

West Weekly

Gladstone West State School

Ph: (07) 4979 7333 E: principal@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au Boles Street, West Gladstone Q 4680 www.gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au

Week 8 • Term 2 • 11th June, 2025

Dates to Remember

TERM 2

13 June	Junior Sports Day
20 June	Dress Up Day
20 June	G'stone City Athletics
26 June	Deano Yipadee –
	Author Incursion
27 June	Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

14 July	First Day of Term 3
15&16 July	School Photos
17 July	100 days of PREP
	celebration
5 Aug	2026 Prep Open Day
	Tour 9.30am
7Aug	2026 Prep Open Day
	Tour 9.30am
11 Aug	Gladstone Show
	Public Holiday
24 Aug	Port to Park Run
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

6 Oct Public Holiday 7 Oct Frist Day of Term 4

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

From the Principal's Desk

As many of you know, *Helping Hands Before and After School Care* was introduced at our school in response to strong feedback from our community. I implemented the program to support working parents and carers, providing a safe and engaging environment for students outside of regular school hours.

Since returning to Gladstone West State School this year, I have noticed a rise in incidents during before and after school care that are being brought to the attention of class teachers, school staff and myself. While we understand these matters are important, they fall under the responsibility of the Helping Hands team.

I kindly ask that if your child is involved in an incident during Helping Hands, you please address the concern directly with the Helping Hands coordinator and staff. They are best placed to investigate and resolve issues that occur during their care.

Only if you feel that the matter cannot be resolved through Helping Hands, please bring it to my attention. We respectfully request that classroom teachers not be approached regarding Helping Hands incidents, as this impacts their workload and ability to focus on teaching and learning during school hours.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Prep Playground

Reminder to parents/carers the prep playground is not to be used after 3pm with children. Teachers are still working and planning. There have been several times children unsupervised in this area. Once 3pm bell goes please leave school grounds. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Junior Sports Day – Friday 13th June

9.00 – 11.00am: Rotations based on curriculum activities

* 12 X 6 minute rotations with a 2 minute transition period.

11.00 – 11.40am: First Break

11.45 – 1.20pm: Sprints

* Assemble students into year levels according to race. **1.30 – 2.00pm: Second Break**

2.15 – 3.00pm: Mini cross-country run

STATE SCHOOL

GLADSTONE WEST

PREP- YEAR 2 SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025

* At the conclusion of each race students will assemble back in the basketball courts to receive a Zooper Dooper

* Results announcement

* The day should be finished by 2.45pm so that classes can go back to their rooms to collect bags

Please note

- Please check that water bottle and hat are named
- Water bottles can remain with students all day
- NO COLOURED ZINC
- Team colours can be worn but must be sun safe
- Shoes must remain on all day





Changes occurring for Term 3

Parades

Next term we are making some changes that will impact cohorts of students, this has been decided after feedback from parents, staff and students.

Parades will change for Term 3 Please see plan below. We will be breaking Prep to year 2 parade on a Thursday every second week. I have mapped out the schedule for next term below.

Week 1 - Whole school – 2.15pm Week 2 - P-2 Thursday and 3-6 Friday- 2.30pm Week 3 - Whole school – 2.15pm Week 4 - P-2 Thursday and 3-6 Friday- 2:30pm Week 5 - Whole school – 2.15pm Week 6 - P-2 Thursday and 3-6 Friday 2:30pm Week 7 - Whole school – 2.15pm Week 8 - P-2 Thursday and 3-6 Friday 2:30pm Week 9 - Whole School – 2.15pm Week 10 - P-2 Thursday and 3-6 Friday 2:30pm

Playground

Playground areas- Next term the following changes will occur:

Prep- No Changes
Year 1 – will have their current playground and grassed area at the top of the school.
Year 2 Will now share the junior oval with year 3 and have the playground below the junior oval.
Year 3 No Changes
Year 4 Will now have Basketball court as normal, tennis courts and the senior oval
Year 5 No Changes
Year 6 No Changes

Senior sports Day

A massive thankyou to Mrs Honor-Smith for the organising the Year 3 to Year 6 sports day. Also thank you to Mrs Opstelten and Mr Bettridge for helping with the set-up of tents and activities.

