From the Principal

Last week I shared information about anti-domestic violence ideas being promoted by Education Queensland. I am very proud of one of our Year 6 students who has taken in this challenge, writing to me to suggest what she describes as a “Domestic Violence – Not in Our Town” campaign. Tiara Johnson, has suggested that the school adopt a purple-themed free dress day as a way to show our town, our community, that West stands against domestic violence.

On Tuesday 24 May, we will be holding our Under 8s Day – a celebration of young learners, working together and supported by their teachers and families as well as our Year 6 students.

We will be combining these TWO fabulous celebrations of our school community: we invite all students to wear purple to show their commitment to 'stopping domestic violence at the start’…we hope that all our visitors to Under 8s Day will also support us by also wearing purple.

Of course, students may choose to wear their school uniform if they prefer, and we will not be collecting any financial donations.

I thank Tiara for her very effective idea – she is showing us all how we can come together to make a better, safer, future for everyone.

2016 Improvement Focus — Punctuation Part 2

Students are then introduced to other punctuation:

**Apostrophes** are used in *contractions* to show that one or more letters has been missed out eg. don’t and to demonstrate possession or ownership of something eg. The girl’s book.

**Commas** - are used to separate items in lists eg. eggs, milk, bread, cheese and honey to separate clauses eg. The boy, who collected the parcel, went to school there.

To separate phrases eg. In the morning, in the afternoon and at night the machines worked.

**Quotation marks** demonstrate direct speech or when the exact words of a speaker are written eg. “That was a very good try!” yelled the coach.

**Brackets** are used to add information eg. The boy (and his mother) attended the show. Note that the sentence must make sense without the information in the brackets to be correct.

**Colons** are used to separate items from the main part of the sentence. Eg. She played many sports: netball, basketball, hockey, soccer and touch football.

**Semi colons** are used

To separate parts of a longer sentence which are closely linked eg. There are tigers; they are quite dangerous.

OR

To separate items in a series of descriptive items eg. They took the gear to the river; three large two hundred litre drums; several wide pieces of timber; a number of lengths of thick cord and a thick triangular piece of canvas.

**Ellipses** are used if a word or words are left out of a text or marks a deliberate pause. The person reading the text must use his or her comprehension skills to make sense of the text.

Eg. She went to the spot and … collected the parcel.

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**Upcoming Date Claimers**

- Prep—Year 3 Sports Day—19th May
- Year 4—6 Sports Day—20th May
- U8’s Day—24th May + Free Dress
- Year 3 Excursion—26th May
- Family Fun Night—17th June 2016
# 2016 TERM CALENDAR

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## 2016 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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

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[www.gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au](http://www.gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au)
Sports Day orders are now due. Parents may pre-order or may purchase from the tuckshop.

NO EFTPOS—Cash only

SPECIALS
Hamburgers $5.00
Chicken Fried Rice $4.00
Hot Chicken Wraps $3.50
Pop Corn .80c
Vegie Chips $1.80
JJ’s Burger Snack $1.50

SWPBS Focus:

This week’s SWPBS is RESPONSIBLE — by:
“Packing up and putting equipment back in the correct areas”

Uniform Shop

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Our new unisex shorts and combos have arrived.

Overdue notices were sent home last week. Could you please help your child/ren find and return their library books.

Breakfast Club continues in Term 2 in the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45.

Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.

Parents just a reminder as the weather gets cooler that students need to wear blue jumpers or tracksuit pants. NO Hoodies are allowed.

Just a reminder that student banking is on every Tuesday. If your child would like to commence student banking through Commonwealth Bank you can collect a package from the Administration Office.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED

We are in need of some more parent volunteers to help us on a Tuesday morning in the parent room. If you have a spare hour we would love to see you.
Under 8’s Day

Tuesday 24th May from 9:00am, all students in Years Prep to 2 will be involved in a range of activities on the main oval as part of Under 8’s Week. Our Year 6 students will be assisting teachers in organizing and presenting these activities to our P-2 students. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to come along and join us with the wide range of activities. See you there!

