And so we arrive at the end of a very full and successful Semester at West. Hard to believe the 2014 school year is half gone! While there is much to celebrate – all the staff that makes West best – I want to share the outcome projected taken from Family Fun Night. Thanks to the extremly generously support of our community, it appears that we will have approximately $25000 that can be put towards new resources to support and enhance student learning – outstanding!

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Julie Tillemann that all student reports will come home at the end of the second week of Term 3. Bookings for parent teacher interviews will take place in week 3. Mrs Haga's class reports (3/4A) will come out a little earlier as she is taking long service leave and wants to complete her interviews before she goes.

**NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

At its last general meeting the P&C supported a decision to distribute our newsletter electronically. There will be a transition period of four weeks in Term 3 while we set up the email distribution lists. During this time the eldest in the family will still receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

To assist us in our planning we have sent a form home today that needs to be filled in and returned ASAP. The newsletter will also remain available on our school website.

**DRESS DAY THIS THURSDAY**

Cost is a gold coin to be collected by the student council. Parents and students are reminded that:

1) all clothing must not bear any offensive slogans or labels
2) all tops must have sleeves
3) no bare midriffs
4) school hats should still be worn on sun safety

If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School for Sun Safety.

**BOOK FAIR**

The theme for this year is "Connect to Reading". The Book Fair is on from 11 August – 15 August. Keep an eye out we you can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

**PRESIDENT’S DESK**

So, the end of Term 3 is fast approaching with the focus now on preparing students for their NAPLAN testing. Prep for 2015 must turn five on or before 30 June 2015. More information is available at [our school website](http://www.GLADSTONEWESTSCHOOL.org.au).

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

Parents and students are reminded that;

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2) If your child is absent for more than two consecutive days, you will be contacted.
3) If you have any concern about an absence or illness, please contact the school.
4) All absences are authorized unless a valid medical reason is provided.

**TREASURE ROOM**

Congratulations to all students who participated in last week’s Gladstone District Taxis and farms. We are not accepted any another without the Birth Certificates. Enrolment management conditions apply.

**LOCATION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY**


**P&C MEETING**

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd July at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All Welcome.

**FREE DRESS DAY THIS THURSDAY**

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4) school hats should still be worn on sun safety
5) jewellery and closed in joggers rules still apply

We look forward to an enjoyable free dress day Thursday.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Pink orbits rules went home last Thursday. We still have over 100 loans outstanding. Please assist your child to find their overdue books and return them tomorrow. Thank you.

**DATE CLAIMER**

Boys Fair is on from 11-15 August. Book Week Parade is Friday 22 August at 8am. The theme for this year is “Connect to Reading”. Join your favourite book and come along to the parade yourself. Have a look at the pop shops over the holidays for costume ideas.

**CURTIS COAST LITERARY CARNIVAL**

In Week 3 of Term 3, Year 6 and students will have the opportunity of attending the Curtis Coast Literary Carnivale to hear authors and illustrators speak about their work. Letters will be coming home in Week 1 of Term 3, with money due on Wednesday 23 July.

**HOLIDAY WATCH**

Keep a watch on our school these holidays. Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious behaviour. Fines are $10 for non reporting. By knowing eyes we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watchroom and list the local police or State Government Protective Service. School recently attended the, in a team, or as part of a family registration.

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