Open Morning for Current or Prospective Students

Gooniwindi State High School would like to once again encourage current and/or prospective parents to come and visit our school on our Open Morning which is planned for Monday 5 September.

Our school accepts student enrolments at various junctures of their schooling, now more so than in previous years. If you are considering enrolling your child, please take the time to meet and provide you with information about the facilities, programs and opportunities that Goondiwindi State High can provide for your child.

Supporting Your Child’s Educational Pathways

We have been focused on providing timely and regular support and advice for students, as they work towards transitioning from school to further education and/or work. Whether this has been as part of our Senior Education and Training Planning (SET) Plan processes for Year 10 students, or as part of our Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) progress and performance interviews for Years 11 and 12, I want to highlight the importance parents play in this process.

I would also suggest that the improvements in these young adults’ commitment to their studies and achievement, can be attributed directly to the active part parents play in being involved and supporting their children through these processes. Please continue to support your child in their completion of formal schooling. This, combined with their regular attendance, is key to realising their potential.

High School Bursary

On behalf of our school I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support from the MacIntyre Valley Cotton Field Day Committee. This year the local business and industry support is no different to previous years, in supporting the Annual Golf Day as the major fundraiser for the High School Bursary. These funds will support one local Year 12 Graduate in their aspirations to complete a university degree. Over $2000 was raised in the prize auction held at this year’s MVCG dinner. I would like to thank Phil Sloan for his ongoing efforts in the coordination of these community events which support our school.

The 2017 Bursary process will open soon and students are encouraged to apply. Application packages will be available from the school office.

From the Principal's Desk

Brett Hallett
Principal

Senior School Happenings

Year 12 students who are working towards an OP, continue to work hard on their Queensland Core Skills preparation with the exam now only 3 weeks away. Students had another visit from the Mighty Minds Team for a full day on August 9 to participate in workshops designed to refine the skills needed to complete the QCS test and answer any questions they may have. Students will sit the exam on 30 and 31 August at the Cultural Centre with breakfast being served at school prior to the exams.

This Sunday, myself, a group of teachers and 66 students pack our bags and head off for the Year 11 Leadership Camp to Maroon Dam. I am looking forward to spending time with the students and challenging them to engage fully in the camp to ensure they reap the rewards.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers who took time to come in and support their students with QCE and SET plan interviews over the last few weeks. These interviews were a great example of the school and the parent body working together to ensure that we are achieving the best possible outcomes for our students.

Racheal Redpath
Acting Deputy Principal
Working Together for Results

NAPLAN Online
In 2019 all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will complete NAPLAN online instead of the current pencil and paper assessment. We have received notice that Goondiwindi State High School has been chosen as one of only 70 state primary and high schools in Queensland to trial NAPLAN online for 2017. This will involve the school having a trial assessment in August of this year, to familiarise teachers with the platform and identify any problems. Results from this trial will not be recorded.

Online delivery holds many expected benefits over current paper-based testing, including faster delivery of results to students, parents and teachers. Furthermore, the data gained from the online testing will be far more comprehensive than ever before. More information about NAPLAN online will come over the following newsletters.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Subject Selection Evening:
On Thursday 21 July, Goondiwindi State High School held its second parent/teachers interviews of the year. Creating opportunities for parents to have an active role in the education of their children, helps to enrich learning opportunities for students. During Term 3 interviews, subject selection information was also presented. Each faculty had a stall which outlined/displayed information to assist students’ subject selections for 2017.

Conversations with your children about subject selection should be the first of many conversations about what directions in life they might take. Although students in Year 8 may not know ‘what they want to be when they grow up’, subject choices start to narrow the endless possibilities into a clearer picture of where they might see themselves in the future. When picking subjects, students should choose subjects that provide enjoyment, enable them to achieve success, open up career opportunities and develop lifelong skills, attitudes and knowledge.

To complete the subject selection process, students need to submit a Subject Selection Form to the office by Friday 5 August. Junior students need to select 6 elective subjects in priority order, and senior students select 6 subjects, plus 2 extra subjects (in case of timetabling clashes). Students will be notified in early October of any selection issues. Final allocation will be released in November.

