Everyday Counts

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

Yours in Education
Damien Hoare

Class Requests

Request for classes, can I just remind parents that this has closed. We had this in newsletter for 4 weeks and this has now been finalised.

Upcoming Date Claimers

- High school transition Days
- Year 6 Graduation
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea
### 2016 TERM CALENDAR

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**Tuckshop operates ONLY on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

### 2016 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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

If you are able to help in the Tuckshop in Term 4, please see Kay in the Tuckshop.

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

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**We're on the web**

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

www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool
Uniform Shop

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**Sale Items**
Microfibre Unisex Shorts—$10.00

Opening times for Uniforms in 2017

16th January—20th January
8.00am—11.00am
23rd & 24th January
8.00am—11.00am
25th January
8.00am—8.50am

Normal operating times will commence on
Monday 30th January—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8.00am—8.50am

PBL Focus:

This week's PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) is being —“Safe” by:
“Playing only in supervised areas”

SMS Services

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

Please make sure that your
details are up to date.

Year 2 Swimming

**Change of Date**

We have been informed by Western Suburbs Pool that they have double booked the pool on Friday 4th November. The year 2 students will now go swimming on Thursday 1st December NOT Friday 4th November.

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!!
Year 6 Dinner

The Year 6 Dinner will be held at Gladstone Camelot Motel on Wednesday 7th December commencing at 6.00pm. The cost will be $25.00. Cans of soft drink will be available for purchase for $3.00.

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 is organised for our Year 6’s for their final week of celebrations. The date will be Thursday 8th December. The cost is $14.00 and covers entry, a drink and popcorn. Students will walk to the cinema.

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 2017.

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. We still have vacancies in our Prep Classes for 2017.

2017 Year 6 Senior Shirts

This year the Year 5 Students have selected a design that whilst respecting the uniform features of Gladstone West School, has some design elements that make it unique to their grade. The shirts need to be ordered before the end of the year to ensure delivery in Term 1. The cost of the shirt is $36.00. If you wish to order 1 (or more) senior shirts for your 2017 Year 6 student, please complete the order form that was sent home with all year 5 students. A minimum deposit can be made per shirt to place the order, and orders need to be received by Tomorrow, Wednesday 16th November so that the bulk order to the manufacturer can be made prior to the end of the year.
Thank you to everyone that came along and supported our book fair last week.

We had approximately $7410 worth of sales. 30% of this will go towards purchasing more books for the Library and to our P&C.

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.

At G.W.S.S we have found that head lice has been a problem throughout all classes, please find below the most effective way to detect head lice:

★ Apply sufficient white conditioner to dry hair to completely cover the scalp from roots to tips.
★ Use an ordinary comb to untangle hair.
★ Use head lice comb (metal is preferred) to comb small sections of the hair.
★ After each stroke wipe the comb onto a white tissue and check for head lice.
★ Combs the whole head checking for lice.
★ Please check your child’s hair regularly.

Deadly Choices

The Deadly Choices students learnt about smoking cessation this week. They looked at the effects of tobacco such as environmental, health and financial costs. The students also looked at some of the contents that are found in cigarettes and the effects of these chemicals on the body. They also looked at the good effects of giving up smoking and were surprised that the body starts to repair itself after only 5 days of not smoking.

Deadly Facts

Tobacco

• Tobacco smoking is the largest single preventable cause of death and disease in Australia
• There are approx. 19,000 smoking related deaths each year
• 47% of Indigenous People smoke compared to 17% of the Australian population
• Smokes are about $20 per pack, so if you smoke 1 pack of cigarettes a day you’ll spend $7280 per year!
Kids Matter Survey for Parents

KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers, and the broader community. For further information, including information sheets especially written for parents and carers, visit the KidsMatter website: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary)

We are now reviewing where we are at and are requesting parent and carer perspectives of our school and what you think is important to consider in better supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing. Please click on the link to access the survey and assist us in supporting positive mental health and wellbeing at Gladstone West State School.