2026 Prep Enrolments

Have you got a child commencing Prep in 2026? Enrolment forms are now available to collect from the Admin office. Enrolment interviews will commence in Term 3.

Yours in education Damien Hoare Principal







Deano Yipadee is coming to Gladstone West

Deano Yipadee is a number one best selling children's author, musician, and performer who tops best-sellers charts in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

<u>DEANO YIPADEE BOOKS:</u> Jingle Bells, Rudolph Smells, Nee Naw The Little Fire Engine, Stink-o-saurus, Nee Naw And The Cowtastrophe, Ron The Royal Guard, Knock Knock, Stink-o-saurus Saves Christmas, Monster Slime, Nee Naw Goes Bananas, Ellie Copter: Nee Naw And Friends, Jingle Bells, What's That Smell, Granny's Undies, Nee Naw And Friends Story Time and Dusty The Digger: Nee Naw And Friends.

Books ordered by parents/caregivers for their children will be signed, personalised, and handed out on the day. The kids love taking them home and sharing the excitement from the show with their families.

Additionally, for every ten books ordered by parents/caregivers, your centre receives a Deano Yipadee book for FREE! It's Deano's little way of saying 'Thank You' for spreading the Yipadee giggles.

If your child/children would like a signed book, copies of Deano's books can be prepurchased from <u>https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1381233</u> Deano Yipadee will sign them and kids can take them home after the show.

ORDERS ACCEPTED until 8AM on the DAY OF THE SHOW.

All students will attend this performance on Thursday 26/06/2025 12:30-1:30pm.



Premiers Reading Challenge

I am delighted to invite all Gladstone West State School students to join in the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).

The PRC is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability and record books read during the reading period, from 6 May to 22 August. Each student has received a reader record form to tally book read throughout the challenge.

To complete the challenge:

- Prep to Year 2 must read or experience at least 20 books
- Years 3 and 4 must read at least 20 books
- Years 5 to 9 must read at least 15 books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2025 challenge is to encourage students to make time to read. Last year saw more than 216,000 children from around the state participate. Book suggestions are available on the PRC website:

https://prc.median.com.au/BookList

Every student who completes the challenge and returns the completed record reader form will go into our weekly parade prize draw to win a book prize and will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Classes are encouraged to work for a class prize (75% participation) 1st-3rd prizes up for offer.

I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible take part in the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge.

If your child wishes to participate in the PRC, please retain this letter for your records and return the completed record reader form to the class teacher by 22nd August.







RotaKids



Thank you for your support.

PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning)





GWSS is participating in the Shop for Schools Rewards Campaign which will commence this coming Monday, 12 May. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to earn rewards while the community shops at Gladstone Centre Plaza.

How it works:

- Every dollar spent by customers in the centre can be allocated towards their chosen participating school.
- The school with the most points throughout the campaign period will win a share of \$12,400 in prizes! Customer Prizes:
- Each week, a \$200 Gladstone Centre Plaza Gift Card will be drawn. There are six to be won in total. Tracking Progress:
- A display with a leaderboard will be featured in the centre so you can check how your school is tracking.





Dress Up Day – Friday 20th June





Uniform Shop – Important Changes



Garments made by Weareco with a 12 month manufacturing guarantee.



190 Goondoon St,

Gladstone Central.

GWSS Uniform Located just 1.5 km items available from the school at

from the

Wearitto Gladstone

Uniform Store from

7 July 2025.

Order Online and choose to pick up in store or home delivery (\$12.50 Shipping Fee Applies)



Email Us: gladstone@wearitto.com.au Phone 07 4972 1312

the fabric of school



GLADSTONE STORE TRADING HOURS Monday, Tuesday & Friday 7.30 am - 11.30 am Wednesday & Thursday 12.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Extended trading for back-to-school fittings in Term 4 and January.

a weareco brand solution







NCCD - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019). Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

 \cdot year of schooling

· category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional

 \cdot level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- · formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- \cdot consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

 \cdot develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school. Kind regards





Damien Hoare Principal



Around the Grounds



Last week, Savannah in year 6 received a special award from Gladstone Regional Council for her Australia Day artwork. Her submission was chosen to be a part of an annual artwork exchange with Gladstone's sister city, Saiki City and was on display at an exhibition in Sakura Hall earlier this year. Congratulations Savannah!