Small Schools Athletics
For anyone wondering why there were so many primary school students in a range of coloured uniforms on Friday 22 July, Goondiwindi State High School held the annual Small Schools’ Athletic Carnival. Within the Goondiwindi region there are six small schools all located about an hour from town. These schools have student numbers ranging from 5 to 50 and need to come together once a year to provide appropriate competition for their students. Once every three years, the small schools utilise the grounds and facilities of the high school to support their carnival. Some students from these small schools will be transitioning to GSHS for their secondary schooling. It’s a fantastic way for our ‘larger’ school, to be able to help and support our neighbouring schools.

Phill Jenkins
Acting Deputy Principal

Extra-Curricula Opportunities

Year 10 Set Plan Interviews
On Wednesday 3 August, Year 10 students and their parents participated in SET Plan interviews. SET Plans are designed to help students develop an education and career pathway. During the interviews, students discussed their interests, strengths and future education and career goals. This information helps them to choose the best subjects to study for Years 11 and 12.

As part of the interview process, student were also asked to set up their Unique Student Identifying (USI). This code is used by students for completing certificates and further education courses. If a student was unable to set one up at the Set Plan interview, please visit the website, usi.gov.au and follow the instructions on the site.

A big thank you goes out to all the teachers, parents and students involved in the interviews. Your time and effort is essential and valued in helping our young people set goals for a successful future.

Year 10 Work Experience
Most of the Year 10 students will be out in the community this week, completing work experience. They will be experiencing many different workplaces, assessing the requirements of different career pathways. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their time in the workforce.

Another group of Year 10’s will be completing the Bar Course and working toward gaining their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate. For those students wanting to pursue a career in the hospitality industry, this certificate is a valuable attainment.

Year 9 Camp
In Week 6, most of our Year 9’s will head off on their camp to the Gold Coast. The adventurous bunch head off in the wee hours of Tuesday morning for 4 days of action-packed activities. This is a fantastic extra-curricular event for our students. Thank you to the teachers who are going along and to the parents who have supported this trip.

For those students not attending the camp, an alternate program has been arranged at school.

Vanessa Moller
Acting Deputy Principal

Voracious Use of Vigorous Vocab
As part of our continued focus on a consistent approach to the teaching of writing across all subject areas, our STEAM Team (a group of teachers using action research to drive improvement) has been concentrating on developing students’ vocabulary skills. Research has shown that the explicit teaching of vocabulary significantly improves a student’s ability to understand and make sense of texts. As a result they become more successful as writers. Consequently, teachers have been implementing a variety of targeted strategies across all classrooms to ensure students are continually reminded of basic vocabulary skills. They are then assisted to successfully apply these skills in their writing and improve their ability to edit their own work.

Students’ work is indicating that this whole school initiative is resulting in an enhancement of written tasks.

Bernie Hawker
Master Teacher
SeaWorld H.O.T.E.L School Study Tour 2016

The SeaWorld Resort on the Gold Coast offers a fantastic 3-day program specifically designed to link the Hospitality Industry with Secondary School students studying Hospitality, Tourism and Catering subjects.

The “H.O.T.E.L. (Hospitality Operations Training Education and Learning) School” for secondary school students is a highly practical short course especially designed for Years 10, 11 and 12 students. The Program provided a great opportunity for our students to gain in-depth exposure to life in the Hotel Industry, as well as providing them with valuable knowledge of what potential employers actually look for when recruiting new employees. Students gained an insight into the many and varied operations of an international hotel and had the opportunity to experience life as an employee, as well as a hotel guest.

The program featured training in areas including The Hotel Industry; Customer Service including Communication, Attitude and Cultural Awareness; Workplace Health & Safety; and How to Apply/Gain a Job in a Hotel. Practical skills and experience were gained in engineering and maintenance, housekeeping, kitchen, food and beverage service, front office, concierge, sales and marketing, human resources, room service and banquets.

Feedback from the students included:

Student A: "It wasn’t all hard work though, we also enjoyed a movie night, a trip to Pacific Fair where we shopped ‘til we dropped, and free time to access all of the leisure facilities offered to regular hotel guests, including the spa, pool, sauna, games room, gym and the kids’ water park!"

