Volunteers

Any volunteer volunteering in the classroom or truckstop must fill in a Voluntary Workers Registration Form for 2014. This can be collected from the Administration Office.

Prep Parents - Arrival and Collection of Students

To ensure the safety of your child and with respect to her age and need for supervision, it is required that prep parents bring children into the Prep classroom and collect from inside the classroom for the first term of school. First bell for students is 8:50am with all classes beginning at 9am.

Student Payments

Recently we have sent out invoices for Swimming and the Year 6/7 Brilliant Camp. We understand that some families may have difficulties paying within the due dates. If this applies to you, please talk to our Business Services Manager Mrs Kerrie Hamilton who will arrange a payment plan that suits your circumstances. Year 2 Swimming was due yesterday 3rd March. Balance of Year 6/7 fee due by 12th March.

UNSW Competitions

Gladstone West will be participating in these competitions again in 2014. A letter to parents of students in Years 3-7 will also be sent home today. If you wish to participate in any or all of these competitions, please complete the permission form indicating which competitions and send along with payment by Tuesday 1st April. We encourage families to engage in these competitions. At all permission will receive certificates and a summary of their results.

Instrumental Music

The West instrumental music performance shirts are now available from the office, the cost is $33.00.

The first 2014 performance will be in term 2, week 2 at The Great Australian Ice Cream Co. Both the West Band and the West String Ensemble will be performing, and parents will need to organise uniforms beforehand. The uniform requirements for the West Instrumental group is a West performance shirt, long black trousers, black shoes, black socks.

SWPBS Weekly Focus: Moving around the school respectfully as a class.

Parent tip: Trust Yourself. Everyone has their own ideas about parenting. If you have listened or read or thought or felt what you’re doing is good enough. Listen to other people’s ideas but do what feels right for you and your children. Trust your own judgement.

Tuckshop Roster

Parent volunteers are needed to collect and deliver students in the school grounds unless permission has been obtained from the Principal.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER – 4979 7333

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LINE – 4979 7366

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4 March 2014

From the Principal’s Desk

It’s Microsoft Word which is always an exciting time. Our students are always so well-presented that their photos are amazing. Photos will be happening on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

All students are working towards their goals in the classroom. I have been very impressed with the way our teachers are working extremely hard to provide meaningful and targeted learning and the way their students know their goals. Students are working very hard to achieve these goals and are enjoying celebrating when the goal is reached. Please ask your children about their goals. It’s the main reason that they are here.

Domini Carter

Everyday Counts

Students need to attend school five (5) days a week. All absences must be explained. A phone call to the student absent line 4979 7366 or a note as soon as the student returns is welcomed. Parent support is appreciated.

Pac News

Notice of AGM

The Gladstone West State School P & C Association will be holding its 2014 Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm, on Tuesday 11th March in the Parent Room (C Block) at Gladstone West State School, Boles Street, Gladstone.

The P & C Executive Committee will be elected and the 2014 P & C Constitution will be adopted. Anyone wishing to view a copy of the constitution is encouraged to ask at the school administration office. Nominations for positions will be accepted at the meeting. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

ALL WELCOME!

The P & C are looking for a Uniform Shop Co-ordinator. This does not involve the manning of the Uniform Shop. The co-ordinator will be available to discuss any feedback with parents, conduct stocktakes, place orders and liaise with suppliers.

If you are interested, please contact Kerrie Hamilton at the school admin office.

Family Fun Night

Due to the increased costs for parents during this time, the P & C have opted not to hold any fundraising events this term. Planning is about to be underway for our major annual event, Family Fun Night. This event will be on 30th May this year. If you are interested in helping make this an enormous success, please leave your name and details at the school office to pass on to our wonderful fundraising organiser, Janinne Suter.

Anyone wishing to donate any prizes to our Raffle for our family fun night could you please contact Janinne Suter on 0411400018.

Library News

Many thanks to Cheryl, Shannon and Sue-Elle who were able to attend the Book Covering morning on Friday. We still have a few hundred books to be covered or collected, so extra assistance to get the book covered before the Fair Book books arrive. If you can spare even half an hour between 9 and 11am this Friday morning (7 March), we would love to see you. We will have a cuppa and bikkies at the end of the morning. Freiya and Anne-Marie.

Stop Drop and Go Zones

Please note that our three Stop Drop and Go Zones are designated for 2 minutes only. These three areas are for the convenience of dropping off your children and moving on. Please note that NO parking for more than 5 minutes is allowed.

Traffic Congestion – Stagger Collection Times

To help avoid traffic congestion at 3pm, parents/caregivers are asked to stagger collection times to 3.05pm, 3.10pm and 3.15pm. This should allow more traffic flow and help reduce lines of cars banking up.

Please Remember

Collection zones are strictly 2 mins only.
Staff are on duty at all collection zones until 3.15pm. Uncollected students are always brought to Admin where they wait until parents arrive or are returned to the classroom.
If there is no space in the collection zone keep driving around the block and try again. It is important for children to be on time.
Reminder that there is no pick up or collection zones in the school grounds unless permission has been obtained from the Principal.

Sportspower Girls Soccer Challenge

The Sportspower Girls Soccer Challenge game was held at the BICS oval on Saturday 1st March with a fantastic turn out of girls. We played a fantastic first half with the only goals being a hand-ball penalty in the last 2 minutes of the first half. The game was won by Boyne 5 but the girls put up a great defence. A special mention to the year 4 girls who not only played their first game with just 1 hour of coaching but put up a fantastic effort and were great sports on the dressing room.
Also, thank you to this week’s captain, Rowan, who encouraged the girls along the way.
Great job girls. The next game is at 4.00 on Field 2 against Clinton. Coaching is on Monday and Wednesday 2nd breaks, bring your lunch!