From the Principal

With Margie at a conference in Melbourne, I am fortunate enough to ‘sit in the chair’ as Acting Principal this week – and what a week ahead!

As I write this I am mindful that our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be doing their NAPLAN assessment this time next Tuesday. Their class teachers, our HOC Mrs Pearce, our Master Teacher Mrs Howlett and our Pedagogy Coach Mrs Coleborn have been working diligently to ensure the students are as well prepared – and confident – as they can be. The assessment runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is used as a catch-up day for students who may miss a session or two through illness.

Many mums and dads want to know how best to support their children through NAPLAN. The answer is to normalise it as much as possible. Of course it is ‘different’ to any other day, but getting out of bed at the usual time, keeping the morning routine, and ensuring a good breakfast and packed lunch all go a long way to re-enforcing the message that ‘you are as well prepared as you can be to do your best… and no-one expects anything more than that’.

At day’s end, focus on discussions that ask the student what they think they did well at, rather than conversations about what was bad or went wrong. We don’t want our children to become experts in the problem. Keep the chat upbeat and positive, reminding them again that we expect only that they will do their best – and we love them regardless.

Other big events on the horizon in May include our Athletics Carnivals on Thursday 19 (Prep – Year 3) and Friday 20 May (Year 4 – Year 6), and our Under 8’s day on the 24th of May. Learning time at West is always busy and diverse – just like our amazing kids!

Terry Rudder

2016 Improvement Focus – Paragraphing

Paragraphing is the segmenting of texts that allows the reader to more easily follow and understand a text.

Paragraphing is a skill that students begin to experiment with in about grade 2. Before this students are more concerned with the basics of writing – how to form letters and combine the sounds to make words, how to put spaces between words, how to put words together to make sentences and how to punctuate their sentences.

In factual texts, such as reports, each paragraph begins with a topic sentence. This topic sentence tells the reader what the rest of the paragraph will be about. In reports on animals for example the text may be broken into paragraphs about the animal’s description, habitat and what it eats. The paragraphs in these texts make them easy to scan to locate the information that you are interested in.

In narrative texts paragraphing is more complicated. Students may begin experimenting with writing their story in three parts – a beginning, middle and end. As they get older they learn that they need a new paragraph whenever the following occurs:

* A new person speaks
* There is a change in time
* A change in location
* Or a new idea

Because of the above criteria, paragraphs vary greatly in length - anywhere from a word to several sentences. If you were to ask most students how long a paragraph is, many would tell you that it needs to be four lines or six sentences or other similar answers. It is important that we dispel this myth. A paragraph is as long as it needs to be until one of the above criteria occur.

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Upcoming Date Claimers

- Prep—Year 3 Sports Day—19th May
- Year 4—6 Sports Day—20th May
- U8’s Day—24th May
- Year 3 Excursion—26th May
- Family Fun Night—17th June 2016
### 2016 TERM CALENDAR

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### 2016 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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**NO Foreign Currency accepted and NO EFTPOS available**

We’re on the web

[www.gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au](http://www.gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au)

www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool
As our sports days are approaching, we ask that all tuckshop orders be pre-ordered for Friday 20 May.

Pre-order forms have been sent home today with all students from Prep—Year 6.

NO EFTPOS—Cash only

SWPBS Focus:

This weeks SWPBS is SAFE — by:

“Tucking in your chair”

Uniform Shop

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Sale Items

Microfibre Unisex Shorts $10.00

Our new unisex shorts and combos have arrived.

As the weather gets cooler please remember that only royal blue jumpers and tracksuit pants can be worn.

Student Banking

Just a reminder that student banking is on every Tuesday. If your child would like to commence student banking through Commonwealth Bank you can collect a package from the Administration Office.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED

We are in need of some more parent volunteers to help us on a Tuesday Morning in the parent room. If you have a spare hour we would love to see you.

Breakfast Club continues in Term 2 in the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45.

Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.
Congratulations to Kane Martin and Lucy Brown who have been selected to represent Port Curtis in the Cross Country Team travelling to Mackay on Tuesday 31st May. Kane came 5th in the 11year old boys and Lucy came home with a 1st in her section.

Good Luck!

Under 8’s Day

Tuesday 24th May from 9:00am, all students in Years Prep to 2 will be involved in a range of activities on the main oval as part of Under 8’s Week. Our Year 6 students will be assisting teachers in organizing and presenting these activities to our P-2 students. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to come along and join us with the wide range of activities. See you there!

School Photos

Our School Photos arrived last Friday and have been sent home with students. If you have not yet received your sibling photos these can be collected from the office.