Student B: “We thoroughly enjoyed our time at SeaWorld and believe it is a most valuable and worthwhile learning experience. We can’t wait to do it all again! We would recommend studying Hospitality to all students – it’s heaps fun!”

Louise Dyer
Home Economics/Hospitality Subject Area Coordinator

Senior “Vicki Wilson” Netballers do GSHS Proud

For the past 25 years, Goondiwindi State High School has participated in the Senior ‘Vicki Wilson” Knock-out Regional Competition which is open to all state and non-state schools throughout the Darling Downs and Queensland. The competition provides an excellent opportunity for our girls to demonstrate their sporting prowess and, if successful, gain regional and even state recognition.

The aims of the “Vicki Wilson” Netball Competition is to boost the profile of female sport, to provide more exposure to high-level competition and to ensure the development of potential players. It strives to encourage the involvement of girls and young women in a variety of sporting activities, especially netball.

A number of girls trialled for positions in our Senior 2016 Netball Team and the Senior Team consisted of our nine strongest Years 11 and 12 girls: Bronte Fisher, Carla Doyle, Taylah Spicer, Ebony Clarence, Eliza Fleming, Maygen Ross, Macy Prior, Lane McNaughton and Penny Spink.

Pool 2 of the competition saw our girls play Fairholme College, Downlands A, Highfields, St. George HSH, Harristown HSH, St. Joseph’s (Stanthorpe) and Toowoomba Christian School B. After five convincing wins, one loss to Fairholme College and a draw with Downlands College, our girls finished third overall (after a count back) in the Darling Downs Region; unfortunately just missing out on a place in the Regional Finals in September.

On behalf of the girls, we would like to thank all of the parents who travelled to Toowoomba to assist with scoring of games and to cheer on our girls. Without parent support, participation in such competitions would not be possible. We would also like to thank Miss Anna Clarke for her support during this year’s competition games.

Congratulations to the girls on their conduct, sportsmanship and performances during the competition and also thanks for making the job of coach an enjoyable and rewarding one!

The competition allowed the girls to represent Goondiwindi State High School and their gender with pride, providing them with a valuable experience and an opportunity to improve their netball skills.

Louise Dyer & Beth Madsen
Netball Coaches
Horse Sports Day

On the last day of Term 2, Gabbie Cahill, Abbie Bulmer, Maggie Marshall, Harley Blay and Jess White competed at the Millmerran Horse Sports Day. First up for the day was the march past where all the riders ride in formation around the arena. This was won by Goondiwindi.

All the riders are to be congratulated as they represented the school in an exemplary manner and enjoyed the day despite the appalling weather.

Rowena Moloney
Teacher

Border 9s

The second annual Border 9s Rugby League day was held on Friday 29 with both Open boys’ and Open girls’ teams from St George and Moree travelling to Goondiwindi. Gundy fielded two sides in the boys and one in the girls. The girls’ final between Gundy and Moree had some great contact from both sides, with Moree coming out winners.

The boys’ final was also between Gundy and Moree and was a tight match, with two points separating the sides for 90% of the game. Unfortunately Moree scored a try with 2 minutes to go which secured them the win.

Thank you to everyone who came the students and supported and also to Bishops NewsXpress for sponsoring the trophies.

Scott Schultz, Coach

Queensland Senior Secondary Schools Golf

Joel Stahlhut, 17 year old Goondiwindi Golf Club member and Goondiwindi State High School student, competed at the Queensland Senior Secondary Golf Championships in Ysppoon and won the competition after two playoff holes against Cameron McFarlane from Wide Bay Region. His gross score was two over par with 218 over three rounds of golf.

Also competing from Goondiwindi State High School was Year 10 student, Lachlan Manton.

Joel was seeded number one for the competition which surely provided additional pressure to perform, and that, he certainly did!

Goondiwindi State High School cannot claim credit for Joel’s continued success, however along with his parents and the rest of the Goondiwindi community, we are extremely proud of him!