School Banking

School Banking Competition

School Banking is running a competition at West. All students need to do is bank 3 times between week 6 and week 9 and they will automatically go into the draw to win a Dollarmites Prize Pack and certificate. This is very exciting as someone at West will win this prize.

Good Luck

Lost Property

We have a number of items in our Lost property boxes. If your child is missing lunchboxes, hats, jumpers, containers etc. Please come and check out what we have. Our lost property boxes are located at the following classrooms:

* 2D—Under D Block
* 3E—Under A Block
* Prep C— P Block
* Some items are located at the Admin Office.
Prep—Year 3 Inter-House Sports Day Overview

- **8.55am**: Mark rolls in classrooms
- **9.00—9.10am**: *Assemble* on Oval in Year level groups (Prep, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3), within each year level divide into the Sports House groups.
- **9.15—11.00am**: *Rotations*
  - Throws: modified shot put, Fling the Ring, aim the ball, vortex throw
  - Jumps: high jump, long jump, carpet mats jump patterns, ladder jumps
  - Running Games: Flip It, Thepan, Stuck in the Mud, Snowball Tag
  - Relays: Square Relay, Egg & Spoon Relay, Noughts & Cross Relay, Over the Lava Relay

- **11.00—11.40am**: Lunch
- **12.00—1.30pm**: Sprints
  - Sprint order will be as follows:
    - Prep Girls
    - Prep Boys
    - Year 1 Girls
    - Year 1 Boys
    - Year 2 Girls
    - Year 2 Boys
    - Year 3 Girls
    - Year 3 Boys

- **1.30—2.00pm**: Second Break
- **2.00—3.00pm**: Prep—Year 2 back to classrooms.
G.W.S.S Athletics Days

Year 4—Year 6 Inter-House Sports Day Overview

8.50am: Mark rolls in classrooms and Assemble on Oval in House groups

9.00 – 11.00am: **Sprint Finals**
- Year 4 girls and Boys
- 10 Year old Boys and Girls
- 11 Year old Boys and Girls
- 12 Year old Boys and Girls

**200m Finals**
- 10 Year old Boys and Girls
- 11 Year old Boys and Girls
- 12 Year old Boys and Girls

11.00 – 11.40 am: Lunch

11.45 – 1.30am: Rotation Activities
- Each year level will rotate with teachers then at the activity break into house groups
- 26 mins at each activity, 6 min rotation within each major activity for house group, 5 min movement to next major rotation activity
  
  **Jumps:** Figure 8 Elimination High Jump—Standing Long Jump—Elimination Long rope skipping
  
  Ladder jump patterns Races
  
  **Throws:** Shot put (Foam Balls) - Discus (Frisbees) - Javelin (vortex) - Thong or Chicken Throwing
  
  **Relay activities:** Square relay—Egg and Spoon—Pool Noodle Relay—Team Giant Thong relay

1.30 – 2.00 pm: Afternoon Break
2.00 – 3.00 pm: Relays

**Presentations**

**Rotation Organisation**

**  26 mins per major rotation; 6 mins per each activity within rotation**

**  Appoint a leader in charge of group, to have stopwatch to be able to signal internal rotation of each group**

**  PA System set up for main rotation of each year level to new activity**

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G.W.S.S Athletics Days

Sports ribbons will be available from the school office. $1.00 per ribbon.

Blue meaning "Blue Sky"

Yellow meaning "Cool Waters"

Red meaning "House on the Hill or Hill"

Green meaning "Green Grass"

Capricornia Tennis

Sport Ribbons For Sale

Congratulations to Casey Llewellyn on being selected in the Capricornia Schools Tennis Team.

Sports ribbons will be available from the school office. $1.00 per ribbon.

Students can come dressed in their house colours on their sports day. Shirts must be sunsafe and closed in shoes must still be worn.

