Although next week is the official day against bullying...at West we are making this our focus for this week!

Yesterday and today (and tomorrow) students who offer something THEY can do to help stop bullying are being provided with a wrist band and a card about how to talk about bullying.

So far we have some AMAZING suggestions—Kind Hands are Safe Hands; Everyone Plays; Kind words make friends; Stick up for my friends...

Visit the Bullying No Way website—www.bullyingnoway.gov.au...and let’s ALL ‘take a stand together’.

2016 Improvement Focus — Writing

Text Structure Part 2

There are four types of information texts we teach our students. All of these texts are written to provide the reader with information about a topic. They all contain technical language that is specific to the topic.

Reports may classify and describe natural events, phenomena and cultural events. They have a title and descriptions that provide details. The paragraphs in reports have subheadings and begin with topic sentences, that is a sentence that indicates the main idea of the paragraph for example, ‘The length of a day on Saturn varies greatly from that on Earth.’ The rest of the paragraph would go on to explain the length of a day on Saturn and compare this with a day on Earth. It may also give reasons why a day on Saturn is shorter. E.g. A report about a planet or ANZAC Day

Descriptions give us information about an object or event. They have a title and general statement for example, ‘Beagles are a breed of dog’. E.g. A description about an animal.

Explanations are written to explain why something happens or how something works. Explanations need a title and a general statement that positions the reader, for example ‘Water is exchanged between the Earth and its atmosphere in an endless cycle.’ The general statement is followed by sequential, logical steps. Explanations are written in present tense. E.g. The Water Cycle

Instructions provide sequenced steps for us to follow to learn how to make or do something. Instructions have an aim or goal, a list of materials and the steps for us to follow. Instructions are written in present tense. E.g. Recipe

As discussed last week the structure and expectation will vary as the children progress through school. In Prep a description may be written from personal observation eg. ‘I have a pet dog. It has four legs, a tail and 2 big floppy ears.’ Whereas further up the school students would be including more detail and technical vocabulary and would be expected to research and find facts to include.

Next week we will be looking at ideas and ways we can help our children generate ideas to write about.
Absences

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While we are reaching our target of 93% overall attendance. Our <85% attendance is too high. This needs to improve.

Attention Parents,

Please note that we have a large number of unexplained absences already at Gladstone West State School. If your child has been away over the past 6 weeks could you please notify the school either by a letter to your classroom teacher, via the school absence line or via our Skoolbag App. Below is our Student Absence line number:

49797366

Anti-Bullying - National Day of Action—March 18th

Over the last couple of mornings our student leaders have been handing out wrist bands to our students from Prep—Year 6. The leaders have been asking the students of G.W.S.S. on ways we can stop bullying. For the remainder of the term the children can wear these wrist bands to remind them of National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.
2016 TERM CALENDAR

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West is Best

We’re on the web
www.gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au

www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that have made themselves available for helping out in the Tuckshop.

We have recommenced our Sensory Motor Circuits which is on at the SEP each morning from 8.15-8.45am. This program is designed to improve brain processing efficiency. Each child completes a series of activities to help develop perceptual motor activities that are known to have a significant influence on the development of many school related learning abilities. Most students would prefer to have some structure before school is a safe environment. If you would like your child to participate, please send to the SEP at 8.15am on mornings that suit.

Melanie Pengelly
Head of Special Education Services.

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.

Thank you

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### Uniform Shop

We now have in stock all sizes of our polo shirts (4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, Small and Medium.

Our Uniform shop is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8am—8.50am. Eftpos is available.

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### SWPBS Focus:

This week SWPBS is—SAFE by:

“Washing their hands and flushing the toilets”

I am SAFE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am RESPONSIBLE

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### Sport

**Port Curtis Sport—2016 Term 1**

- Rugby League 11/12 yrs Trials - 10 March
- Hockey Trials - 10 March
- Soccer Trials (Boys & Girls) - 17 March
- GWSS Cross Country - 21 March
- Netball Trials - 21 March (Note that this date has changed)
- Tennis 14 April
- Touch Football 21 April

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### G.W.S.S Cross Country

Please find below a timetable outline for our upcoming Cross Country.

8.50 am. Bell rings

Teachers bring classes down to the covered basketball courts and place them in their age groups.

9.10 am. Races begin.

Order of events

- Prep - 150m
- Year 1 - 300m
- Year 2 - 500m
- Year 3 - 1000m
- Year 4 - 1000m
- 10 years - 2000m
- 11/12 years - 3000m
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P&C Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 15th March  Time: 6.30pm

ALL executive positions are open for nomination with the election to be held during the AGM.

Over the last year the P&C has supplied the GWSS community with a great new Sports shed, buddy benches, musical equipment, supporting the community with our Mother’s and Father’s day stall, our Family Fun Night AND much more!

The P&C Association is a positive and constructive organisation – 1 hour a month, some giggles and conversation, and a massive sense of achievement as we work towards an exciting future for our students, our school and our community. We need YOU!

We look forward to working with you,
GWSS P&C Association.

