

## Dates to Remember

### TERM 2

5 May	May Day Public Holiday
7-9 May	Mother's Day Stall
7-8 May	Prep – Pet Pals visit
16 May	U8's Day
26-30 May	Book Fair – Library
5&6 June	Senior Sports Day
13 June	Junior Sports Day
27 June	Last Day of Term 2

### TERM 3

14 July	First Day of Term 3
15&16 July	School Photos

## From the Principal's Desk

### Welcome

Welcome back to Term 2 for 2025. It already has been a busy first week back. Thank you to all our families that came along to our ANZAC Day Ceremony and to those families who attended and represented Gladstone West State School at the Dawn Service on Friday. I would like to officially welcome our new Deputy Principals Corinne Wright and Keegan Fysh to Gladstone West.

*I have been teaching across the state since 2000. My first school was on the Gold Coast, since then I have taught PE, classroom teaching, Reading intervention and Student wellbeing at schools in both QLD and the NT. I moved back to Gladstone after growing up here in 2006 teaching at Gladstone South, before becoming a Deputy Principal at Clinton in 2021.*

*I have two children who are heavily involved in sport in Gladstone and am passionate about swimming and netball. I very much look forward to working with our students and families at Gladstone West State School. My door is always open for a chat.*

### Mrs Corinne Wright

*I am so excited to become a part of the GWSS team! I have worked in education across 3 regions and have enjoyed working with students from many schools and communities. I come from a family that loves footy and can't wait to watch our favourite team (South Sydney) play every week.*

*I have a passion for learning and love seeing students grow in their understanding of literacy and numeracy as they progress through their primary years. I have visited most classes at GWSS already and have to say, students have made me feel so welcome with their smiles and many hellos.*

*I hope to also meet many parents and community members over the coming weeks.*

*GWSS is a wonderful school, and I feel very fortunate to have joined such a fantastic school and community.*

### Mrs Keegan Fysh



Yours in education  
Damien Hoare  
Principal

## School Details

PHONE: 4979 7333

OFFICE HOURS:  
8:00am – 3:30pm

EMAIL:  
principal@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au

DENTAL CLINIC: 49206372

SCHOOLWATCH: 13 17 88

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE:  
4979 7366

## Online Consent Forms – QParents

### P-2 Parents

If you haven't already done so, please complete the consent form on QParents so your child's class teacher can assign decodable readers for home reading. Little Learners Love Literacy Online is part of the literacy program that we are using in all P-2 classrooms. If you need help with QParents, contact the office for further assistance.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the consent form – your login details will be sent home soon. If you have not yet downloaded the QParents please check in with the Admin office for any help.



## Uniform

Gladstone West State School is a uniform school. Our dress code is linked to the Student Code of Conduct by agreement of the Gladstone West State School P & C Association. The daily wearing of a school uniform is compulsory at Gladstone West State School.

Of late I am noticing socks that do not align with our uniform policy. I am seeing students wearing long sock in colours of pink and bright blue with things hanging off them, like animal ears, feathers etc. Our uniform policy states white, black or grey socks.

Reminder also with winter arriving next term is the uniform policy, regarding jumpers. The colour is royal blue or blue. Any student wearing anything other than this will be asked to remove their jumper.

### School Winter Uniform:

- Royal blue jacket with school logo embroidered on left chest.
- For winter, royal blue cardigans, pullovers, track pants, tights or leggings may also be worn.

## Student Early Departure

To avoid interruptions to other student's learning, the process for collecting your child to leave school early for an appointment or any other reason is as follows:

- Email your child's class teacher **and** [earlyleave@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:earlyleave@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au) indicating what time they will need to leave the classroom and the reason for leaving early
- student go to the office at the time on the email and waits for parent

students cannot be collected during lunch breaks as they are out and about in the school grounds. All classrooms are locked so they cannot collect their bag.

- please refrain from collecting your child between 11.00am to 12.00pm and 1.30pm to 2.00pm unless it is an emergency

### Student Messages

Please let your student know before school how they will be getting home that afternoon. If arrangements change during the day, please call the school office on 49797333 before 1pm as we cannot guarantee messages being delivered after this time.



