



Gympie Flexi News

Term 3 and 4 Roundup

During last term, we achieved an enormous amount of work as a community, and engaged in a variety of activities on and off site. Some of our achievements were showcased including the success of the short film *Brainstorm* which won two awards in the Heart of Gold Film Festival.

Classroom activities included the use of the 3D printer, cooking in the kitchen and celebrating the very successful day-trip to the Discover Youth and Careers Symposium at Gympie Showgrounds.

Jessica Belford has written a feature article for this edition which focuses on her insights of being a young person in Year 12, at GFLC. We encourage you to read it.

During the holidays we travelled to Noosa with a group of young people to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture at the Booin Gari (meaning 'Come this Way') Festival. Young People immersed themselves in our First Nation culture through song and dance, art and craft, stories and yarning, bush tucker tastings and water craft. It was a great day and we thank all of those who attended.

During the first week of term 4, the whole GFLC community was involved in activities to revisit and celebrate what it means to work within our Four Principles of **Participation, Respect, Honesty and Safe & Legal**. Our Personal Learning Plan (PLP) meetings focused intensely on each young person's learning goals and the principles of **Respect** and **Participation**. If you have not had a PLP meeting yet please contact GFLC to make an appointment. We encourage our young people to take responsibility for their actions and participate in discussions if they are facing challenges. We thank you for your support in working with us to engage young people in learning activities and achieving their goals.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING POLLEYS BUS SERVICE

Polleys buses will not be operating it's school bus runs on Monday 22 October. GFLC is open as usual that day. Please note GFLC will be **closed on Monday 29 October** for staff development day.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 23 October | RESPECT Day |
| 29 October | Pupil Free Day |
| 11 November | Remembrance Day |
| 15 November | Graduation for Year 12 |
| 30 November | Last day of the school year |

HAVE YOU MOVED? NEW PHONE NUMBER?

If you have a new address or phone number please let us know ASAP. If you're in any doubt, please call and check your details are correct.

We need to keep in touch with you!

School Contact - Phone: (07) 5343 4009

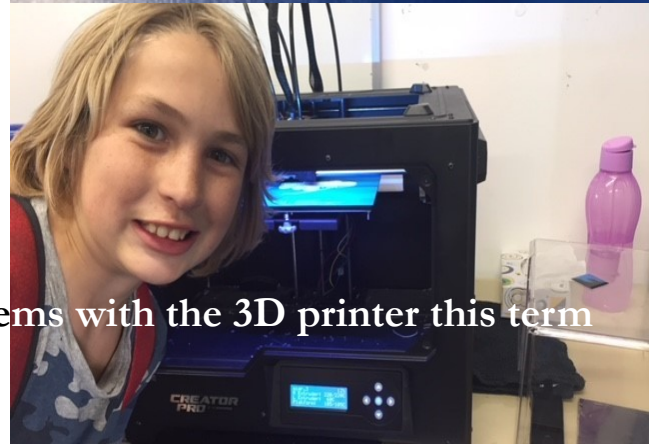
Our talented students



Josh Taylor has printed lots of items with the 3D printer this term



Jammeson Schmidt has been very busy printing some of his favourite characters



3D PRINTING

This term, members of the Hands on Group have continued to print lots of things on our 3D printer. As well as young people printing items for fun, we also printed a couple of parts for the printer and a GoPro holder/case so we can start time lapse filming objects being printed for a future presentation.

We also learnt that sometimes things don't go to plan and we had to problem solve by adding additional supports to prints.



September

October

November

December



Jessica Belford
Ashlee Hede
Casey Lisle
Ray Martin
Sky Oliver
Jessica Owen
Kasey Roberts
Jack Uttley

Keigan Alexander
Khira Bradey
Nathan Cleal
Connor Lavell
Tyjanna Matthews
Courtney McEwan
Levi Podetti
Sharlene Taylor
Zoe Van Staden

Jesse Catton
Mia Collins
Madalyn Milne
Liam Peters
Caylem Vallis

Levi Brazier
Felicity Currie
Tiffeny Matheson
Eric Moore
Jasmin Norris
Jasmine O'Brien
Eliza Rule

At the beginning of Term 3 we welcomed many new young people to our community. Amongst these new faces are a delightful group of young men who bring much energy and enthusiasm to our school. As part of their program, JD, Andy, Caleb, Jordan and Connor have spent many Tuesdays in the kitchen with Kerri cooking up a storm for our community. The boys have been involved in menu planning, cooking and serving the meals and have shown us that they are able to help create amazingly tasty culinary delights!