Sport—Twilight Netball Carnival

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Sport—PJ Marsh Cup

On Friday the Gladstone West U10 Rugby League team participated in the PJ Marsh carnival. It was great to see PJ Marsh himself attend the carnival, the kids had a great chat to him. All the games that we played were very close with 2 draws and 2 losses. Our last game we came away with a win against Central State School in another competitive and close game. A massive congratulations to Nickolai Te Huia for making the Port Curtis U10’s Rugby League Team. Nickolai will now begin training with the rest of his new team mates and will participate in the Quad series in Rockhampton against teams from Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Mackay.

Cheerleading

Congratulations to the 19 girls in our Squad 1 Cheerleading who participated in a training workshop with an overseas coach on Sunday. Their behaviour and work ethic was outstanding. Well done girls.

Swimming—Yr 2

Our Year 2’s continue their swimming this week. Parents please make sure your child’s items are clearly marked with their name.

Thursday 10/03/2016
Tuesday 15/03/2016
Thursday 17/03/2016
Tuesday 22/03/2016
Thursday 24/03/2016

Parent Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking at the top of the school near Gatcombe Lane over the Yellow Lines, please be aware that this is making it quite dangerous for others that are doing the right thing. As it is already congested up in that area, please be considerate of others.

School Banking

School Banking is every Tuesday. Drop your Commonwealth Bank Book into your classroom.

If you require a school banking pack, please come and see the ladies in the Admin Office.

Year 6 Camp

Students who are not attending Year 6 Camp next week, were given a letter detailing options for them to do alternative camp activities back here at school and around Gladstone. Parents please be aware that this note went home last week and payment for these activities is due tomorrow

Wednesday 9 March.

Year 4—The Addams Family Performance at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre is on tomorrow, Wednesday 9 March at 11.00am. Students will travel by bus, to enjoy the performance which has students from all across Gladstone.
ICAS Competitions

Information for the upcoming UNSW ICAS competitions went home recently with all students from Year 2—6. Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. The objective of these competitions is to help parents gauge the progress of their child against children in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task.

There are a variety of competitions to enter, each of which cost $8.00, apart from spelling ($11.00) and writing ($17.00) as they are marked individually. Parents can enter their children in as many of these as they choose. To make the most of this opportunity parents must pay in advance for these competitions. The due date for payments is Friday 18 March. Unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted, as these payments need to be forwarded interstate.

Last year many of our children received “academic excellence awards” and we encourage parents to talk to their children to consider taking on this challenge. Children do not need to sit for each competition, but should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. eg: if they’re good spellers, try the spelling competition!

Parents please note that our Year 2 students are only eligible to sit the Spelling Competition.

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Position Vacant

Clinical Nurse Vacancy Part time (0.6 full time equivalent)
State Schools Nursing Service  Department of Education and Training
Supporting students and schools in Gladstone and surrounding area

Key Duties: Provides educationally relevant nursing services that enable student access and participation in education for students with specialised health needs.

Skills/Abilities: Level 2/Grade 6 Registered Nurse. Experience in paediatrics, disability and/or emergency nursing desirable.

Enquiries: (07) 48428347 Helen.McCullagh@dete.qld.gov.au
Applications: smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews are continuing this week. Please return your interview forms to your class teacher ASAP, so that an interview time can be arranged. These notes can also be found on our Skoolbag App or collected from the office.
Year 5 Excursion—Tondoon Botanical Gardens

Today we went on an excursion to the Tondoon Botanic Gardens to help us with our Science assessment for Term 1.

We went to the moss trail and we explored the Rainforest. There was a snake that the other class found that scared the daylights out of the other class! My group was with Miss Rowland and I had the privilege of being the photographer. My friends gave me pointers of what to take photographs of.

My favourite part of the excursion was seeing all of the wildlife in the gardens. Some of the animals we saw were kookaburras, scrub turkeys (who build nests that the male turkeys builds and keeps track of the temperature using his beak), turtles, butterflies and the SNAKE!! There was a plant called the Queensland Bottle Tree that stores water inside of its trunk so when there is a drought it can stay alive. This is an example of a plant adaptation.

Written By Zachary 5A
Community Notices

GET INVOLVED

REGISTER NOW! www.gladstonefestival.com | 07 4972 5111

Congratulations on participating in your Vicinity Centre Aussie Hoops sporting schools program. We invite you to continue your participation by joining the next summer or legal by joining your local Vicinity Centre Aussie Hoops program, which is supported by Basketball Australia and Vicinity Centres.

Aussie Hoops Centre: Gladstone Basketball Association
Opening Date: Monday, June 25
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Venue: Gladstone Church School
Price: New - $25, Returning - $20
Contact: Ray Cooper raycooper@bigpond.com

By clicking "同意" or by continuing to use the service, you consent to our Privacy Policy and Terms of Service. For further information on how Vicinity Centres collects, uses, and discloses personal information, please visit our Privacy Policy.

When joining a local Vicinity Centre Aussie Hoops program, each new participant receives an Aussie Hoops participant pack including:
- Spalding Size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- BCD Sport Aussie Hoops reversible singlet
- BCD Sport Aussie Hoops backpack
Community Notices

**40TH GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL**

**FUN RUN**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NRG

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 25TH 2016
EAST SHORES GLADSTONE

3k Race Junior: $10 | Senior $15
10k Race Junior: $15 | Senior $25

On the day Race Kit Collection from 5:45am – 6:45am for a 7:00am Start

Registrations Open (Online Only): www.eventwizards.com.au