Puberty Clues Workshops

Gladstone Women's Health Centre are running Puberty Clues Workshops on puberty and menstruation for mothers and their daughters (grades 5 to 7) on the 11th May, 7th June, 9th August, 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 4 Camp—Capricorn Caves

All year 4 students have received their Year 4 Camp note, invoice and medical form. Parents please note that this year our Year 4 camp will be conducted between the 22 and 24 August, 2016. The students will be travelling to Rockhampton by coach and staying at the Capricorn Caves and stopping at the Rockhampton Historical Village for a Tour on Monday Morning. Accommodation is in Deluxe Cabins and all linen is provided.

Parents/Caregivers may make part or full payments, with the **balance due by Friday 5 August, 2016**. Please make sure you complete the permission and medical form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

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.

Year 3 History Excursion

This term the year 3’s are learning about Gladstone’s History. As part of this unit of work, an excursion to the Calliope Historical Village has been planned for Thursday 26 May. The children will travel by bus to the Calliope Historical Village where they will participate in a tour. Last week all year 3 students received their permission and medical forms. The cost of the excursion is $13.00. All forms and payments must be made by Wednesday 18 May.

Prep Enrolments—2017

Enrolment forms for 2017 are now available from the Admin Office. Student details will be required when a form is collected. 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.

Naplan

Congratulations to the 101 year 3 students and the 87 year 5 students who completed the NAPLAN assessments last week. The students should be extremely proud of themselves. They displayed courage for giving the assessments a go and persistence for completing each test to the best of their ability. Remember NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information about student performance. We are thinking positive and look forward to seeing the results.

Leanne Pearce (Acting Head of Curriculum) Debbie Howlett (Master Teacher) Chris Coleborn (Pedagogy Coach)
The P & C will be issuing our Major Raffle Ticket Books this week to the eldest child in the family. You will receive a $10 book and each ticket sells for $2.00.

Total Prize Value over $7000

Should you require more books please ask the office.

There will be weekly draws at assembly for ALL RETURNED SOLD TICKETS. Prize is a CD Player valued at $30.00

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL TICKET BOOKS ARE RETURNED SOLD OR UNSOLD TO THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE AS EVERY TICKET BOOK IS REGISTERED TO EACH CHILD.

If you are unable to sell your tickets please return them to the office ASAP so we can re-issue them to other students.

**Prizes have been generously donated by GWSS P & C and the following sponsors.**

- Village Roadshow Theme Parks
- Lagoons 1770
- Fruition Tuition
- Office National Auckland Street
- Ashmore Palms Holiday Village
- Curtis Ferries
- Aussie World
- Kmart
- Gary Lenz Mechanical
- Yoghurtland
- Gallery 67

**GWSS P & C Association Family Fun Night Raffle 2016**

**TICKETS: $2.00 EACH**

**1st Prize:** $1,000 ‘2 Nights at Lagoons 1770 for Family of 4 Includes Breakfast & a Family Pass on the Larc Afternoon Cruise

**2nd – 6th Prizes:** $690 Family of 4 VIP Village Roadshow Passes/$50 Fuel Voucher/$200 Accommodation Voucher at Ashmore Palms

**7th Prize:** $200 Tutoring Package at Fruition Tuition

**8th Prize:** $490 Passes for Village Roadshow Theme Parks & a $50 Accommodation Voucher

**9th Prize:** $300 Children’s Electric Scooter

**10th Prize:** $200 Boys Prize Pack includes Nerf Gun and a $50 Accommodation Voucher at Ashmore Palms Holiday Village

**11th Prize:** $200 Girls Prize Pack includes Nerf Guns and a $50 Accommodation Voucher at Ashmore Palm Holiday Village

**12th Prize:** $160 Child’s Bike and Helmet and $50 Accommodation voucher at Ashmore Palms Holiday Village

**13th – 18th Prizes:** $150 Grocery Hamper ($100) and Accommodation Voucher at Ashmore Palms Holiday Village

**19th Prize:** $110 Curtis Ferries Family Pass

**20th Prize:** $100 Tyre & Mechanical Voucher from Gary Lenz
Family Fun Night—50th Year Celebrations

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.

