GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY WITH GWSS LEADERS
Yesterday I had the enjoyment of attending the GRIP Leadership conference with our school leaders. At the conference the students learnt valuable skills regarding how to be an effective leader. I would like to congratulate the leaders on the way they conducted themselves.

The students do have some homework for me. They must complete the following for next Mondays Student leadership meeting with the principal.
1. Give one positive they learnt from the conference.
2. Give one piece of feedback for the facilitators of the conference.
3. Come to next week’s meeting with one idea you got from the conference that you think should be implemented at GWSS.

Attendance
Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The program – Every Day Counts – has four key messages:
• all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
• schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
• attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
• children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child’s attendance, see our admin team and download the guide for parents at: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

One way we are going to monitor and create ways to improve attendance at GWSS, is every member of the leadership team will work with a cohort to focus on attendance of those students less than 85%.

As you would see from the sign on Breslin Street, is naming winning classes each week and reward then, and at the end of each term the class with best attendance for the term will receive a pizza party!

Yours in Education
Damien Hoare

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New Before School Procedure
Due to duty of care of students and students being dropped off at school early, we have put the following process in place.

The following will be explicitly taught to students about our new before school procedures, but please remind your children at home.

Process:
☐ All students who arrive before 8:15am must sit and wait for the 8:15am bell under C Block (the Year 5 Eating area). For Term 1, Prep students are required to be dropped off and collected from their classroom, so NO Prep student should be dropped off to their class before 8:30am.
☐ At 8:15am, a bell will ring signalling students can go out to play. Students must wear a hat (including on the basketball courts) or they will be directed to remain seated under C Block.
☐ Play spaces are as follows:
  ☐ Year 1 and 2: play on the covered fort below the Year 3/4 oval.
  ☐ Year 3 and 4: play on the Year 3/4 oval or the Year 3/4 basketball court.
  ☐ Year 5 and 6: play on the Year 5/6 oval or the Year 5/6 basketball court.
☐ Students found anywhere else throughout the school between 8:00am and 8:45am are to be directed to these areas or to sit under C Block;
☐ At 8:45am a bell will ring to signal the end of play time. The teacher aides on duty will direct students to begin organising themselves for the day – get a drink, fill water bottles, go to the toilet, drop off tuckshop orders, return borrowed books to the library etc. Students are expected to be moving towards their allocated classroom through this time;
☐ At 9:00am a bell will ring to signal the start of lesson time.

* Can I also acknowledge the staff who have voluntarily given up their time to supervise from 8:00am–8:15 am. Cliff Daley, Terry Rudder, Leanne Pearce, Deb Howlett, Kath Pickup, Lyn Sumner, Katie Rowland, Belinda Russell, Justine Haines, Hope Watson Colleen Druett, Jessica Cascianelli, Jillian Schulke, Rebecca West, Daniela Morello and Lorren Leach.

Annual Improvement Plan
This year you will hear staff talking to students about their writing goals. At present teachers are working hard with the leadership team to identify writing goals for ALL students at Gladstone West State School. Our improvement agenda this year will be on writing and how we intend on building students’ ability to write better, is to set goals for them. We are then supporting teachers in giving them the resources and tools to specifically target these goals.
Our other area for improvement this year will be teachers giving specific feedback to students regarding their writing goals. As we know, feedback helps us improve in our work, so it goes without saying if we give students specific feedback, they too will improve.

Uniform
Gladstone West is a uniform school. Our dress code is linked to the Responsible Behaviour Plan for students by agreement of the Gladstone West State School P & C Association.
The daily wearing of a school uniform is compulsory at Gladstone West State School. Wearing a uniform identifies students as belonging.

