...continuing from last week:-

Stage 3
During Years 5 and 6, students begin to organise their writing to achieve the social purpose of the text being written.

They write well-structured sentences and use a variety of grammatical features effectively.

By the end of Year 6, most students are expected to:
• use their knowledge of grammatical features to write well-planned, cohesive and extended texts
• relate to their audiences through the subtle use of language, such as humour and irony
• use correct punctuation and experiment with punctuation, such as colons and exclamation marks
• apply their knowledge of spelling strategies and conventions to ensure a high level of spelling accuracy
• develop a personal handwriting style that will enhance fluency, speed and legibility

Stage 4
During Years 7 and 8, students apply their writing skills and strategies to write in all subject areas, in order to produce more sophisticated texts...

• analyse how writing achieves the specialised purposes of writing in different subject areas
• write well-structured and well-presented texts in each subject area
• use grammatical features and writing conventions to shape their writing
• make accurate use of technical and abstract vocabulary
• experiment with a variety of handwriting, layout and computer skills so that these can be adapted to a variety of specialised writing contexts.

From the Principal

For many of us, Friday night was a wonderful opportunity of celebrating our students.

Our netball and rugby league teams participated in the Regional Shield, in Rockhampton. Both teams were complimented by the competition organisers on their ‘fair sport’ attitude. We are very proud of both teams—their achievement, but also the ‘West spirit.’

Friday was also the final day of the instrumental music workshops for our strings and woodwind, brass, percussion musicians—beginners and continuing players.

I was part of the audience for the concert at Gladstone State High… while there is no doubt that our West musicians contributed to the fantastic quality of the performances, the shared efforts across the schools, the support and encouragement from the older students tutoring the primary students and the commitment and enthusiasm of the teachers were on show with every note played.

West is Best—AND Gladstone rocks!

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Upcoming Date Claimers

• 21st July—6.30pm P&C Meeting
• 22nd July Semester 1 reports sent home
• 3rd August Book Fair
• 5th August—Show Holiday
• 11th August Fun Run
breaches of the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 (National Law):
- hitting, slapping, pinching
- isolating
- yelling
- humiliating or belittling a child
- physically dragging a child

Discipline: The term ‘discipline’ is often associated with punishment and may suggest inappropriate and damaging methods of attempting to control children in order to change their behaviour. It is critically important to guide children’s behaviour in ways that support them to develop understandings and skills that assist them to manage their emotions and control their behaviour by themselves. Discipline, or punishment, does not contribute to this aim. Using appropriate behaviour guidance helps children to regulate their own behaviour so that they do not always rely on adults to guide their behaviour, although they will still need assistance much of the time.

Health & Well-Being

Sitting vs Standing
Sitting: What Researchers Say:
∞ For people who sit most of the day, their risk of heart attack is about the same as smoking.”
∞ “Today, our bodies are breaking down from obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, depression, and the cascade of health ills and everyday malaise that come from what scientists have named sitting disease.”
∞ “Prolonged sitting should be considered within occupational health and safety policies and practices just like other elements of posture.”

Ways to Stand More:
1. Walk more at work: Park your car farther away; take a long route to the restroom or mail room.
2. While computing, set a timer to remind you to stand up and stretch every half hour;
3. Stand up when you talk on the phone.
4. When watching TV, lose the remote; get up to change the channels.
5. Stand or exercise while you watch TV, or just stand and move around during pesky commercial breaks.
6. During intense gaming, stand up in between sessions and screen loads.

…and something to think about for our older students:
As our older students start to grow and develop towards puberty, it’s worth throwing a roll-on deodorant into their school bags, (spray deodorants can cause irritation for students with allergies or asthma)... growing up doesn’t have to uncomfortable or embarrassing.
Mathletics

As at the 31st July, the school will no longer be participating in the Mathletics program.

SWPBS: Using recess times AND before or after school, to go to the toilet

 Week 2 Focus:

**Responsible:** Using recess times, and before and after school, to go to the toilet.

At GWSS, learning time is very precious...a time to focus on our work and develop our understanding and knowledge. We all need to go to the toilet—but most of the time, we shouldn’t need to use class time to go to the toilet.

* When the morning bell goes—we should…Go to the toilet and wash our hands.
* When we go out for second break, maybe before we sit and eat—we should Go to the toilet and wash our hands.
* We know what toilets are for—they aren’t for playing, meeting friends or hanging out!

Attendance

**Attendance Data**

Week 1, Term 3

Overall attendance = 91.8%
- Monday: 88.2% (Oh, NO!)
- Tuesday: 92.6%
- Wednesday: 93.8% (Yippee!)
- Thursday: 92.3%
- Friday: 92.1%

Way to go Year 3… the ONLY year level to record more than 93% attendance for the week.

Sports/Music

**Eisteddfod Dates**

- Instrumental—Thursday 3rd September
- Singing Choirs—Tuesday 8th September
- Mime & Improve—Monday 14th September
- Speaking Choir—Year 3&4 Tuesday 15th September

Camp Update

**Year 3 Camp**

Our year 3’s will be attending an overnight camp in September at the Boyne Island Environmental Centre. Permission forms will be sent home early next week.

