Gladstone West State School is celebrating 50 years. This Friday 14th October we will be holding a celebration to commemorate Gladstone West State School for being a vital part of our community. Everyone is welcome to join the staff and students for an unforgettable anniversary afternoon.

Schedule of Events
1.00—2.00pm—Tour of classrooms and display of Memorabilia in Library
2.00—3.00pm— * Whole School Assembly
   * Welcome to Country
   * Speeches from Past Principals Kelly Hutchings and Peter Turich
   * Presentation of Blue Card Awards
   * Presentation of Plaque by Glenn Butcher
   * Cutting of Cake
3.00—4.30pm—Performances by Gladstone West State School Students
4.30—6.00pm—BBQ Dinner

Preferences for 2017
Over the next few weeks Administration will be looking at class lists, and teacher placements for 2017. Something I have always done at previous schools, is to consider parent requests where possible.

If you would like to see your child either placed with—or separated from—certain classmates, please email your child’s current class teacher directly. These requests must be received by COB, Friday October 14.

Requests relating to teacher considerations must be sent to me directly, using the email principal@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au. A specific reason or explanation would be required (because you may have heard on the rumour mill that this teacher is no good is not a valid reason or explanation). It is not possible to facilitate all teacher requests, due to the fact we cannot have 58 children in one class with a particular teacher and 1 student in another class. We have class sizes we need to manage and follow for particular year levels.

Please keep in mind I will not be having interviews or appointments for these requests—only emails.

Thank you in your understanding of this matter.

Yours in Education
Damien Hoare

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Upcoming Date Claimers
* 50th Anniversary Celebration
* Year 3 & 5 Camps—Boyne Island
* Year 2 History Excursion
* Year 2 Swimming
## 2016 TERM CALENDAR

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### 2016 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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| Thursday    | 13th October | Helen Whitten | 9.00am—2.00pm 
| Friday      | 14th October | Lynda Fieldus | 9.00am—12.00pm |
|             |            | Adriana Du Toit     | 9.00am—11.00am|
|             |            | Maree Offord        | 9.00am—11.00am|
| Wednesday   | 19th October | Bev Smith | 9.00am—11.00am |
|             |            | Brenda Lyons       | 9.00am—12.00pm|

****Helpers required in Tuckshop****

If you are able to help in the Tuckshop in Term 4, please see Kay in the Tuckshop.
Tuckshop operates on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

NO Foreign Currency accepted and NO EFTPOS available

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**Gladstone West State School**

Boles Street
Gladstone
Queensland, 4680

Phone: 49797333
Fax: 49726396
Dental Clinic: 49729364
Email: principal@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au

**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**
4979 7366

**West is Best**

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**We're on the web**

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

[www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool](http://www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool)
### Uniform Shop

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**Parents just a reminder that our uniform is royal blue shorts.**

### School Banking

**SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION**

School Banking is running another exciting competition at West. All students need to do is bank 3 times between week 2 and week 8 and they will automatically go into the draw to win a Dollarmite Prize pack and certificate. This is very exciting as someone at West will win this prize. Good Luck!!

### PBL Focus:

**This week's PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) is being — Respectful by:**

“Inviting others who want to join in and play”

### SMS Services

As you would be aware, Gladstone West State School has started using a SMS messaging service to inform parents of their child’s absenteeism. This also improves our unexplained absentee data by allowing parents to message back the reason.

Please make sure that your details are up to date.

### Brekky Club

Breakfast Club continues in Term 4 in the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45am. Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.

### Puberty Clues Workshops

**Workshop**

Gladstone Women's Health Centre are running Puberty Clues Workshops on puberty and menstruation for mothers and their daughters (grades 5 to 7) on 11th October and 29th November. Sessions are held from 5.30pm to 8pm at the Gladstone Women's Health Centre, 9 Derby Street, South Gladstone. Cost is $10 for non-members or free for members, and participants are asked to bring a plate of food to share.

Phone 4979 1456 to register.
**Year 6 Dinner**

The Year 6 Dinner will be held at Gladstone Camelot Motel on Wednesday 7th December commencing at 6.00pm. A letter will be going home with details of all the end of year activities for our Year 6’s.

**Year 6 Graduation Parade**

Parents and caregivers are invited to the Year 6 Graduation Parade on Wednesday 7th December commencing at 9.15am where they will be presented with Graduation Certificates.