Other golfers who have won this event include people like Adam Scott and Jason Day.
“Lest We Forget”

The Gundy to Gallipoli ANZAC Tour Presentation Night took place on 25 July at the Cultural Centre. It was a great opportunity for the students who participated in the Tour to share their experiences and give back to the community that so generously supported them. Students delivered eulogies for the soldiers they researched and presented photographs of the grave sites of these soldiers to their relatives, most of whom are members of our Goondiwindi community.

Courtney Walls
2016 Gundy to Gallipoli ANZAC Tour Coordinator

Creative Generations Trip

On Friday 15 July our instrumental students joined with instrumental and choir students from Goondiwindi State Primary School to see the 2016 Creative Generation show. The Creative Generations initiative allows students from state schools across Queensland to showcase their talents in the areas of instrumental music, singing, theatre and dance. Weeks of rehearsals culminate in a massive performance at the Brisbane Convention Centre, featuring an array of different talents. CGEN aims to mentor and foster the next generation of performers and provides opportunities for them to work with and learn from professional artists. This annual entertainment event has launched the professional careers of many students who have gone on to star in theatre, television and musical productions.

100 students from the Primary and High Schools journeyed to Brisbane to watch this event and were not disappointed. The talent on show was phenomenal, considering the age of the students, and featured more than 1700 students from Prep to Year 12.

It is likely that many of our students will be very keen to audition next year.

Thank you to Mrs Jensen, Mrs Brown and Mr Logue for accompanying the students on the trip.

Student Council

The Student Council meets every second Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to come along and have their say on ideas and get involved in activities.

• Students interested in helping with the Ukarrie, can meet Breanna at the iCentre on Monday afternoons from 3.15 to 4pm. Extra hands are needed.

• Expressive Arts Week planning is well underway. Meetings are held every second Tuesday in the Art Room during 2nd break. These are conducted on odd school weeks.

• Former School Captain and now local Councillor, Lachlan Brennan, will be a Guest Speaker at the next Student Council meeting on 2 August.

Bernie Bryan

PCYC Fun

Many of our Years eight and nine students have been taking advantage of lunchtime sports sessions at the PCYC. It has been great to see large numbers of these cohorts having fun and developing their teamwork whilst they work up a sweat and burn off some of that endless energy. Thank you to our Senior Sport Captains and House Captains for helping out.

Keisha Kuskie
Year Level Coordinator

The Other Side of Theatre

In Term 2, the Years 11 and 12 Senior Drama classes travelled to Toowoomba for their annual professional theatre performance. This year the students were also given the opportunity to engage with theatre professionals backstage and to see the offerings of USQ’s Arts Department.

Upon arrival in Toowoomba, they stopped off at the Arts Theatre at USQ where several lecturers informed the students of the courses and employment opportunities the university has to offer. A backstage tour through the props tunnel, costume cages and rehearsal spaces followed. The students then ascended into the ‘bio-box’ where the show’s technical elements, lighting and sound, are controlled. Some students had the opportunity to work with the lighting desk and also climbed onto the catwalk where all of the lighting equipment lives, high above the stage.

From here they met with the creative team of Shake & Stir Theatre Company and were treated to a backstage tour of the Empire Theatre. Students were able to walk the set of their show, ‘Wuthering Heights’, and speak with several of the cast and the stage manager about the touring life of an actor. This allowed them to see what goes on behind the scenes of a professional production, from lighting and sound, to costume changes and even some special effects.

Finally, after a busy day, students took their seats in The Empire Theatre to enjoy the show. It was the first time in a professional theatre for some students and they enjoyed it immensely, with many differing opinions being debated on the journey home.

The students’ behaviour was exemplary which added to the overall enjoyment of the trip.

Steve Leadbetter, Drama Teacher

‘Like’ us on facebook

Recognising that many of our students and parents are frequent users of facebook, we constantly upload information, photos and events to our GSHS facebook page. If you are a facebook user, you can ‘like’ our page. This page has been created to improve communication and keep parents aware of whole school happenings and other significant events.

Whilst there are other communication methods used within our school such as the newsletter and SMS messages, the facebook page is designed to ‘fill the gap’ and is a great way to get messages through quickly.
Athletics Carnival

The Goondiwindi State High School 2016 Athletics Carnival was a fantastic display of sporting prowess with fierce competition throughout the day. There are many people to be thanked for the successful outcome including all the students who participated, encouraged, cheered or officiated; and the staff members who gave up their time before and after school and in their lunch breaks, and officiated at every one of the events and also encouraged and inspired every student to strive to their potential.

