FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Happy Thinking… Loving a child doesn’t mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to teach him to love what is difficult. Nadia Boulanger, French composer, conductor and teacher.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Traditionally, West’s assemblies have been held during the mornings as a great start to the day/week. We changed to three assemblies to better suit the developmental needs of the students and to enable the focus of each assembly to be targeted for the specific sector. In terms of room, content and inclusivity, this has worked effectively and is a feature that is now well established.

Every term or semester, we review our practices – ‘What is working well? What could work better?’ One of our discussions has been about the time we hold assemblies. We have discussed the loss of prime learning time, when the students are fresh, rested and ready for learning, when we hold assemblies in the morning.

In Term 4 we will be experimenting with afternoon assemblies so we can analyse our assumptions about the better use of prime learning time, any improvements in time-tableing specialist lessons and ease of access for students, teachers and parent.

In Term 4, Prep – Year 2 assembly will be Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:00pm Year 3-4 assembly will be Thursday 12:00pm – 12:30pm Year 5-6 assembly will be Friday 2:30pm – 3:00pm.

2015

If you are intending to enrol a student at Gladstone West State School in 2015, please collect an enrolment pack from the office, or you can download enrolment forms from the school’s website. If you have neighbours or friends who you know will be enrolling their children at West, please encourage them to complete enrolment forms too.

PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Our Prep Information session will be held on Wednesday 15th October 2014, starting at 4:30pm.

SWPB – UNIFORMS

For this week is to ensure you are wearing your school uniform correctly. The correct school uniform consists of royal blue school shirt untucked with the correct blue shorts, shorts or skirt for the females - blue checked dress with zip. Students should also have white socks and closed in running shoes. Students will be responsible when wearing the correct uniform. Please take note that Black shorts are not part of our school uniform.

YEAR 3 & 4 CAMP – BOYNE ISLAND

This camp will be conducted between Monday 8th September and Thursday 11th September. All Year 3 & 4 students will attend this camp. Please note that 2 Options were given for students to camp. Permission forms and money is due back by 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 Eftpos will now require a PIN number.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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.

P & C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting will be held Tonight, Tuesday 19th August at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All Welcome.

ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Your photo viewing day is on Wednesday 27th August in the Parent Room under C Block.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is encouraging students to read 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 Year 5 to read 15 books between now and 5th September 2014. Students who opt to try the Premier Reading Record sheets so start reading and recording! For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge page on the school website:

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

BOOK FAIR

Many thanks to all who supported Book Fair in many ways. Special thanks to our Book Fair helpers - Kylie, Shannon, Jodie-Ann, Janenne, Nicole, Sharon, Ann, Bec, Danielle and all our Year 5-7 student helpers. We sold $8246.95 worth of stock, which gives us $3298.78 to purchase books. The next Book Fair will be in November.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE

This Friday 22 August - Book Week dress up parade - 8am - your child may like to dress 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.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Letters and invoices for overdue Library books from last term will be coming home soon. Please collect a further search for these books and return them ASAP if you can find them. Otherwise, please make prompt payment to the office so your child can borrow again. Thank you.

TOYWORLD SOCCER CUP

West finally recorded their first win of the competition with a comprehensive 6-1 scoreboard over Tootoola State School. Thank you to all the players who played in this year’s Toyworld Cup. You have each demonstrated excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and persistence. Also thank you to all the parents who helped cleaned the jerseys and set up the fields. West Coach - John Hughes

ADDAHS SCHOLL RUN-RUNWALK

We will be holding an aduhas School Fun-Run as a means of fundraising this year. The event will be held on Friday 12th September within the school grounds.

The aduhas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active event that encourages our Island Environmental Centre to the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students would have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for aduhas. The Sponsorship Form will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the aduhas School Fun-Run event day at the school on 12th September to help cheer on the students. Thank you, good luck and hope to raising!

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

The change of newsletter distribution has been delayed until the end of this term. For the remainder of term 3 the eldest member of the family will still be receiving their paper copy of the newsletter.

ENJOY TEATOWEL DRIVE

PLEASE RETURN THE SHEET SOLD OR UNSOLD by 29th August. $1.50 for every teatowel will go back to the school. $250 for every 250 teatowels will go towards purchasing of 11 Riff. Teatowels products will be donated to our X-Mas Raffle. Students who return their sheets, will go into the draw for prizes. These prizes will be drawn on at assembly on October 1st.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The P&C will be running 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 stalls will be $5.00 each and there are gifts for grandparents also. If you purchase a gift from our Fathers Day Stall you will also go into a draw for some Fathers Day Packs.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our much-loved Christmas Raffle will be run in Term 4. Donations are required for the raffle. If you can assist with donations please contact the office or Janenne Salter – Fundraising Coordinator on 0411400018 or email sarajayagroup.com.

2014 TERM CALENDAR

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22 August - Book Week Parade
27 August - Advanced Level Photo Viewing
29 August - Wombat Stew Performance – Ye 2
1 – 6 September - Fathers’ Day Stall
1 – 3 September - Eistedfod - Instrumental
4 September - Twilight Netball Competition
5 September - Premiers Reading Challenge Due
7 – 10 September - Eistedfod – Speech & Drama
12 September - Adidas Fun Run
12 September - Full School Assembly
14-16 September - Eistedfod - Vocal
18 – 18 September - School Fun Run
19 September – Last Day of Term
6 October – Public Holiday
7 October – Term 4 Start

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**NO FOREIGN CURRENCY PLEASE**

Parents please remind your children that if they are purchasing their tuckshop over the counter they must purchase their items at the start of each break.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gladstone Entertainment & Convention Centre

Come & enjoy a FREE performance by Secondary Students to mark the start of the 44th Gladstone Eisteddfod.

Sunday 31st August Commencing at 1.00pm

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER – 4979 7333

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – 4979 7366

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