**Year 6 Movie Day**

A movie day will be organised for our Year 6’s for their final week of celebrations. The date will be Thursday 8th December. More details to come.

**2017 Prep Orientation Sessions**

Gladstone West State School Prep Classes will be holding two Prep Orientation sessions for students going into Prep in 2017.

* Tuesday 29th November 9.30—11.00am
* Friday 2nd December 9.30—11.00am

All sessions will be held in the Prep Buildings located on Boles Street. Children will need to bring the following:

* A water bottle  * Closed in Shoes  * Morning Tea/Healthy Snack
  * A wide brimmed hat  * A grown up

**Students Departing in 2017**

If your child will be departing Gladstone West and not attending in 2017, please advise the office staff. This will assist us when looking at class arrangements for 2016.

**2017 Enrolments**

Enrolments for 2017 are now being taken. If you are wanting to enrol as a new student to Gladstone West State School in 2017 in classes from Prep to Year 6, please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the school’s office or downloadable from the school’s website.
Fundraising—50th Anniversary Teatowels

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Gladstone West State School, the P & C Association has run a group tea towel project. There are 3 limited edition tea towel designs available which are pictured above. Last week the eldest child of each family received an order form, all orders and money are due back by Friday 21st October. There is a display in the Admin Foyer if you would like to view a sample of the tea towel.

The cost of the towels are:  
* 1 = $20.00  
* 2 = $35.00 ($17.50 each)  
* 3 = $45.00 ($15.00 each)

Advance Life Photography—Sunday 16th October

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

Don’t miss out book now!

Our photographic fundraising day for Gladstone West State School on Sunday, 16 October 2016 is fast approaching and we need to list all our photographic sessions. Please return your details and $20 payment to Gladstone West State School or contact Jodie Newson, 4413 6098 or email me at jodiesnewson@gmail.com to book your photographic session.
What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the teacher know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the teacher may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent. Please understand that due to the nature of teaching, learning and the curriculum requirements any activities provided will not adequately replace the learning that occurs in the classroom. Please also remember that if you are going on holiday longer than 10 days, you need to fill out an exemption of 10 days or more form. This is a departmental policy that the Principal then signs off on.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

**Conversation starters with your children**

The biggest complaint I get these days from parents is “I ask them how was school?” They reply “Good.”

What did you do today? “Nothing.”

Here are some conversation starters-

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where can you go for help?

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**Eisteddfod—Group Improvisation**

This year for the Group Improv at the Gladstone Eisteddfod Mrs Thomas had 2 groups of 6 students competing from Years 5 and 6. These were the Gladstone West Golden Globes: Lauren Porteous, Cyrena Dixon, Casey Llewellyn, Taylah Cubis, Bailey Barrett, Jordan Thomas and the Gladstone West Shining Stars: Kylah Fish, Chloe List, Finlae Harris, Tage Bergstrom, Zachary Breadsell, Keeran Townsend. The Golden Globes placed 2nd, with a score of 83 and the Shining Stars received a Very Highly Commended with a score of 82. Everyone performed fantastically well and each person should be very proud of their achievement. They represented Gladstone West at a high standard in both their behaviour and presentation. Well Done everyone and a huge thank you to their parents for transporting them to and from the Eisteddfod.

**Gladstone West Golden Globes**

Lauren Porteous, Cyrena Dixon, Casey Llewellyn, Taylah Cubis, Bailey Barrett, Jordan Thomas

**Gladstone West Shining Stars**

Kylah Fish and Chloe List - from the Shining Stars.

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**Support-a-Reader**

This week nominated students (based on data) will begin a 5 week intervention program. Part of this program will be Support-a-Reader. Support-a-Reader is an intervention program which gives children the opportunity to participate in regular reading in a one-to-one or small group setting. Tutors follow a set procedure to provide support which matches the individual needs of children. Children are encouraged to become self-reliant through a supportive process where decoding and reading is modelled and students’ efforts to make meaning are valued.

The Gladstone West Golden Globes and The Gladstone West Shining Stars.
Year 5A & 5B Camp—Boyne Island Environmental Centre

Bright and early on the first day back of term, classes 5A and 5B eagerly met to head off on their Leadership Camp at Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre. Everyone was very excited!

