FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Happy Thinking...

Listen earnestly to anything your children want to tell you, no matter what. If you don’t listen eagerly when they are little, they won’t tell you the big stuff when they are big, because to them all it has always been big stuff. Catherine W Wallace

OUT IN FRONT – GWSS STUDENT LEADERS

Last week the organisers of the Curise Coast Literary Carnival asked us to nominate some students who be able to introduce, respond to and thank the authors and illustrators who were presenting sessions and workshops. Our 10 student leaders all volunteered to take on this challenge - and performed very well in an unfamiliar and public arena. Congratulations Dante Hakavul, Caitlin Austin, Thomas Llewellyn, Izabaya Jones, Ben Press, Helena Hill, Jett Hunter, Jasmine Barnes, Flynn Geddes and Connor Elliott, we are very proud of you!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We have had a great response from parents and carers taking up the invitation to share in Parent-Teacher interviews. These are great opportunities for parents and teachers about your children’s development – their areas of greatest success and those areas that may need a little more focussed attention.

YEAR 5 CAMP – KROOMBIT PARK – LOCHENBAR STATION

The excitement is building – the Year 5 class is getting underway on the 18th August. The camp is being held at Kroombit Tops, near Biloela, for 3 nights and 4 days. I am accompanying the Years 5’s on their camp, and among other activities such as orientation, foxes and bush dancing, the students are going to try their skills at ‘mastering’ goats in the goat rodeo… working in teams to catch a goat and get a paint brush onto the animal. This will be so much fun! Last year’s Kroombit Tops’ campers raved about the fantastic and plentiful food… I have been inspired in a battle challenge, so I should be able to work off those additional calories. Please remember that final payment (or the implementation of negotiated payment plans) is due on Wednesday 13th August. WooHoo!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra is visiting Gladstone in the very near future and we have been offered limited places for the Roosevelt students to attend a performance. There will be a case of 40+ students to return intentions to attend, being offered to Instrumental music students to attend a performance. This will be a very near future and we have been offered limited places for our Roosevelt students to attend a performance. The Queensland Symphony Orchestra is visiting Gladstone in the very near future and we have been offered limited places for our Roosevelt students to attend a performance.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier is challenging every child from Prep to Year 7 to read 15 books between now and 5 September. Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books between now and 5 September 2015. Students have received their Student Reading Record sheets so start reading and recording! For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

SWPBS

This week’s focus will be on being respectful to others in our school. Students should be reminded they are to be listening to one another when they are speaking. Students are reminded to put their hands up to speak, to listen to others they are talking to and sit with their legs crossed, hands in lap and ears opened when they are on the floor.

Respect looks like: listening to others when they are speaking.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Enrolment forms for 2015 are now available from Reception. Student enrolment forms are to be returned by the last day of this week, or by Monday 28th September. 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 needed to see Original Birth Certificates when enrolment forms are returned. Enrolment forms will not be accepted without the Birth Certificate. Enrolment management conditions apply.

The GRUFFALO PERFORMANCE

Children in Prep and Year 1 are invited to the Gruffalo Performance at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre on Monday 11th August, 2014. Permission slips and invoices went home with your child last week. Please note that the permission form and money is due back no later than Thursday 7th August.

TENNIS

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

CHEERLEADING – COMPETITIVE SQUAD

A reminder that our Competitive Cheerleading Squad will be training this Wednesday Morning from 9am – 11am in the Music Room. Please note that this is our Show Holiday.

TOYWORLD CUP SOCCER

Yesterday, West played against this year’s Terry West carnival winners, Callide Valley. Our West boys struggled valiantly against an organised and clinical side, but in the end lost 10 nil. Goal keepers Ben Fair and Jacky Moore did their bodies on the line and showed plenty of desperation, even diving at the feet of their attackers. Next week’s game is 5-4pm against KIn Kora. Thanks to Connor Elliott’s mother for taking the jerseys last week.

P & C NEWS – TERM 3

Thank you to the families who supported our Advanced Life Photography Fundraiser on the weekend. We raised over $800.00. Your photo viewing day is on Wednesday 27th August in the Parent Room under C Block.

ENJO TEATOWEL DRIVE

Sheets will go out this week to the eldest child in the family, PLEASERS RETURN THE SHEET SOLD OR UNSOLD by 20th August. $1.50 for every teatowel will go back to the school. $250 for every 250 teatowels will also go towards purchasing of IT Products. Enjo products will be donated to our X Mas Raffle.

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 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 the raffle. If you can assist with donations please contact the office or Janenne Suter – Fundraising Coordinator 0411 140 001 or email Jody.Janenne@bigpond.com.

2014 TERM CALENDAR

1 – 11 August 1 – 11 August
6 August 6 August
Parent Teacher Interviews Gladstone Show Holiday
15 August 15 August
Parent Teacher Interviews Book Fair Week
11 August 11 August
Grafallo Performance – Prep-Yr1 ICAS – Maths Competition
12 August 12 August
Port Curtis Athletics – Benaraby Year 5 Camp
17 August 17 August
Botanic to Bridge Botanic to Bridge
18 August 18 August
Wombat Stew Performance – Yr 2
19 August 19 August
Port Curtis Athletics – Benaraby Year 5 Camp
22 August 22 August
Book Week Parade Book Week Parade
29 August 29 August
Wombat Stew Performance – Yr 2
5 September 5 September
Tyrwhitt Reading Challenge Due Year 3 / 4 Camp
8 – 18 September 8 – 18 September
Year 5 Camp – Kroombit Park Lochenbar Station
19 September 19 September
Last Day of Term of Year

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Week of 5th August
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Looking for Junior sport that doesn’t interfere with your weekends this summer ????

Gladstone Junior Basketball is looking for boys and girls aged 9 – 17 to join teams for our Upward Summer Season. And 8 and under, for our junior Hoopsters Program.

Games are played every Thursday night starting from 5.15pm running from 9 October until the end of March 2015 (no games played over Xmas School Holidays)

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Enquiries – Ph.: 0439 720 214 or Facebook - Wests Gladstone Swimming Club