Toolooa SHS Year 6 Orientation Days

This year we will be holding a two day orientation program for students from Year 6 moving into Year 7 in 2017. On Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 November, Year 6 students who will be attending Toolooa SHS in 2017 will visit their new school.

Both days will begin with a bell at 8:45am and students will move to the shelter. They will be organised into groups and will attend four lessons during the day. TSHS Junior Secondary student leaders have been selected to take groups to each lesson and work in the class with them as well as taking them to and from their lunch area.

Towards the end of lesson 4 on each day, all students will return to the shelter for a question and answer session with our Principal, Mr Garry Goltz. It is important that students are aware that they must organise their own transport to and from Toolooa and that they:

: wear full primary school uniform, particularly appropriate footwear
: bring an exercise book and pen, pencil and ruler, water bottle and a hat
: bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at our canteen

Any required medications should be clearly labelled and taken to our office.

Please note that students will be given all relevant information and handouts to ensure they are ready to commence Year 7 in 2017 on Monday, January 23.

Students will be released from the shelter at 3pm each day to go home. Staff will be available on bus duty to assist students who are to travel on buses.

Any questions can be directed to Year 7 Coordinator Craig O’Connor, on 49714341 or via e-mail at cocon20@eq.edu.au

World Kindness Day

Last week G.W.S.S collected items from the staff and students for World Kindness Day which was on Monday 13th November. Thank you to all the families that donated.
Cheerleading

There will be a decision made this week as far as training for the rest of the term. Many students are very busy and we do not want them to take on too much at this busy time. Students concerned will be notified and any notifications will be placed on SkoolBag.

Tennis—Red Ball School’s Tennis Challenge

Our students had a successful day at the Red Ball competition last Friday. St Joseph’s from Biloela were eventual grand final winners but Gladstone West did a wonderful job at their first school competition. Warriors placed 4th, Wonders placed 6th, Wizards placed 7th and Wanderers placed 13th from 16 teams. Our students were managed on the day by 4 ladies who made sure sunscreen was on, water was drunk, that teams were ready to play and on the right court and scored on the day. A very big THANK YOU to Ms Johansen, Mrs Page, Mrs Fenton and Mrs Barker who made day run smoothly for our teams. Thank you to tennis coach Rob McBean who also assisted with the day by setting up courts and manning the canteen for the day. Well done to students, volunteer managers and supporters the day was very hot but it was certainly a great day.

Hour of Code

In the last week of school we have been set a challenge from schools all over the world to participate in the International Hour of Code. The computer labs will be set up with coding challenges and websites for students to conquer throughout the week. To get a sneak peek at the sort of activities that you can participate in go to the website www.code.org, when the home page comes up scroll down to look for the 'students' area (purple colour), now click on 'Code Studios’. There are so many adventures to embark on and lots of problems to solve.
Community Notices

C&K Gladstone Community Kindergarten

- Played based program preparing children for a life-long love of learning
- More than 100 years' experience

www.candk.asn.au/gladstone
Ph: 07 4972 1049 | 149 Auckland Street, Gladstone

Can You Help?

Help us provide school supplies for less fortunate children in our community

Suggested items: writing & colouring pens/pencils, glue sticks, cases, erasers, backpacks, sharpeners, exercise books, rulers, vouchers

Donation Drop-off @ RE/MAX, 2 Mellefont St, West Gladstone by Wednesday 11th January, 2017

Christmas in the City
Sunday 18 December 2016

3pm - 7pm | Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

FREE EVENT

Tickets must be booked through GECC box office to secure your time & seats for the Carols Services
Children's gifts will be given away following each Carols Service to all children ticket holders

"Hampers of Hope" will be presented by the Salvation Army

Carols Services in the GECC Auditorium Theatre
3pm | 4:30pm | 6pm

Burgers | Sausage Sizzle | Drinks | Popcorn | Fairy Floss
Jumping Castles | Face Painting | Photobooth | Petting Zoo
Street Party will open from 3pm - 7pm

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