It’s that time of the year again and we are again preparing for our Annual Family Fun Night.

Donations are required for the P&C Family Fun Night Prize Wheel

* Vouchers for pizza, coffee, Meat, Seafood, Movies, Beauty, Bunnings and Liquor. If any of our West families are able to help in the way of these donations you can bring them to the office.

Year 4B & 4C

Are hosting the Lucky Dip Prize stall and they are asking for donations from the 4B/C families to ensure their stall is successful. Stationery items, matchbox cars, wrapped lollies, hair accessories, bookmarks, glitter shoelaces, keyrings, cards, stickers, tattoos, handballs are some examples.

Tickets are now available from the office
Family Fun Night—50th Year Celebrations

2A & 3A Family Fun Night
Cupcake Bar
We are asking families of 2A & 3A to help out by donating items for our Cupcake Bar.
Items can be: Cake mix packs, Icing Sugar, Oreo biscuits, Cream Cheese, MM’s.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year 4D and 4E are teaming up to make our Family Fun Night even more fun! We will be running two games - 'Ball Toss' and 'POP'. The game 'Ball Toss' will include four buckets (each bucket ranging in value). The more points the contestant wins the better prize they receive. ‘POP’ involves a wall of balloons in different colours with colour coded raffle tickets inside. Contestants pick a balloon, it is popped, revealing the tickets which relate to a prize.

To make these games engaging and successful for our P&C fundraising event, we are seeking donations of:

- Stickers
- Lollies
- Small inexpensive toys ranging from 5c - $1
- Larger toys under $2

If you are willing to donate, please drop donations to either Miss Josie’s or Mrs Smith’s rooms prior to the event.

We would also appreciate some parent assistance on the afternoon of the Family Fun Night event (Friday 10th June) to help set up our stall.

Thank you!
Melissa Josie (4D Teacher)
Cherisse Smith (4E Teacher)

5D’s 5 CENT EVENT:
Start collecting those pesky 5 cent pieces. You could help your child’s class win a pizza party. Each class will be given a container to fill during Family Fun Night Week and on the night – the first class to fill it with 5 cent pieces wins.

6A will be doing the coffee stall on Family Fun Night. The stall will need between 3-4 parent volunteers (30mins to 1 hour maximum to help throughout the night).

4D—Mystery Prizes
Community Notices

Gladstone Miniature Horse & Pony Extravaganza
21 & 22 May, 2016
Gladstone Showgrounds
Judge - Miranda Beasley
Showing starts at 9 AM Saturday & Sunday
Canteen, Camping & Stabling Facilities Available

SCHOOLS GET INVOLVED IN THE CTC ROCKY RIVER RUN
This year's CTC ROCKY RIVER RUN will be bigger than ever and all celebrities and primary students are invited to be part of the annual CTC ROCKY RIVER RUN ZOMBIE RUN.

CCT ROCKY RIVER RUN WILL DONATE $2 FOR EACH REGISTERED STUDENT TO THEIR PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

An Evening of Song
Fri 10th - Sat 11th June
7:30pm at 19 Dalrymple Dr, Toodoowa
Join us for an evening of music, elegance and canapés. With beautiful choral pieces performed by our Company of Voices. Featuring songs from: Wicked Coldplay Pitch Perfect Shrek and more!

St George ROOKIES 2 REDS
Valued at over $300
$60

LOCATION: Gladstone West State School
DATE: Little Legends - Monday 23rd May - Monday 20th June
Junior Champs & Future Stars - Thursday 26th May - Thursday 23rd June
TIME: 3:15-4:15
AGE GROUPS: 5-7 Little Legends, 8-9 Junior Champs, 10-11 Future Stars

REGISTER ONLINE AT ROOKIES-2REDS.com.au
OR CALL: 1300 030 180 EXT. 7430 (2341)