Later this term, the Year 4 cohort will be working on creating masks with another local artist Geoff Head.

In week 2, Term 4 (the actual date is still to be confirmed) we will be having a M-A-D-D Day Music, Art, Drama and Dance celebrating the school’s birthday, NAIDOC and our community. Woohoo!

From the Principal

As many of you already know, 2016 is a very special year for Gladstone West State School – 50 years since the school first opened.

With the enthusiastic encouragement of the P&C and our staff we are starting our West Artists In Residence (West AIR) this week. Local artist Margaret Worthington will be working with our Year 1 and Year 5 teachers to build on their artistic skills and develop new ideas and strategies for developing artworks, promoting creative thinking and sharing perspectives and understanding. The teachers will then take this expertise back to their students. Year 5 will be working on 3D landscapes, linked to their English, science and geography work. The Year 1s will be working on creating portraits that can be ‘screened’ O-M-WoW!

2016 Improvement Focus – Writing

2016: Key Priority Aligning Curriculum Assessment & Reporting. Core improvement focus Writing

What is writing and why is it important?
I imagine we could come up with many responses to these questions, but common suggestions would be to share ideas, experiences and to communicate.

What do we need to share ideas and experiences and communicate with each other?
Generate ideas, frame our thinking and create images and understanding in the minds of our readers.

What tools do we need to write and to create?

Listening to stories, knowledge of codes – letters, images, pictures, ways of speaking and listening and a great vocabulary

How can you help?
Read to and with your kids; talk with your kids about challenging topics and ideas – ask them questions... “why” is a great start Why do you think…? Why would someone believe…? Why should we…?: get philosophical – it’s easy, think about the word ‘good’ how does the meaning change for a ‘good night’ for a parent with a new baby, a police officer on night duty, a trip to the movies with friends, a BBQ with friends or the owner of a restaurant? What words can mean the same as ‘good’ in all these contexts?

Upcoming Date Claimers

• Year 2 Swimming
• Year 6 Camp
• Full School Assembly
• GWSS Cross Country
**SWPBS Focus:**

**What** is School Wide Positive Behaviour for Schools (SWPBS)?

SWPBS is a research-validated organisational framework which supports explicitly teaching and reinforcing expected student behaviours and actively acknowledging students for demonstrating positive behaviours in the school environment. It regards every part of the school as a teaching and learning environment and every staff member as part of the SWPBS approach.

**Why** have SWPBS?

SWPBS was developed by teachers and is grounded in a research-validated, learning theory of behaviour. SWPBS empowers teachers to support positive student behaviour through explicitly teaching expected school behaviours. Importantly, the SWPBS framework assists schools to identify, adopt and more effectively apply evidence-based practices which build and support positive environments for students' academic and social success.

This week's SWPBS is——

**RESPECTFUL by:**

“Setting a good example for others”.

I am SAFE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am RESPONSIBLE

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**Tuckshop**

The GWSS tuckshop operates every school day.

Our tuckshop convenor is Mrs Kay Castles who works with a wonderful team of volunteers to prepare a large variety of fresh, tasty lunches for our students.

Prep, Years 1, 2, 3 order their first or second break items using a ‘paper bag’ order

- 1st break or 2nd break (2 bags if both required)
- Student name, roll class, menu items required, amount enclosed
- The order should be given to teachers before 9.00 am.

- Year 4-6 order their 1st and 2nd break choices as Prep -Year 3, however must **personally** hand paper bags to the tuckshop before 9.00 am. This will assure them of their choice.

- Year 3—6 Students may purchase from the tuckshop but must realise their choice may be restricted. So alternatively can use the brown paper bag to order. Children will collect orders from Tuckshop via quick serve queue.

If any parents would like to volunteer in the tuckshop your help would be greatly appreciated. Please go and see Kay for details.

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**School Safety**

**Attention Parents**

Parents are not to be driving into the school via the Quoin street entrance to drop off or pick up students. This is reserved only for Students with Disabilities who have arrangements already put in place or sometimes students with a major injury requiring drop off which has been approved by the principal. No other vehicles are to drive into the school as student safety is compromised.

Thank you.

