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There are many things to celebrate about West. We have over 670 students who are proud of their school, supportive of their school mates, keen to help others and eager learners. These amazing young people are supported by hard working, dedicated teachers – entirely focussed on doing their best for their students. In turn, our incredible teaching staff is able to rely on the experience, commitment and expertise of specialists…of allied subjects such as Oral Language, Music, HPE and LOTE as well as those more focussed on providing targeted interventions so that every student has their particular needs met…academically, socially and emotionally and behaviourally.

Schools are complex places – their success is dependent on all the ‘bits’ coming together. At West, we are especially blessed because not only are we all part of a team, we are continually encouraged and supported by our school community. Recently, when I was doing my supermarket shopping in Tannum Sands, I was talking about “my school” – bragging about my kids, my staff and my parents…the cashier said “that’s great to know, you don’t always hear about the good things.”

We are always looking for ways to improve, and we need to keep well informed about teaching and learning research and philosophy (especially as our world is changing so quickly) and we recognise our responsibility to help our kids achieve their goals…however, we start from a foundation most schools envy.

Thank you.

From the Principal

Admin News

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Upcoming Date Claimers

• P & C Meeting—19th April 2016
• Family Fun Night—17th June 2016
Vocabulary refers to the words that we know and understand.

When young we use the words that we need to meet our needs eg. mum, dad, drink etc. Our vocabulary develops at a rapid rate. As we grow we are exposed to, and understand a greater number of words. We develop an understanding of words that have similar meanings (synonyms) and words that mean the opposite (antonyms). We understand that there are words that are more effective to use to explain what we want to say eg. we may choose to write ‘yelled’ instead of ‘said’ to show that a character in a story is angry or upset or when writing persuasively know that telling someone they ‘must’ do something is more powerful than telling them they ‘should’. We go on to learn technical language that is associated with different fields eg. habitat in science and learn how to use these appropriately. We learn about alliteration, similes, metaphors and personification and investigate the ways that authors use language to convey their message. Over time we develop an understanding of the power of words.

To develop student’s vocabulary it is important to:

- Read and discuss the words that we come across. Do we know what they mean? Can we think of another word to use instead? What would happen if we substituted this word for a different word? Would the meaning stay the same or change?

- Discuss words that we come across in our everyday environment. Do we know what they mean? Why have they chosen to use these words and not other words to convey the message?

- Ask students to re-read their work and change some words for better words.

- Discuss or brainstorm words that mean the same or opposite so that we have a bank of words that we can use to improve our message and give power to our writing.

Buddy Benches

At Gladstone West State School, students are encouraged to be respectful, responsible and safe in order to nurture a friendly and caring school environment. As part of this approach we are introducing ‘Buddy Benches’ into our playgrounds. The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendships at playtime. The bench is a place to go when a child would like someone to play with or talk to during break time. Students will be encouraged to approach children on the bench and include them in their play or simply to check if they are doing okay and want to talk. Staff will also monitor the bench and assist students to get involved.

At West, every child has the right to have a friend so let’s continue to spread the message of inclusion and kindness.
2016 TERM CALENDAR

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Tuckshop

We ask that **NO** foreign currency be sent in with your child/ren’s tuckshop orders.

Also a reminder to parents we **do not** have EFTPOS facilities, and we do not offer credit.

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Library

If you have not yet returned your overdue library books could you please do so. You will not be able to borrow until all overdue books have been returned.

![Back to the Library!](image)

Breakfast

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.

![Breakfast](image)

SWPBS Focus:

**This week’s SWPBS is Safe**

— by:

“Keeping hands, feet and objects to themselves”

![SWPBS Focus](image)

Uniform Shop

As of 11 April a price increase on some of our Uniform items are as below.

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**Sale Items**

- Microfibre Unisex Shorts $10.00

Our new unisex shorts and combos have arrived.

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.

![Parent Parking](image)
Port Curtis Netball

Congratulations to Thea Maxwell who has been selected in the Girls Port Curtis Netball Team. Thea will travel to Mackay in week 3 to participate in the Capricornia Netball Trials. Well done Thea!

Tennis

Tennis Club will resume this term on Monday mornings from 8.00am on the tennis courts. Racquets and balls are provided.

Our year 3 and 4 students will be participating in the Hot Shots Tennis program during term 2, as part of this program students will be registered with Tennis Australia. No private information is registered and students do receive a shirt as a participant. If you do not wish your child to be registered please let the office know as soon as possible.

G.W.S.S Cross Country

Notes will be going home with students this week who have been selected to represent Gladstone West State School at the Port Curtis Trials on Friday 29 April hosted by Ubobo State School (start and finish at the Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre). If you wish your child to compete at the Port Curtis Cross Country Trial, please complete these form and return it to the office no later than Friday 22nd April.

Cheerleading

Cheerleaders have taken home notes as to which cheer team they are participating in. Times have changed slightly

**Warriors:** Tuesday 8.00 - 8.30am, Wednesday 8.00 - 8.40am and Friday 3.15 - 4.00pm

**Wonder:** Thursday 8.00 - 8.40am (there will be a few lunch time sessions when needed)
**Skipping**

We will be establishing a performance Skipping Team at Gladstone West. Trials for this squad will be on Friday 15 April at first break (11.00am) with students meeting outside the music room. Students trialling should be able to skip competently with single and double bounce and perform the following skills: cross over, side to side skip, skier, jump apart skip and run into a long rope. 10 students will be selected for the squad. Boys and girls in any year level welcome.

**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.

**Best of West—Parent Survey**

We would appreciate if parents could complete the following survey in relation to our Best of West.

* [https://form.jotform.co/61018850900853](https://form.jotform.co/61018850900853)

**Prep Enrolments—2017**

Enrolment packages for 2017 are now available from the Admin Office. Student details will be required when a package is given out. 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.
Family Fun Night—50th Year Celebrations

Save the Date
Friday 17 June 2016

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.

Gladstone West State School Family Fun Night
Friday 17th June 2016

Tickets will be available from the office as of Monday 18 April.
Community Notices

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. An 8 week program ($100) will commence next week on the 19th April from 3.15 to 4pm. That’s fine to just turn up on the first day.
Notice to all Schools in the Gladstone Region

An invitation is extended to all schools to attend this year's 101st Anniversary of Anzac Commemorations.

Gladstone schools are renowned for their community spirit and have always been great supporters of Anzac Day and other days of remembrance. It is hoped that this year a record number will participate.

Monday 25th April - Dawn Service commences about 5.45am at Anzac Park that is situated on the corner of Goondoon and Tank Streets. Students are welcome to attend the service and lay a wreath in memory of those who have died for Australia in all wars.

Monday 25th April - Anzac Day Parade and Service commences in Goondoon Street outside the council chambers and the march off is about 10.30am. Students are welcome to march in school groups behind the veterans, then attend the service. During the service students can lay a wreath.

If schools intend laying wreaths or have any marchers please call me and let me know so that the wreath parties can be called forward and also so marchers can be allocated a place in the parade.

If there are any enquiries please do not hesitate to call me.

Harry Tattersall
Anzac Day Convener
0429.321050