## Student Council

GWSS Student Council are holding an...

**ELECTION DAY**

# BBQ



 **GLADSTONE WEST STATE SCHOOL**

 **SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**  
**8AM - 12 NOON**

Come and buy a sausage or a cold drink this election day and support our student leaders.

**CASH & EFTPOS AVAILABLE**

## Mother's Day Stall



# MOTHERS' DAY STALL

**8am - 8.45am**  
**Wed 7th May**  
**Thur 8th May**  
**Fri 9th May**

**B Block**  
**All items \$1 - \$8**  
**Cash & EFTPOS accepted**  
**Preorder vouchers on Qkr! BEFORE 5pm 6th May**

## Under 8's Day

*Under 8's Day*  
at Gladstone West State School

**Unleashing Scientific Thinking through Play**

Come and join us for a morning of fabulous fun and excitement. There will be a variety of activities including painting, bubble blowing, kite making, slime, construction and many more. Please wear enclosed shoes and a hat and bring a water bottle.

All visiting children must be supervised by an adult.

16th May 2025  
9.15am - 10.45am  
on the  
Multi-purpose courts and 3/4 oval

RSVP to [admin@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au)  
by 7th May 2025



## Possums Playgroup



**Possums Playgroup**

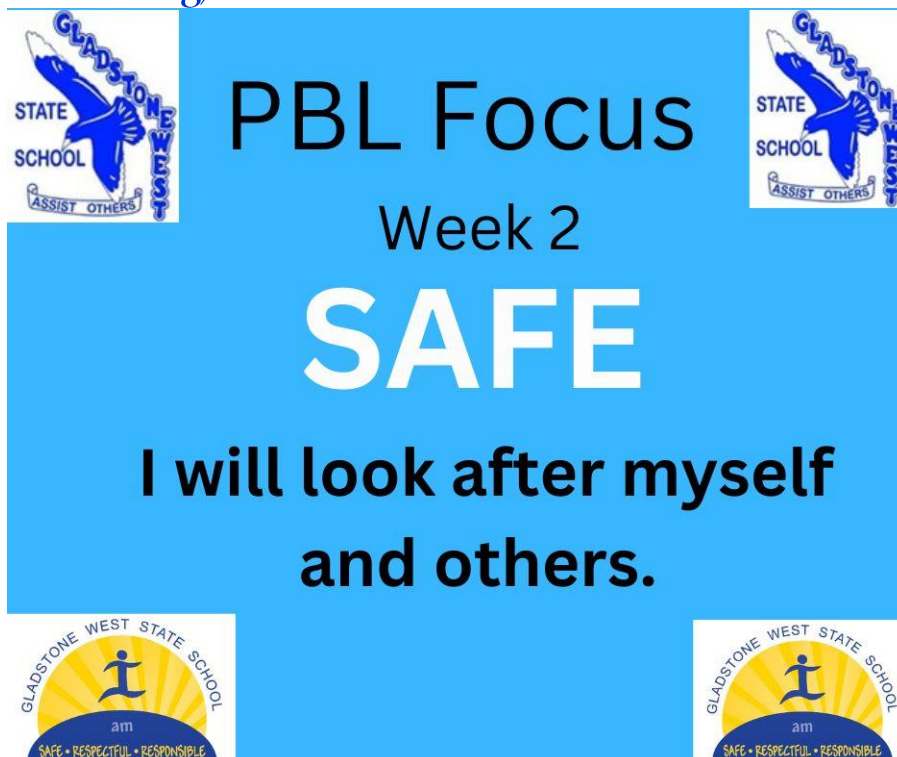
Every Monday morning of the school term our possums playgroup meet at 9.00am. Children must be accompanied by an adult and we ask they bring a water bottle, healthy snack, a hat and covered shoes.

- ✓ 9.00am - 10.30am
- ✓ Located in our LEC - Room 5
- ✓ Contact 49797333 for more information.