Within this program, the boys have had the opportunity to connect with other members of the school, learn new skills and contribute positively to the culture here at GFLC. Keep up the great work team... we look forward to the tasty treats you have in store for us during Term 4.

Discover Youth and Careers Symposium 9th August 2018, Gympie Showgrounds

On 9th August 2018, twenty eight young people attended the 2018 Careers Symposium and were able to participate in two workshops of their choice. Workshops included Technology and Gaming, Tourism and Outdoor Education, Hospitality, Creative Industries, Social Services & Health; Construction and Timber, Agriculture and Food Manufacturing, Local Government, Education and Teaching. The event also featured a variety of displays representing education, trade, government and the private sector.



Keynote speakers addressed how the world of work is rapidly changing due to the impact of technology and the changing demands in society. Subsequently, there is a demand for a new set of knowledge and skills required for current and future workplaces. Young people participating in events like this, obtain knowledge around future career pathways and employment opportunities. It is a fantastic way to connect with education, training providers, career advisers and employers.

Article by Jessica Belford—Year 12

Gympie Flexible Learning Centre is not just a school that gives second chances for young people, it is also a place to have lots of fun whilst getting an education. We have a large range of enjoyable programs throughout the year to engage everybody in the community. The school provides core learning subjects for the Seniors while the Juniors have a wide range of programs to participate in, including Media Projects, Men's Shed, Bicycle Program, Alive, Sense, Workshop, Drums, Live Performance, Hands on Group, Woodwork and many more.

We have an amazing art class every Wednesday where we are able to engage in drawing, photography and painting. We have cooking classes every day which is where Kerri is always cooking up a mad feast for all the young people and staff. Recently the Seniors had a great opportunity to visit Fraser Island on a three day camping trip. On this trip they went 4WD, fishing, swimming, bushwalking and visited spectacular places.

We have also participated in abseiling off the cliff face in Brooyar State Forest. With the grand opening of Headspace in Gympie, our school had the opportunity to attend an open day where we performed music and were able to cut the ribbon.



BRAINSTORM

NEVER GIVE UP



GYMPIE FLEXIBLE LEARNING CENTRE PRESENTS A MEDIA PROJECTS FILM
"BRAINSTORM"

WRITTEN BY GEORGIA BOGODOHOFF CALEB CHAPPLE-TAYLOR CJ ANDE FOSTER
CASEY LISLE TOM LOGAN MIA NICHOLAS JAIDAN OSBORNE CHELSEA PEL
SAM TRAINOR

EDITED AND FEATURING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GYMPIE FLEXIBLE LEARNING CENTRE

DIRECTED BY SALLY HAXTON AND ANDE FOSTER

MUSIC BY ANDE FOSTER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER GAYLENE JOHNSTON



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2018 NEXT STEP—EARLY SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of Year 10, 11 and 12 students who left school in 2017 without obtaining a Year 12 certification. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school.

Between August and September, students who left school early in 2017, can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

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| Keigan |
| Heidi |
| Jessica.B |
| Ronella |
| Jesse |
| Rhys |
| Nicholas |
| Ashlee |
| Casey |
| Raymond |
| Tiffeny |
| Emily |
| Lillian |
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Graduates of 2018 from Gympie Flexible Learning Centre

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| Jasmin. N |
| Jasmine. O |
| Jaidan |
| Chelsea |
| Amy |
| Samuel |
| Ji |
| Eliza |
| Zachary |
| Sharlene |
| Samantha |
| Jack |
| Caylem |
| Zoe |

The Gympie Flexible Learning Centre Graduation Ceremony will be celebrated on November the 15th at the Gympie RSL. The list of 2018 graduates is above. If you have any questions about graduating from GFLC please contact the office as soon as possible.