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**Items Needed**

**Pots, Pans and Baking Equipment**

For this year’s musical drumming extravaganza we are looking at utilising kitchen items - pots, pans, baking dishes, wooden spoons, salad servers etc.

If you have any spare kitchen items at home please drop them off at the office or Mrs O’s Health room.

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**Cheerleading**

We will again be conducting cheerleading at Gladstone West - both for performance and competition.

Any interested students will need to collect a note from Mrs O which will explain training days, expectations and goals for 2016.

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**Year 3 Swimming**

Year 3 swimming commenced today please see below the remainder of the lessons.

- Thursday 4th February
- Tuesday 9th February
- Thursday 11th February
- Tuesday 16th February
- Thursday 18th February
- Tuesday 23rd February
- Thursday 25th February
2016 TERM CALENDAR

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**Volunteers**

Any parents wanting to volunteer in their child/ren’s classroom or Tuckshop must come down to the office and fill in a new Volunteers form for the 2016 Year.

**Medication**

Parents/caregivers are reminded that all medication given to students at school must be prescribed by a doctor, a medication form completed and medication stored at reception where it will be administered to students. Parents are asked to ensure a CURRENT green medical authorisation form is completed.

**EPIPENS**

Please make sure you have replaced any Epipens that may be out of date. These are stored at the office (unless alternative arrangements have been made). A new green form must also be completed for 2016, at the office. Please update any action plans and contact details at the office if needed.

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club has once again commenced in 2016 in the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45.

Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.

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**Sport**

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**Port Curtis Sport—2016**

**Term 1**

* Girls & Boys School Soccer team - each Monday commencing 8 Feb for term one
* Basketball Trials (girls and Boys) - 15 February
* Rugby League Development Cup - 17 February
* AFL Trials - 3 March
* Netball Twilight Carnival - 3 March
* Rugby League (Boys) PJ Marsh 10 yrs - 4 March
* Rugby League Gala Day (Girls) - 4 March
* Rugby League 11/12 yrs Trials - 10 March
* Netball Trials - 10 March
* Hockey Trials - 10 March
* Soccer Trials (Boys & Girls) - 17 March
* GWSS Cross Country - 21 March
School Notices

Our school photos will be taken on the 1st & 2nd March 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school. **Envelope Orders**: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day. To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code - [DGC 4HZ XWE]. This code can also be found printed on your envelope.

Please be aware that:

- Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
- All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
- The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

**All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection**

*If payment is by cash, please make sure correct money is put in the envelope. The school office cannot give change as we do not receipt these payments.*

School Banking

Welcome back after the holidays hope everyone had a fantastic break. The banking team desperately need helpers, so if you can spare some time on a Tuesday morning from 9am your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Just see the ladies at the office.

We have had some inquiries regarding the carryover of tokens. Your tokens do carry over into the new year, they do not revert back to zero. Once you have made 10 deposits just slip 10 tokens into your deposit wallet along with a note indicating which reward item you want. We will order your prize and it usually takes between 7 to 10 days to arrive. Information about the reward items available for this year and joining school banking was sent home last week.

The school banking team

Position Vacant

Gladstone West State School is looking for a part-time Facilities Officer to work 22.75 hours per week for Term 1 of this year with a possibility of extension. The primary role of the position is to ensure that the grounds of the school are maintained in a neat, tidy, safe and hygienic manner. The Schools Officer, Grounds also has a role in contributing to the beautification, enhancement of appearance and safety of the schools grounds. If you are interested in this position please submit a 2 page resume including two referees to the Business Service Manager, Gladstone West State School, Boles Street, Gladstone or alternatively email your resume to krich178@eq.edu.au by Friday 5 February.
Community Notices

KINDYSPORT
Kindysport will be running an Allstars multi-sport program this term on Tuesdays after school on the oval. The program introduces Prep to Year 3 children to a different sport each week. A 6 week program ($75) will commence on the 9th February from 3.15 to 4pm.

Wallaby Junior Rugby League Football
All new and existing players can register via the link below. Members of our committee will be at the Wallaby Fields this Thursday from 4.30pm for anyone needing assistance.

Any Enquires please contact
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