On the first day, students learned to use their communication and problem-solving skills to complete several challenges like passing all of the students through a web and crossing a “lava river”. After lunch, they learned to climb on a bouldering wall. Some students even braved the wall blindfolded, putting their trust in their partners!

Day 2 began chilly and fresh, and the Year 5’s were ready to go! It was an exciting day of trust activities, learning the low ropes, bike riding and battling the winds and tides in canoes. Students had to learn to work together and trust their teammates to achieve their goals. After dinner, groups showed off talents such as cheerleading, dancing and comedy to their peers.

On the last day, students had the most nerve-wracking task… the high ropes! Almost everybody conquered fears by balancing on the ropes high above the ground and scaling a pole while their peers cheered them on. The BIEEC staff also helped the Year 5’s to build a fire and cook delicious damper over the hot coals.

Overall the students enjoyed themselves, learning many leadership and persistence skills before they were delivered, exhausted, to their waiting parents on Thursday afternoon.

Fanelli Dental Visit

Last Thursday, the Fanelli Dental clinic came to visit Prep. We learned all about how to brush our teeth, how often to brush our teeth and talked about sometimes foods vs always foods that are good for our teeth. Did you know that we are supposed to brush our teeth for at least two minutes? Students were sent home with a new tooth brush and timer to practise brushing at home!
2016 Eisteddfod—Vocal

25 August 2016

VOCAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It’s Eisteddfod time again and below are the events, times and bus details for the Vocal sections in which our school is competing.

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<td>Years 3/4 Singing Choir</td>
<td>Tuesday Afternoon 18 October 1:00pm (approx. start)</td>
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<td>Years 5/6/7 Singing Choir</td>
<td>Wednesday Morning 12 October 8:30 (approx. start)</td>
<td>Bus departs school 8:00am</td>
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All choir children to wear their royal blue school uniform with white socks and black shoes.

Girls should wear the polo shirt/shorts/skirt and NOT the dress or Year 7 shirt so that the uniform is consistent.

Parents are encouraged to attend, but please note a small entry fee will apply. You must pay for the session, even if you are there to see one section. The fee is Adults – $8.00, Students (up to 18 years) – $5.00. Competitors are free, only for the session in which they are competing. Medals are for sale at the Eisteddfod Office.

2016 Eisteddfod—Instrumental

25 August 2016

INSTRUMENTAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It’s Eisteddfod time again and below are the events, times and transport arrangements for the Instrumental sections in which our school is competing.

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Due to the small numbers of students in these groups we will be using and Education Queensland bus and there will be no cost to students.

Students will need to have with them their instrument and music. Full performance uniform should be worn. (Performance shirt, long black pants, black shoes, black socks. Please note - neither jeans nor leggings are an acceptable substitute for long black pants.)

Parents are encouraged to attend, but please note a small entry fee will apply. You must pay for the session, even if you are there to see one section. The fee is Adults – $8.00, Students (up to 18 years) – $5.00. This is payable at the Entertainment Centre. Competitors are free, only for the session in which they are competing. Medals are for sale at the Eisteddfod Office.
Community Notices

**BreastScreen Queensland**

Women aged 50 - 74
This is a special invitation for you to
Attend the FREE
**BreastScreen Gladstone**
Service
At Gladstone Hospital
numerous appointment times are available
no referral is required
and it only takes 30 minutes
To make an appointment, phone
13 20 50
(Women aged 40 – 49 and over 75
are also eligible for a free breastscreen)

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**Gladstone Regional Council**

**Australia Day Awards 2017**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
November 4th
Information and nomination forms available at
www.gladstone.qld.gov.au
For further details phone 4977 6803.

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**2017 CQ MARINERS**

Football Trial Registration

The Club provides the pathway to State Selection through the Intra City Challenge (ICC) playing teams from Fraser Coast through to Mackay. CQ Mariners also play games in Brisbane against National Premier League Clubs.

The boys program requires players to commit fulltime to the club, while the girls is a part-time program that provides players the option to register for a local club.

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To register your son or daughter for the trials dates and times above please email the details below to the club Technical Director Tom McDonald at towm@footballqueensland.com.au

Players Name: 
DOB: 
Preferred Club: 
Preferred Position: 
Parent Name: 
Parent Number: 
Parent Email: 

A player information pack regarding assessments, cost and the 2017 trials will be provided at the trials.