numbers these days are around 180 members with around 60+ people at our weekly run. Families and children are encouraged to attend and join in the fun and the friendship.

We meet every Thursday at 5:20pm for a 5:30pm race start. Weekly courses vary with the short course over 2 km and the long course over 5 km.

We meet at the following venues:
- School Term 1 - Duckponds
- School Term 2 - Lions Park
- School Term 3 - Marina Stage
- School Term 4 – Duckponds

So why not come down any Thursday and have a run, jog or walk with us!

METEORS SOCCER SIGN ON.

Gladstone Netball official sign-on is at the netball courts Side Street off Hanson Road on 9th February 2013 from 11am to 3pm.
New and existing players are encouraged to attend.
Players from 5 years to seniors are all welcome.
All enquiries Mobile 0457 979 558 or email gladstonenetball@bigpond.com
Also our Rep Squad training starts again for juniors players from 2001 to 1996 on the 12th February at 5.30 -7pm ALL NEW PLAYERS welcome.

Judy Hasse (President,) Gladstone Netball Association Inc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

22/02/2013 Swimming Carnival
28/02/2013 School Photos also on the 1/03/2013
13/03/2013 P&C Meeting in the Admin. Building Wednesday from 7:00pm -8:30pm.

Tohooa S.H.S
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Articles from this newsletter are also accessible on our school website: [http://www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au](http://www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au)