Absences

Parents if you know your child has been away or is going to be away could you please inform the Admin office by the following options:

★ Student Absence Line: 49797366
★ Via the Skoolbag App
★ Email/Note to classroom teacher
Prep—Year 3 Inter-House Sports Day Overview

- **8.55am:** Mark rolls in classrooms
- **9.00—9.10am:** *Assemble* on Oval in Year level groups (Prep, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3), within each year level divide into the Sports House groups.
- **9.15—11.00am:** *Rotations*
  
  Threws: modified shot put, Fling the Ring, aim the ball, vortex throw
  
  Jumps: high jump, long jump, carpet mats jump patterns, ladder jumps
  
  Running Games: Flip It, Thepan, Stuck in the Mud, Snowball Tag
  
  Relays: Square Relay, Egg & Spoon Relay, Noughts & Cross Relay, Over the Lava Relay

- **11.00—11.40am:** Lunch
- **12.00—1.30pm:** *Sprints*

  Sprint order will be as follows:
  
  Prep Girls
  Prep Boys
  Year 1 Girls
  Year 1 Boys
  Year 2 Girls
  Year 2 Boys
  Year 3 Girls
  Year 3 Boys

- **1.30—2.00pm:** Second Break
- **2.00—3.00pm:** Prep—Year 2 back to classrooms.
G.W.S.S Athletics Days

Parents please note that there has been a slight change in the year 3’s Athletics carnival. Year 3 will join our Prep to Year 2’s on Thursday 19th May.

Prep to Year 3—Thursday 19th May and Year 4 to 6—Friday 20th May

Yellow meaning "Cool Waters"

Green meaning "Green Grass"

Red meaning "House on the Hill or Hill"

Blue Meaning “Blue Sky”

Sports ribbons will be available from the school office. $1.00 per ribbon.
Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day Stall is on again and is stocked with some fantastic Mothers Day gifts. Our stall will be open from **Tuesday 26th April to Friday 6th May from 8.00am—8.50am every morning.** All stock is $5.00.

There is also a raffle available to win a Mothers Day Hamper, cost of $1.00 per ticket.

The Mothers Day stall is located under C Block in our parent room.

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Family Fun Night 2016

It’s that time of the year again and we are again preparing for our Annual Family Fun Night. The P&C are again seeking donations for their Family Fun Night Raffle in ways of:

* Fuel/Grocery Vouchers * Attraction Vouchers
* Movie Vouchers

Donations are also required to the P&C Family Fun Night Prize Wheel

* Vouchers for pizza, coffee, Meat, Seafood, Movies, Beauty, Bunnings and Liquor. If any of our West families are able to help in the way of these donations you can bring them to the office.

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Year 4B & 4C

Are hosting the Lucky Dip Prize stall and they are asking for donations from the 4B/C families to ensure their stall is successful. Stationery items, matchbox cars, wrapped lollies, hair accessories, bookmarks, glitter shoelaces, keyrings, cards, stickers, tattoos, handballs are some examples.
Year 4 Camp—Capricorn Caves

All year 4 students have received their Year 4 Camp note, invoice and medical form. Parents please note that this year our Year 4 camp will be conducted between the 22 and 24 August, 2016. The students will be travelling to Rockhampton by coach and staying at the Capricorn Caves and stopping at the Rockhampton Historical Village for a Tour on Monday Morning. Accommodation is in Deluxe Cabins and all linen is provided.

Parents/Caregivers may make part or full payments, with the balance due by Friday 5 August, 2016. Please make sure you complete the permission and medical form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Camp Information

To parents of students in years 3 and 5 please note that their camps are scheduled for October this year. We would like to remind you that you are able to pay money towards this at any time at the administration office and it will sit as a credit until your child has been invoiced. If you have any queries in regards to making payments please contact the office on 49797333.

Year 3 History Excursion

This term the year 3’s are learning about Gladstone’s History. As part of this unit of work, an excursion to the Calliope Historical Village has been planned for Thursday 26 May. The children will travel by bus to the Calliope Historical Village where they will participate in a tour. Last week all year 3 students received their permission and medical forms. The cost of the excursion is $13.00. All forms and payments must be made by Wednesday 18 May.

Prep Enrolments—2017

Enrolment forms for 2017 are now available from the Admin Office. Student details will be required when a form is collected. Eligible students for Prep for 2017 must turn five on or before 30 June 2017.

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.

Absences

Absentee Notes were sent home last week, could you please make sure these are completed with a reason to why your child was absent from school and returned to your class teacher or Administration Office within 3 days of receiving the letter.

Student Absence Line: 49797366
Gladstone West State School together with the P & C Association will again be holding our Annual Family Fun Night. This year will also see a joint celebration with the school turning 50 years. Please put this date in your calendar as it will be a very special milestone for Gladstone West State School.
Community Notices

Recognition Breakfast
Friday 13 May
7am - 9am
Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre
RSVP Tuesday 3 May
Ph: 4976 6300
For further information please contact Andrea on 4976 6300 or andrea@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au

Gary Whiting
MP
Member for Gladstone

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