**Camp Dates are as follows:**
- Thursday 3rd—Friday 4th September
- Monday 14th—Tuesday 15th September
- Wednesday 16th—Thursday 17th September

Please note classes will be notified of their camp dates with the permission note.

P&C

**July P&C Meeting**

**TONIGHT!!!**

- **Where:** GWSS Staffroom
- **When:** 6.30pm
- **Who:** GWSS community members—everyone welcome
- **Why:** Support our kids

Uniform Shop

**SWPBS:** Using recess times **AND** before or after school, to go to the toilet

**Responsible:** Using recess times, and before and after school, to go to the toilet.
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

**It's simple to participate.** From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at our local Woolworths.

You can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for your local school or Early Learning Centre.
School Notices

**ANDY GRIFFITHS EXCURSION**

On 14 July, the Year 3 and 4 students had the opportunity to hear talented and hilarious author, Andy Griffiths, speak. He is one of Australia’s most popular children’s authors. Andy is best known for the Treehouse series, the JUST! books and The Day My Bum Went Psycho. Over the last 20 years Andy’s books have been New York Times bestsellers, adapted for the stage and television and won more than 50 Australian children’s choice awards. Andy, a passionate advocate for literacy, is an ambassador for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (which we will be supporting through a gold coin donation on our Book Week dress up day on 21 August) and The Pyjama Foundation.

The Gladstone Regional Library has a Many Storey Treehouses play space until the end of August and the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum has an exhibition of Terry Denton’s artwork – the Many Storey Treehouse exhibition – featuring artwork from the Treehouse books. There is an interactive display where participants can create their own storey on the treehouse. The exhibition will be launched on Monday 27 July, but has been open since 14 July. It will close on 22 August, so make sure you pop in over the next month and enjoy Terry’s art work.

We are conducting a School Run 4 Fun Program for the students as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on August 11. All monies raised will provide additional resources such as Sporting Equipment for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Nike, Sony, Apple, Disney Frozen, GoPro, Razor, Nerf and more. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise more money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a Big Family Holiday.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive a reward prize for their efforts. The more donations you receive the better prize(s) you can choose. You can even boost your prizes with the option to mix and match. More details are included in the attached Sponsorship Form.

A new way to help your child reach their fundraising goal is through online fundraising. Students who use online fundraising raise 5 times more! Simply go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/online, click onto the School Run 4 Fun image.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return along with your monies to your class teacher on or before August 11. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students. Happy fundraising!

Thank you in advance of your participation.

Cliff Daley & Margaret Mary Opstalten

Gladstone West State School
**BOOK FAIR**

Book Fair is on in Week 4 – Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August. It will be open from 8.00-8.50am and 3.00-3.30 pm each day, except for the Wednesday, as it is the Gladstone Show Holiday. Students in Years 3-6 may also purchase at first break. EFTPOS will be available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons ONLY.

If you can help at Book Fair either in the morning or afternoon, please see the Library staff by the end of Week three. Thank you.

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

Individual overdue notes went home yesterday for books that are overdue from Term 2 or earlier. Please assist your child to find their library book and return it ASAP, please. If you cannot find the book, letters for payment will come home in Week 3.

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**Student Absences**

Parents may report an absence in the following ways.
- Student Absence Line - 49797366
- Note to Class Teacher
- Absentee form through our NEW Skoolbag App.

Please note that ALL absences need to be explained.

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**Brekky Club**

Please note that Brekky Club is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mornings at the SEP Unit, commencing from 7.45am.

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**Regional Shield—Netball**

The girls played 7 games (5 of which were on Day 1!!) and fought hard every game to keep the scores close but unfortunately didn’t come away with a win this year. Results were as follows:

- GWSS v Berserker St: 4 – 12
- GWSS v Yeppoon: 5 – 10
- GWSS v Norville 2: 2 – 9
- GWSS v Moranbah East: 2 – 7
- GWSS v Emerald Nth: 2 – 6
- GWSS v Waraburra: 3 – 3

**Pennant Semi Final** GWSS v Allenstown: 1 – 6

I was very proud of how the girls conducted themselves throughout the competition, showing positivity and sportsmanship at all times. For a team that contained only 3 players with netball experience, they showed exceptional effort and spirit throughout the competition.

Thanks to
Mrs Tanya Sly (Coach)
Mrs Jill Schulke (Manager)
and Mrs Helen Cubis (Umpire).
Challenge Yourself

To climb
to the TOP
of Ubobo’s Mountain
(Mt Robert)

Sunday 26th July, 2015
Harmony Farm, Ubobo

Or enjoy a weekend camping
in the mountains.

Come anytime after lunch on Friday

Saturday:  2.00pm  Bush walk in the rainforest

Sunday:    7.00am  The Big Challenge

All ages and abilities will be catered for.

Winter activity for the
Boyne Valley Canoe Association Inc.

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