2025 Physics in Flight

On Wednesday 4th June, we had two teams attend the 2025 Physics in Flight at Toolooa State School. The students had to make paper planes and measure how long it remained in the air. Our Team 1 came away with the overall Primary School win.











Senior Sports Day - Results

On Thursday and Friday last week we held our annual year 3-6 sports day. It was a jampacked couple of days with running, field events and activities for students to participate in. It was great to see so many students participating and having fun. Thank you to the parents who came to spectate over the 2 days.

Gladstone West were lucky enough to have some special guest athletes to run the 100m dash with some of our year 6 students. Thank you for coming in to join our sports day, the students enjoyed the challenge to race some of our local Police officers.

Our track events (100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m) along with our field events (High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus) saw 6 shining athletes who took out age champion for their age group. Big Congratulations to those students. I would also like to acknowledge the students who were runner up to the age champions.

10 Year Boys- Thierry Runner up- Jasper 10 Year Girls- Amali Runner up- Milla 11 Year Boys- Takai Runner up- Braxton 11 Year Girls- Madelyn Runner up- Jemma and Kyeesha 12 Year Boys- Jack Runner up- Hudson 12 Year Girls- Ella Runner up- Ruby

Our overall house champions are as follows: In 4th place we had Manooka with 458 points, in 3rd place it was Aldorla with 532 points, 2nd place was Coolac with 583 points and our overall house champions were Warabo with 613 points. Congratulations Warabo!

The overall boys house points went to Warabo and the overall girls house points also went to Warabo. Well done Warabo! Our house that showed excellent sportsmanship over the 2 days was Coolac. Amazing work to all of our teams.









Little Learners Love Literacy



This week in our literacy lessons we met Yasmin the yak and Roxy the rabbit. We identified the first sound in Yasmin's name as /y/ and the first sound in Roxy's name as /r/.

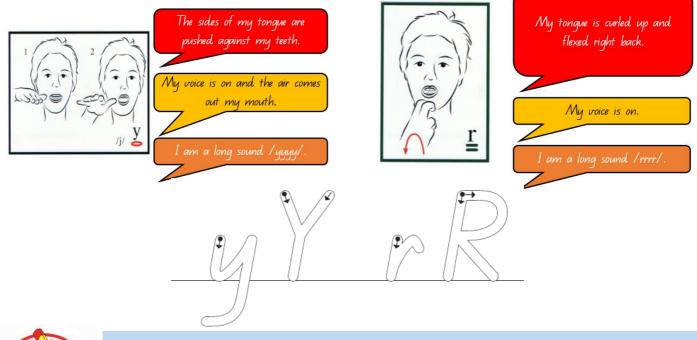
Yasmin's name begins with the sound /y/. To make the sound /y/, we make a wide smile, lift our tongue up and turn our voice on.

Roxy's name begins with the sound /r/. We say /r/ by turning our tongue into a mountain and sliding it back. Then we turn our voice on and push air out.

Talk to your child about Yasmin the yak and Roxy the rabbit. For example, at the dinner table, ask your child: 'What actions might Yasmin like to do?' (Say words that begin with /y/; for example, yawn, yarn, yap, yank.) Ask: 'Would Roxy like to sleep or rest?' (Give two options, one of which starts with /r/.)

Practise writing the letters **y** and **r** with your child at home. Remember to say the sound as you write!

Continue reading the Little Learners decodable books. If your child gets stuck, ask them to decode (sound out and blend). Avoid telling them the word or encouraging guessing. Fluent reading is not expected – it comes with lots of decoding practice and teaching. Look in the back of each book for guidance, including some questions to talk about, and Speed Words to build fluency.





