



# Gympie Trade Training Centre Newsletter

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## Gympie Trade Training Centre Managers Report

I would like to start by extending a big thank you to all the families for the ongoing support to the GTTC.

Just a reminder that the newsletter is produced each term, is available electronically on the lead school website ([www.jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au)) and supplied to students in hard copy each term.

We value positive relationships with our parents and we use this newsletter to keep you up to date with developments in the GTTC. If caregivers are unsure about policy or procedure, then we are more than happy for you to call or email us directly to seek clarification. I am also happy for you to email me if you are unable to speak to me directly. My email address is [kpaig2@jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:kpaig2@jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au) I would appreciate your thoughts and feedback about the centre.

## A great start to Semester 2

I have been impressed with the application and respect shown by both student cohorts. The new Grade 10 class are full of enthusiasm and tell me they are enjoying the new experience. They recently obtained their construction White Cards through a course conducted by our external RTO Train Assess Australia.

Listed below is the **Training for Futures** curriculum currently studied at the centre:

- English Communication
- Prevocational Maths / Mathematics A
- Certificate I Engineering
- Certificate I Construction
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways

The students undertake an extensive course and are expected to meet all assessment requirements by their due dates.



Year 10 cohort

## Graduation Ceremony

The graduation Ceremony for the second cohort of students from the Gympie Trade Training Centre took place on the 22nd of June. Each of these students should be immensely proud of their personal achievements and I wish them all the best for the future. It is a tremendous endorsement of the program that many of the students have already secured employment from this program and by the end of the year all students will also receive their QCE.



**Graduating Class of 2017**



## Certificate 1 in Construction

Saint Patricks College and Gympie SHS students are using the centre on a regular basis to undertake studies in Certificate I in Construction. Blue Dog Training and Train Assess Australia (Registered Training Organisations) are involved in the delivery of these programs and it is great to see the centre being used as a resource for the Gympie student community.

## Sponsorship

The Gympie Trade Training Centre would like to acknowledge the following businesses who have sponsored the center with material support throughout this year:

- Bunnings- buildings materials
- Carter Holt Harvey – flooring
- Australia cement - 40 bags of Portland cement per year
- Gyprock – wall sheeting
- Sunshine Mitre 10 – building materials
- Blackwood - engineering tools and safety equipment
- M1 safety – Personal Protective equipment

If possible support these businesses and offer thanks personally on behalf of your students.

*Kerry Paige*

## Mr Woolley

The 4<sup>th</sup> cohort of students at the GTTC began their first week straight into the construction game. Having spent three days at the centre being inducted on Health and Safety and the use of a Dingo Digger, the students were challenged to build a Yarning circle. Working as an efficient team the students created a dividing border, moved large sand stone rocks, 7m<sup>3</sup> of sand, 3m<sup>3</sup> of top soil and 2m<sup>3</sup> of mulch.

The tight deadline meant students only had time to stop for smoko. Thanks to the very generous Home Economics department who could see the boys working hard and made us a mouth-watering cheeseburger. It was a great team building project and set a real standard of what we do and what is expected at the centre, we look forward to more projects in the future.



No Time  
For A Yarn.



## Mr Harrison

The year 11's are continuing to make good progress with their certificates and will shortly have completed their Certificate 1 in Construction. The final practical task of wall construction was completed early this term, leaving a small amount of theory to do before the final sign-off.

We made a start on our resources and Infrastructure Certificate 2 this term by learning how to form up a small area, add a level bed of sand and lay a bed of pavers. It was a refresher for the students for using Pythagoras to get the formwork square and then setting up the dumpy to make sure the formwork was level. There were many and varied paver patterns initially, but these were simplified after they had to be re-laid several times to get them level. The students will be using the Dingo for their next task, which involves digging a trench with the backhoe attachment so that it has a consistent fall for the flow of water. The students are keen to test their skills with the machinery and see some serious dirt moved over the next few weeks.

Some students are closing in on their final practical task for Certificate 1 in Engineering. They are close to finishing the vice and will then only have the fishing gaff to do. With less than 12 months left before the students leave and enter the workforce we are starting to see real progress and a clear move to finalising some of the Certificates. Momentum is good as always and we look forward to a strong finish to term 3 and then carrying this into term 4.



## Important Dates

We will try to list upcoming events from the students home schools. Unfortunately as we only publish our newsletter once a term there maybe some events that we have missed or do not know about at the time of publishing. You are most welcome to check out your students home school webpage to keep up with upcoming events and news. Alternatively both James Nash and Gympie High now have a Facebook page which contains useful information. Morning notices from both home schools are read out to GTTC students every morning keeping them in the loop with upcoming events as well.

11—14th September—Yr 11 Camp (JNSHS)	15th September—Last day of
3rd October—Term 4 starts	

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## Course Fees are now due

Course fees for Semester 2 (T4F \$600) are currently due as per the signed Participation Agreement for this course.

**All fees are to be paid to James Nash State High School.** Statements for fees owing were posted home in July. If you are experiencing financial difficulties the school can offer a payment plan comprising an initial deposit of \$100 with 2 further instalments with full payment due by 24/11/2017. Please see the Business Services Manager if you wish to take up this option.

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## Centre Opening Time

The Centre opening times are 8.30am to 3.10pm, Monday to Friday. Students are not to arrive at the centre before 8.30am and depart no later than 3.10pm. No responsibility for students will be taken outside of these hours by the centre.

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## Phone Policy

Students are not permitted the use of mobile phones or ipods in class time or at breaks (they must be turned off and out of sight). The GTTC follows the same procedures as the DETE policy guidelines applicable to all QLD SHS.

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