There were some outstanding performances by individual students, with numerous records being broken throughout the week. Tracey Jarrett dominated her age division, breaking the Under 12s’ records for high jump, long jump, 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters. Larra McGrady broke the Under 12 girls’ discus record, while Will Smith broke the discus records for the Under 12 boys. Kyarla Bartman broke the Under 12 girls’ shot put, and Riley Mulligan broke the Under 12 boys’ shot put record. Maygen Ross broke the Open girls’ shot put and Maggie Phillips now holds the Under 16 girls’ discus record.

As well as records being broken, standout individual performances across the entire week resulted in the following Age Champions:

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The final event of the day was the running of the annual Gundy Gift. It is a very unique event run at each Athletics Carnival that pits the best against the best. The fastest runners of the 100m on the day from each year group, are given handicaps based on their 100m time; so theoretically each runner should finish the race at the same time. Our winners in 2016 were Braydn Oquias in the boys, and for the girls, Caitlyn Bussell came out victorious.

The overall standings and winning House for the day are as follows. In third place with a total score of 1204 points was Cook House: only 24 points in front of Cook was Cunningham on 1430; and a gallant Mitchell House finished on 1496 points.

Once again thank you to all students and staff members who were involved in the lead-up days, as well as on the main carnival day, and good luck to all those competing in future carnivals.

Beth Madsen
Sports Coordinator

Catering for Eisteddfod

Year 11 Hospitality students had another hands-on experience when they put their knowledge into practice at the recent eisteddfod. The class is currently studying the unit, ‘Working with Customers and Colleagues’.

The students showcased their service and cookery skills by catering for performers and supporters who all appreciated their delicious efforts.

Louise Dyer
Home Economics’ Hospitality Subject Area Coordinator
Eisteddfod Success

The recent Goondiwindi Apex Eisteddfod saw students from our Instrumental Music Program involved in many different instrumental sections of the eisteddfod including solos, duets, and small and large ensembles. Our Show Band was awarded 2nd place for their performance of four charts; and our Senior Band placed 1st with their performance and was invited to perform at the Selected Performers Concert, which closed the concert with a bang!

There were also many small groups, made up of members from the Instrumental Program, who performed their pieces beautifully. Guitar Group C with Erin Ellis, Caleb Linton, Marcus Hieronymus, Oliver Collins and Paige Milligean, was also asked back to the Selected Performers Concert. Our school was also represented at the Selected Performers Concert by Erin Ellis performing her Guitar solo ‘Waltzing Matilda’ for which she won the most prestigious eisteddfod prize of Most Outstanding Performer. Special Mention also to those students who were selected to perform in the Selected Performers Concert not as part of the Instrumental Program; Mackenzie Timms, Kira-Lee Lawrence and Carla Doyle and Mikaylah O’Toole.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise those students who received major awards for music at this year’s eisteddfod:

- Erin Ellis – Most Outstanding Award for a Guitarist
- Erin Ellis – Best Solo Instrumental Performance by a Secondary School Student
- Tully Corcoran – Siebenhausen Family Encouragement Award
- Jacinta Norman - Highest Aggregate Points Years 12-14 for Piano
- Jacinta Norman - Michael Marschall Music Bursary
- Jack Schaumberg - Encouragement Award for Brass
- Kira-Lee Lawrence - Audrey O’Brien Award - Most Promising Junior Vocalist
- Mackenzie Timms - Most Outstanding Theatrical Performance
- Mackenzie Timms - Most Outstanding Performance in Music Theatre
- Mackenzie Timms - Best Junior Vocal Performance Years 13 and Over
- Sam Brown & Piper Rowe - Best Instrumental Music Duet

Large Ensemble:
- Senior Band – 1st Place
- Show Band – 2nd Place

Small Ensemble:
- Marcus Hieronymus, Caleb Linton, Paige Milligean, Oliver Collins and Erin Ellis – 1st Place