School Shirt:
★ Royal blue poly cotton polo shirt with school logo embroidered on left chest and school name on collar

School Shorts:
★ Royal blue shorts
★ Royal blue shorts/skirt combo

School Dress:
★ Royal blue check dress

School Hats:
★ Reversible bucket hats (royal blue/house colour) with school logo embroidered on royal blue side and house name embroidered on reverse
2017 TERM CALENDAR

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Tuckshop operates ONLY on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

2017 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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NO Foreign Currency accepted and NO EFTPOS available

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

www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool
## Uniform Shop

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## Opening times for Uniforms in 2017

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

8.30am—9.00am

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## PBL Focus:

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

“Caring for myself, others and belongings”

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## PBL — West Star Process

All children will be starting on ‘ready to learn’ at the beginning of each session. If at the end of the session they are still on ‘ready to learn’ they receive a star for that session. Children are able to receive the maximum of 3 stars a day. If children are stepped down the star chart they do not receive a star for that session. At the end of each day the teacher will record their stars on their recording sheets. At the end of each week the class teacher records students total on the PBL spreadsheet.

- Students’ points are accumulated up until 100 where they will receive their certificate for reaching one of the coloured star levels. This may take some children longer than a term to achieve. Once they have received a certificate their points will reset and they will begin to work towards the next coloured level by earning 100 points again. Students will work their way through the mid-term acknowledgments again as they accumulate points.
- Children that have started at West during the year will be given points based on when they arrived at school e.g. Someone beginning in week 4 of term 1 will receive 60 points as their starting total. These children will work towards the next star status.
- If children are away for a day they do not receive any points.
- No points are added or taken for playground incidents—stickers and verbal praise for positive behaviour.

Please note that this will be taking over from our previous PBL which was our BEST OF WEST award system. If you have any queries in regards to the new PBL reward system please see your classroom teacher.
### Arrival/Departure

**Late Arrival**—Students arriving at school after 9.00am must sign in at the office, before continuing to their classroom. It is preferred that parents/caregivers sign students in and include the reason for the late arrival.

**Early Departure**—From time to time, parents/caregivers may need to collect their students from school prior to the formal end of the school day. Students must be collected from the Admin office area. Students must be signed out by a parent/caregiver, or by a responsible adult nominated by the parent/caregiver. Students cannot sign themselves out of the school.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues again in 2017 at the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents please note that the start time for Breakfast Club is now **8.00am**. Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.

### Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 Swimming continues on the following dates:

- **Thursday 16th February**
- **Monday 20th February**
- **Thursday 23rd February**

### 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.

### Medication

Parents/caregivers are reminded that all medication given to students at school must be prescribed by a doctor, a medication form must be 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 2017, at the office. Please update any action plans and contact details at the office if needed.

### 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 2017 Year. All Volunteers must sign in at the office and collect a lanyard to be worn while in the school grounds.

### School Camps

In 2017 Gladstone West State School will be offering our Year 4 and Year 6 the opportunity to participate in a School Camp. Our Year 6 Camp will be commencing in March and a date for our year 4 camp is yet to be decided. An expression of interest note went home with all Year 6 students, if you have not yet returned this could you please do ASAP.

Please note that payments can be made at any time for these camps and they will sit as a credit against your child’s account.
ICAS Competitions

Information for the upcoming UNSW ICAS competitions has gone home with all students from Year 3—6 in the next week. 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 24 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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P & C News

There are many ways for parents and carers to get involved in school life. Supporting your child’s teacher in the classroom (and e.g. on camps, excursions and Family Fun Night) is the most important form of volunteering. There are other areas where we need our community to get involved.

The response to requests for volunteers in the Tuckshop and School Banking has been wonderful. Thank you!

The following details **areas where we currently need help**. It is not meant to be an exhaustive or exclusive list. If you have something to offer or an idea that isn’t listed, please come and discuss the possibilities with us.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March at 6:30pm in the Staff Room. We encourage everyone to come along. All positions are declared vacant at this meeting.

Some current P&C members will not be re-nominating for positions and various roles will need to be filled. Each of these roles could be shared and/or would greatly benefit from having an assistant.

