FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Happy Thinking!
It’s not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I often tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself. Joyce Maynard (author)

UPDATING DETAILS
One of the things that I find most frustrating about moving is remembering all the people, businesses and organisations that have to be informed of a change of address and contact details…my reason for not changing our internet provider is the thought of a new personal email address!
My children have moved towns, states and countries and sometimes, the only way to keep track of them is via mobile phones and Skype.
As we are enrolling students for 2015 and inputting their information, it is a good time to remind everyone to let us know of any changes in addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts and, if appropriate, family information.

In 2015, we will be offering parents access to an app called SkoolBag, provided through the generosity of our P&AC. The school newsletter and other notes, information updates, reminders and date claimers will be accessible through this app – on mobile phones, tablets and PCs. Some other local schools are using this app, and the feedback from their parent communities is very positive. For those families who cannot access ICT and digital versions of the newsletter, we will print copies to be sent home.

In preparation for 2015 communication:-
1. Please advise the office (note, phone call, face-face drop-in) if you require a paper version of the newsletter to be provided
2. Please provide email addresses for digital copies of the newsletter to be sent directly to you
3. Look for the information and instructions about downloading the SkoolBag app, so the newsletter can just download onto your ICT device.

HOLIDAYS AND ENROLMENT
Over the Christmas break, if you are lucky enough to be away on holidays, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time. If you will still be away over the Christmas break, if you are lucky enough to be away on holidays, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time. If you will still be away over the Christmas break, if you are lucky enough to be away on holidays, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Please note that this assembly will be taking place in week 8 on Friday 28th November from 2pm.

STUDENTS DEPARTING
If your child will be leaving Gladstone West and not attending in 2015, please advise the office staff. This will assist us when looking at class arrangements for 2015.

2015 - ENROLMENTS
As you know, the move of Year 7 into high-school will mean many changes for all primary schools. These changes will have a big impact on our planning for 2015, so the more accurately we can plan for the needs of our students and community the more successfully we can meet those needs in 2015. If you are going to enrol your child at Gladstone West State School in 2015 in classes from Prep to Year 6, please complete an application as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the school’s office or downloadable from the school’s website.

TERM 4 SWIMMING – YEAR 1
Year 1 swimming will commence this Thursday 13th November.

SWPBS FOCUS
This week’s SWPBS focus is Respect: Leave eating areas free of litter at the end of each break.

PARENT TIP
Be a Good Role Model
Young kids learn a lot about how to act by watching their parents. The younger they are, the more cues they take from you. Before you lash out or blow your top in front of your child, think about this: is that how you want to behave when angry? Be aware that you’re constantly being observed by your kids. Studies have shown that children who hit usually have a role model for aggression at home.

Model the traits you wish to cultivate in your kids: respect, friendliness, honesty, kindness, tolerance. Exhibit unselfish behaviour. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Express thanks and offer compliments. Above all, try to treat your own parents the way you expect other people to treat you.

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Fair is on this week until Friday morning. Edfps is available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons only.

YEAR 6 & 7 GRADUATION DINNER
Parents please note that our Year 6 Graduation Dinner is taking place on Tuesday 6th December and our Year 7 Graduation Dinner is on the Wednesday 7th December at the Camellia Motel. The cost of the Dinner is $28.00. Invoices were sent home with students last week and payment is due on Friday 28th November.

RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS
If your family is unable to sell their book of Raffle Tickets could you please return them to the office ASAP as we have other families that would like extra raffle tickets to sell.

All tickets must be returned sold or unsold by Monday 24th November 2014. Please keep in mind that there is no obligation to sell all of the tickets in your book. The family who sell the most books will win a iPod.

**NO FOREIGN CURRENCY PLEASE!!!**

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The P&AC association will run a draw Raffle. The Multi Raffle draw Raffle will be drawn at the whole school assembly in week 8 & 7.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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HORSE SPORTS DAY AT THE MT LARCOM SHOWGROUNDS
Saturday 15th November
Commemorating at 3pm for a 4pm start.
3pm: Register Pay deposit. Fill attendance sheets.
4pm: Group teaching lesson on skills for events.
5pm: Participants move to events and record times.
There will be closures for led children and other age-groues as well as adults.
6.30pm: BBQ tea. Place of event presentations.
7.30pm: Feature event/s under lights.

Membership (Membership to 31 July 2015)
Adult Riding Membership = $30
Adult Non-Riding Membership = $15
Youth Membership = $10
Event Nominations = $10 covers all events for the day.

For more information and bookings, please call Jenny Grothen on 0409 75 11 58

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GLASTONDE RUGBY LEAGUE ARE LOOKING FOR A CANTED COORDINATOR FOR THE 2015 SEASON. ANY PERSONS INTERESTED IN APPLYING COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT WENDY DEACON ON 0408497230 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.