This week in Possum's Playgroup we did some Mother's Day hand prints. The kids enjoyed using the scooter up and down the concrete. We all had morning tea on the grass before going out to the playground for a play. Next Monday is a Public holiday so we will see everyone on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning)



**PBL Focus**  
 Week 2  
**SAFE**  
 I will look after myself  
 and others.



## Parent Information Session



# Help them break free from anxiety

### HOW DOES ANXIETY AFFECT CHILDREN?

Some children are more prone to worrying than others. When children or teenagers become extra-worried, these anxious feelings can start to affect everyday life. They may even feel "sick with worry". But parents and caregivers can help kids gain confidence and learn to break free from the stress and anxiety cycle. With your help, they'll develop their own tool kit of coping skills - skills to help them now, and in the future.

### FEAR-LESS TRIPLE P HELPS YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S OR TEENAGER'S COPING SKILLS

Over 6 sessions, this FREE group program introduces you to practical steps you can take to help your child or teenager (aged 6 to 14) to feel calmer and more capable. Fear-Less Triple P will help you:

- Understand more about child and teenager anxiety (and how to reduce it)
- Know which responses are most helpful when your child is anxious or upset
- Support your child to develop skills to cope with challenging situations and solve problems
- Learn more about a range of strategies based on proven principles

In fact, research shows that Fear-Less Triple P can help the whole family break free from the stress and anxiety cycle. And it's part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program! Our GWSS Triple P provider also offers individual Fear-Less Triple P sessions or a 1-day Fear-Less Triple P Workshop. You can ask Kelsie (our GWSS Triple P Provider) for more information.

### TERM 2 COURSE DETAILS

- 6 weekly sessions
- Thursdays from 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- Beginning in Week 5 (22nd May) and finishing in Week 10 (26th June)
- You must be available to attend all 6 sessions

*We understand that this training time might not work for all families and we endeavor to be as flexible as possible. If you are interested in attending but cannot making the training time this term, please send an expression of interest to our Triple P provider and include your availability for next term (days, times, online vs face to face, 6 weekly sessions vs a 1 day workshop).*

### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY FRIDAY 9TH MAY

Link to registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/fza2qufrr7>

QR Code for registration form:



### OUR TRIPLE P PROVIDER DETAILS

Kelsie Realf, Psychologist  
 GWSS: Wed, Thur, Friday (base school)  
 Central QLD Region - Student Wellbeing Workforce  
 Contact: kreal0@eq.edu.au





## Around the Classes

# 6B

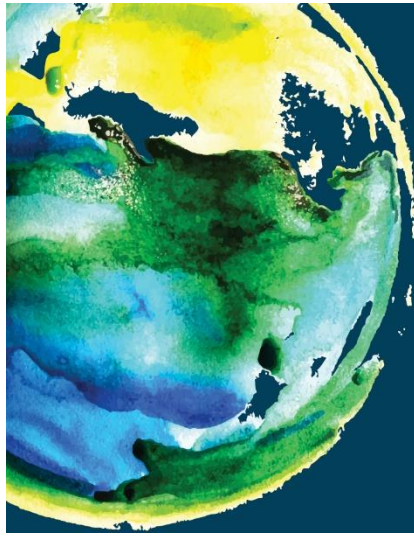
6B commemorated ANZAC Day by making a wreath to lay at the ANZAC Day parade. We also completed an ANZAC Day artwork that will be displayed in our classroom to remind us of the sacrifice made by all Australians who have served to protect our country. Lest We Forget.



# 1C

Last week, we commemorated ANZAC Day. We spoke about what ANZAC Day means to people. We made a wreath for our school ceremony and made some 3D poppies to take home and share with our families.

## Community Notices



# ecofEST

9am-3pm, 1 June

Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens  
Free entry

**Have fun and learn with us!**

- Kids activities
- Educational workshops
- Eco-market stalls
- Plant sale
- Food trucks
- Live music and more!



[www.gladstone.qld.gov.au](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au)



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