**Positions where nominations are required include:**

* Treasurer
* Grants Officer
* P&C Newsletter Editor (up to twice a term Newsletter)
* Members for both the Fundraising and Grants Sub-Committees

Family Fun Night is our major fundraising event of the year. The Fundraising Sub-Committee is **seeking donations of prizes for the Major Raffle**. Can you donate goods or services? Do you have an idea for a stall?

If you can help and/or have an idea, please contact Janenne Suter

**0411400018**

Email: jodyjanenne@bigpond.com
Our West soccer boys took the field yesterday afternoon, at Boyne Island State School, to play against Kin Kora in the Open Boys A Division. Great to see the improvement in positioning skills with Nicholas Honour calling for passes out wide. The back line was better in defense, pushing up much further this week. Finn Jefferis showed some fancy footwork making several breaks again this game. Aiden Ford had a big boot in the back line and Blake Middleton played well out on wing. Despite the humidity and skill of the opposition, the boys took the field with a never die attitude. Great improvement boys.

Sport—Rugby League

Gladstone West School NRL Development Cup
Venue: Briffany Creek Junior Rugby League Fields
Date: Every Wednesday starting 15th February
Travel: You will need to arrange your child’s transport to and from the games
Coach: Mr Damien Hoare
Training: Lunch Breaks

**Week 1-** Wednesday 15th February

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School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on 28th February & 1 March 2017

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 and enter the code - DGC 4HZ XWE. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. 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.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. 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

* Photo envelopes have gone home TODAY with every student at Gladstone West School.
*Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the Admin Office.

Oral Health Services

Oral Health Services: please read regarding changes in appointments.

We are welcoming all children to attend our free dental service at Gladstone West State School.

All consents have been collected at the end of the 2016 school year, however if you missed out in returning a form or you are new to the school please call into the dental clinic on Monday, Wednesday or Friday - our staff will be happy to give you a consent to complete. We will issue consent forms to Prep students in term 2, to allow them to settle into school first.

There have been changes to our service in the last few months. Our guidelines in appointments have changed in line with improved child safety. This major change is - Oral Health staff no longer collect children from class or call them down via the office. The Clinic staff will now ask a parent or other responsible adult to be responsible for the children attending our clinic. This may mean that the child, if old enough will be able to attend alone - as long as they are aware of the appointment time and it is arranged with the school by the parents. As always we will ensure that written consent is received prior to treatment.

It is understood that this change will be inconvenient at times and wish to assist you as much as possible; we respect that our families have busy lives and, although difficult at times, your wishes will be met when we are able.

If you are unable to attend an appointment please phone West School Dental Clinic 49729364 so we can see another family at that appointment time.

I hope you take up the opportunity to receive free comprehensive and quality Oral Health care for your family while we are on site at your school.

Kind regards

Dianne Degney (Principal Oral Health Therapist)
School Banking

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Gladstone West is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

• Cyber Handball
• Colour Change Markers
• 3D Chalk Set
• Tablet Case
• Smiley Emoji Keyring
• Volt Handball
• Pencil + Tech Case
• Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to fill in your deposit slip and your child can hand in their deposit book to their classroom teacher.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Community Notices

Wallaby Junior Rugby League Football

All new and existing players can register via the link on our facebook page.

Members of our committee will be at the Wallaby Fields this Thursday from 4.30pm for anyone needing assistance.

Any Enquiries please contact President Darren: 0418740783

Players needed in all age groups

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Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club

Celebrating 25 Years

Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club extends an invitation to all present and past players, coaches and supporters to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. This will be held in conjunction with our Senior Presentation Night.

Date: Saturday 1st April 2017
Venue: Clinton Clubhouse
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: $40 per person (includes 5 courses and drinks)
RSVP: 25th February 2017
Dress: Semi formal

Please pass this invitation on to any current or past members that you have contact with

Contact Laraine on 0419 779 520 for more information or to book tickets.