Don't forget to complete the consent form on Q Parents for LLLL Online – this will give your child access to beautiful decodables books assigned to them from their class teacher. If you are having difficulty, please call in to the office and we will help you get set up.

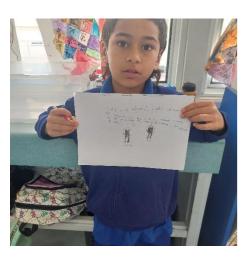


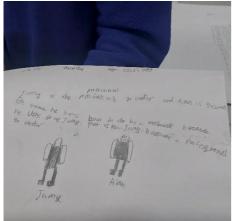


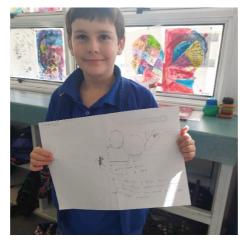
Around the Classes

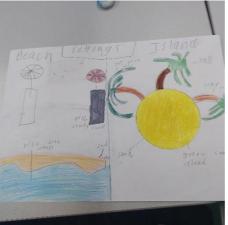
4A

This term, 4A had to create a story using a historical stimulus. The students worked hard to plan settings and characters by drawing and describing them using a variety of language features.



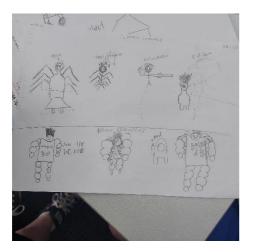




















Around the Classes

5B

During technology this term, the year 5's have been learning about engineering and bridge design. They have learnt about the different shapes and forces that provide supports to bridges. In order to learn about tension and compression forces, the year 5's have been practicing some partner balances and identifying where they can feel the tension and compression. They are looking forward to applying this knowledge to building their very own bridges for their assessment.

























Around the Classes



This term saw Year 4 hold their EPP Markets, the students started with their trial market at the start of the term. After that the students analysed the success of their products, and they redesigned to produce items that appealed to a wider audience. The final markets were a huge success with the students selling out or coming close to selling out, they also presented their stalls professionally.



MATHS



In 4D we have been having fun with a range of hands-on tasks in maths this term. We have spent a lot of time outside exploring and finding angles, symmetrical items, and identifying shapes in the environment. We have also been writing directions using maps for our friends to follow.





Queensland Government





Parenting Program



2026.

Would you like to learn how to:

TUNING IN TO TEENS[™] is a free program that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. The program will teach you how to manage your own and your adolescents emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face.

Research has shown that adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- · have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are more aware, assertive, and strong in situations of peer pressure
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance misuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults

WHEN: COMMENCING TERM 3, 29.07.2025 TIME: TUESDAY'S 3:45PM TO 5:00PM SIX WEEK COURSE, PARENTS MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS WHERE: GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP CONTACT OUR SOCIAL WORKER RACHEL PETERSEN ON (07) 4976 6111 OR EMAIL RPETE214@EQ.EDU.AU















Free Parent Information Session

LET'S TALK PUBERTY: A Parent/Carer Information Session For parents and carers



Puberty is a big life stage — not just for kids, but for parents too.

Join Life Ed Qld for a free, online webinar designed to help you support your child through the emotional, social and physical changes of puberty with confidence.

Led by our experienced sexual health educator and parenting facilitator, this engaging session covers:

- · What's really going on with your child's body, brain and emotions
- How to navigate tricky conversations around body changes, hygiene, privacy, relationships and more
- · Where to find reliable, age-appropriate info to continue learning at home
- · Q&A session to answer your common questions

📅 Tuesday 17th June

Presented by Life Ed Qld.

- 1:00pm (60 mins duration including Q&A time)
- 🙎 Online via Zoom join from anywhere
- Free to attend scan the QR code to register!

Let's support every child to be ready for the world.



lets-talk-puberty-Webinar/

SCAN ME

https://lifeeducationgld.org.au/

© Life Education Queensland | E: bookings@lifeedqld.org.au | P: (07) 5572 0166 | W: www.lifeeducationqld.org.au









Queensland Government