Trios and Quartets:
- Flynn Corcoran, Rebecca Pfingst, Rowan Dunmill and Piper Rowe – 1st Place
- Joshua Norton, Chloe Paesler and Chloe Storck – 2nd Place
- Elliot Evans, Sam Butler, Jordan Linton and Devlin Redmond – 3rd Place

Solos and Duets:
- Samantha Brown and Piper Rowe – 1st Place
- Leia Jensen and Derek Ford – 2nd Place
- Mackenzie Timms and Tully Corcoran – 1st Place
- Jack Schaumberg – 1st Place
- Tully Corcoran – 1st Place
- Erin Ellis – 1st Place x 3
- Mackenzie Timms – 1st Place x 2
- Derek Ford – 2nd Place
- Laura Sudholz - 1st Place

Clontarf Academy

Having recently returned from our Clontarf Induction in Perth, Pup and I have both returned re-energised and ready for a busy but exciting Term working with the Academy participants.

During our induction, the area of employment was highlighted continuously, and will be a major focus of the work we will do with the boys for the remainder of this year. We want all of the students engaged in the Clontarf Program to develop the desire and expectation that they will find employment by the time they have graduated from Year 12. This is best achieved if we start developing skills in these young men during their early high school years and gathering together relevant employment documents such as birth certificates, resumes, Tax File Numbers, etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise those students who received major awards for employment this year:

- Erin Ellis – Most Outstanding Award for a Guitarist
- Erin Ellis – Best Solo Instrumental Performance by a Secondary School Student
- Tully Corcoran – Siebenhausen Family Encouragement Award
- Jacinta Norman - Highest Aggregate Points Years 12-14 for Piano
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- Tully Corcoran – 1st Place
- Erin Ellis – 1st Place x 3
- Mackenzie Timms – 1st Place x 2
- Derek Ford – 2nd Place
- Laura Sudholz - 1st Place

Morgan Hindry
Academy Director

Last week we had seven academy participants attend a regional employment forum in Toowoomba. The event kicked off with a game of football and formal dinner on the Thursday night. On Friday, the boys were placed into small groups and met with some of Clontarf’s major partners and have discussions based around employment opportunities that are available both domestically and overseas.

Morgan Hindry
Academy Director
Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!

Goondiwindi - 14 September from 4 -6pm.
Register your place:
Registrations open on the website on 3 Aug
positivepartnerships.com.au

Anna’s Chappy Chat

Only part way into my second Term here at GSHS and so much has already happened - it really has been an excellent few weeks and I am loving getting to know so many of you!

Breakfast continues to be popular on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Thank you again to the helpers and business donators for making it possible to keep this valuable service going.

We are still rostered on once a month as a school to deliver Meals on Wheels. I have a long list of kids wanting the opportunity to serve in this role, which is great to see.

I have spent a fair bit of time training and up-skilling lately. I attended a leadership development program called A2B in Toowoomba which provided insight into how to help young people on their journey in life. We are all at different places and going at different speeds and we learnt a lot about facilitating this and growing kids to be the best they can be.

Our annual Chaplains’ conference on the Gold Coast was an amazing opportunity to meet with a large percentage of the 800 chaplains from across Queensland. I learnt so much not only as a Chaplain but also as a teacher and Mum.

The biggest event by far this Term has been our Christmas in July Dinner. It was a fantastic night where we raised excellent funds to support the work of chaplaincy here in Goondiwindi. There are so many people to thank for helping us put on a great night - but there are a special few I’d like to acknowledge here:

- Year 12 students from GSHS, Mr Leadbetter and Miss Dyer who help us set up the tables, chairs, decorations and tableware.
- Various students from GSHS and Border Rivers Christian College also did an amazing job serving on the night. These guys were on their feet all night making sure people had drinks and food and then cleared plates and helped clean up.
- Our tuck shop ladies - past and present - were absolutely amazing! They donated all their time and cooked a sensational 3-course meal for 150 people. We really can’t express just how amazing these ladies are and how much we appreciate them.

I am looking forward to the rest of Term! Keep coming and introducing yourselves to me and let me know how I can help you.

Anna Pateman, School Chaplain