SHELTER SHED, BOLES STREET STOP-DROP-GO
As you have probably seen, a shelter shed constructed at the Boles Street STOP-DROP-GO area, with funds contributed by the P&C, from all their wonderful fund-raising endeavours and of course, from your generous support. The shelter shed is primarily to provide shelter from the sun and rain. It does of course serve another purpose; it gives us a space where students can safely gather waiting to be picked up. In the few days we have been using the shelter shed it appears that the students are moving more quickly to their parents/cars as they arrive in the STOP-DROP-GO area, the pathway is clear, making it easier for parents with prams and young children to move through the gate and having the students in a more contained space has made supervision more effective.

All students who are being picked up from Boles Street are to move to the shelter shed when they are dismissed from their classes.

2015

As unbelievable as it sounds, we have started planning for 2015. These plans are very tenuous – in fact we are ‘playing’ with 2 or 3 scenarios, evaluating which one will best support our students. In 2015 Year 7 is moving to high school. This means that our overall enrolment will drop, in all primary schools, and our staffing number will also be impacted – again a situation that will exist in all schools. West has also had the ‘baby germ’ become very strong this year – which is a fact of much joy, but which also means planning for 2015 can be a bit tricky.

If you are intending to enrol a student at West in 2015, please collect an enrolment form from the office. If you have neighbours or friends who you know will be enrolling their children at West, please encourage them to complete enrolment forms too.

Enrolment forms for 2015 are now available from Reception. Student details will be required if a package is given out. Eligible students for Prep for 2015 must turn five on or before 30 June 2015.

Completed enrolment forms are to be returned to the school office. We need to sight Original Birth Certificates when enrolment forms are returned. Enrolment forms will not be accepted without the Birth Certificate. Enrolment management conditions apply.

YEAR 5 CAMP: KROMBIT PARK – LOCHENBAR STATION
We are off on camp next week – I am counting down the days (my husband, not so much). Please remember payment* is due TOMORROW, Wednesday, 13th August, so if you haven’t sent back permission, money or payment, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to negotiate the possibility of a payment plan (*), please contact the office and speak with Vanessa. All students attending camp will need to assemble under the covered Basketball courts at 8:00am for departure at 8:30am.

YEAR 3 & 4 CAMP – BOYLE ISLAND
Permission forms and invoices for our year 3 & 4 Camp went home yesterday. This camp will be conducted between Monday 8th September and Thursday 18th September at the Boyle Island Environmental Centre. Please note that 2 Options were given to students for this camp. Permission forms and money is due back on Monday 1st September. Please contact Vanessa Thompson if you wish to discuss a payment plan.

PAYMENTS VIA EFTPOS
Any payments that are made in person at the office via Credit Card or Eftspos will now require a PIN number.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Gladstone West will again be hosting the Breakfast Club each Wednesday morning at the SEB building from 7:45am to 8:45am throughout term 3. If you would like your child/ren to attend you can collect a permission slip from the office.

CHEEPEADING
There will be NO Cheepeading practice this Thursday or Friday.

WOMBAT STEW
Children in Year 2 are invited to the performance of Wombat Stew at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre on Friday 29th August at 12pm. All permission forms and money are due back NO-later than Tuesday 26th August.

TENNIS
For the remainder of Term 3, Tennis on a Monday has been cancelled but Friday Mornings before school remains the same.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is encouraging students from Prep to Year 7 to pick up a book. The Premier is challenging every child from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books between now and 5 September 2014. Students have received their Student Reading Record sheets so start reading and recording! For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN-RUN/WALK
We will be holding an adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Advance Life and active fundraiser that ensures we send

FATHERS DAY STALL
The P&C will be having a Fathers Day stall every morning between 8am and 9am the week of Fathers Day September 1st – 6th, in the Parent Room under C Block. All gifts will be $5.00 each and there are gifts for grandparents also.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Our multi-draw Christmas Raffle will be run in Term 4. Donations are required for this event. If you can assist with donations please contact the office or Janenne Suter – Fundraising Coordinator on 0411400018 or email jody.janenne@bigpond.com.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL
The change of newsletter distribution has been delayed until the end of this term. For the remaining of Term 3 the oldest member of the family will still be receiving their paper copy of the newsletter.

LIBRARY NEWS – BOOK FAIR
Week 5 – Monday 11 August – Friday 15 August - Book Fair will be open: 8.00-8.50am Monday to Friday, at second break, play time (1-4.0.5.5) for students in Years 3-7 who are purchasing and 3.00-3.30pm for students accompanied by their adults.

Week 6 – Friday 22 August - Book week dress up parade – 9am - your child will like to dress up as their favourite book character. The theme for Children’s Book week this year is Connect to Reading. Please send along a gold coin donation to assist in the purchase of literacy apps for our school iPads.

2014 TERM CALENDAR

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

WEDNESDAY

11 – 15 August : Brenda Lyons , Helen Whitten
17 August : Shae Goodwin
18 August : Tarryn Honour
14 August : Marina Mcleod
15 August : Lynda Fieldis
18 August : Sandra Khali
19 August : Marlee Corfield
18 August : Bev Smith
20 August : Ivan Whitten

THURSDAY

12 September : Maree Offord
17 September : Kelly Barb
12 September : Selena Watson
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20 AUGUST 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Happy Thinking,
A problem is just a chance for you to be creative. Anonymou.
(Please – I am always finding chances to do my best!)

**NO FOREIGN CURRENCY PLEASE**

**LAST CHANCE**

IMPORTANT DATES
Registrations Open – Tuesday 10th June 2014
Registrations Close – Thursday 14th August 2014 at 8pm
Event Day – Sunday 17th August 2014