From the Principal

Oh My Goodness – we had an absolutely amazing time on camp! We made rafts (two that I was involved in building floated...WooHoo), splashed around in the pool and boogie boarded at the beach, both activities with trained life guards on call just-in-case; we also got rigged up for rock climbing and high ropes – well, the kids did – I supervised and gave lots of encouragement. We played team-building games that challenged our brains as well as finding ways to work together.

Massive battles of laser skirmish were staged around the camp, orienteering treasures were discovered and we ate (and ate and ate and ate).

We had our very own version of ‘Red Faces’ – I don’t think there are any shy students at West! Hilarious – I’m not sure I really understood what I was seeing, but, like everyone else, my tummy was sore from laughing.

I came away from the camp with a much richer relationship with all of the students, vast amounts of gratitude to Tamara Catford and Ryan Grayson for their enthusiasm and positive support for the students…and a new hero – Lachlan Stockdale became the ‘ropes’ man, making sure the belaying teams were prepared, watching the ropes for slack or tension and making sure that those ‘having a go’ were ready and comfortable AND he took over 500 photos across all activities. Thank you Locky!!

I also thank Hope Watson for developing a school-based camping program that she trialled with the students who did not attend camp – together this team has created a fun, exciting and educational ‘camp week’ that we will be implementing in 2017...a way to have the best of both worlds AND offer a more inclusive and accessible program for all students. Well done!

This is the last week of a 9 week term – and it has been a busy one. Thank you to all the teachers, teacher aides and non-teaching staff who keep the school running so smoothly. Thank you to the volunteers who make the school experience so positive for our students, and thank you to our students – after teaching in 3 states and 4 cities, our West Kids are the Best kids!

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Margie

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Upcoming Date Claimers

- Full School Assembly
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Family Fun Night—17th June 2016

Year 6 Camp at Yeppoon

WOW—What’s on at West
2016 Improvement Focus — Writing

Literary Devices

Different literary devices are used in writing to convey the message and engage the audience.

In narrative the students are taught to write about characters and setting. Early on they may just name characters and places but as they progress they are taught to engage readers by using descriptive language to describe the character or setting rather than just tell.

When writing persuasively students are taught to make their writing persuasive by using high modal verbs, for example instead of saying ‘could’ or ‘might’ they write ‘should’ and ‘will’. They are taught persuasive techniques such as using rhetorical questions i.e. Questions that they do not answer and to appeal to people emotionally, ethically and logically.

In procedural texts, such as a recipe, students use action words to explain what to do eg. pour, measure, mix.

Each type of text has its own devices that are particular to that text to make it purposeful and engage the audience.

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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STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
4979 7366

West is Best

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

www.facebook.com/GladstoneWestStateSchool
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.

Uniform Shop

From 11 April there will be a price increase on some of our Uniform items.

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Breakfast Club

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.

**SWPBS Focus:**

*This week's SWPBS is Responsible — by:*

“Arriving promptly at school”

Introducing KidsMatter Primary

We know that children thrive when they have a sense of belonging. The Kids Matter whole school approach assists schools to be the best possible places to nurture and support the wellbeing and academic achievements of all students.

Kids Matter Primary gives us access to the latest thinking and research on mental health and wellbeing including:

- Strategies to help build a positive school community
- Social and emotional learning resources for use in and beyond the classroom
- Practical ideas for working with families
- Specific guidance to help children with mental health difficulties.

KidsMatter Primary is a great example of a partnership between education and health. The partners are the Principals Australia Institute, beyondblue, and the Australian Psychological Society.

We are proud to announce that Gladstone West is a KidsMatter School and we will be continuing on with our journey in 2016.

Parents/carers and members of the community are invited to an introductory briefing which will be taking place at the GWSS library on Wednesday 23 March between 2pm-3pm. If you are interested in attending this briefing and wish to be involved please advise the office staff of your intent by Wednesday morning, or contact Melanie Pengelly 49797333 for more information.

Look forward to seeing you there!

*Successful schools start with healthy minds*

Melanie Pengelly
Hockey

Well done to our Gladstone West Hockey team that participated in the Twilight Hockey Carnival last Friday night at the Gladstone Hockey Fields. Mrs O said she was “very proud of the team, their skills improved with every game they played and they gave everything they had. Thank you to our wonderful parent and sibling supporters who cheered them on all the way”.

Back—Sam M, Jedd K, Jai M, Charlee P,
Front—Kayla M, Leila M, Macey P.

Free Dress Day

G.W.S.S will be having a Free Dress Day this Thursday 24 March. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation, and all proceeds will go towards the Brekky Club which operates at the S.E.P every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Tennis

All 2016 PREPS will have the opportunity to receive a Tennis Australia Hot Shots Shirt as part of our Tennis Australia Partnership Program. The students name will be recorded by Tennis Australia, but no personal details are shared. If you DO NOT wish for your child to receive a shirt please notify the office. Our school does receive funding for each child registered.

G.W.S.S Cross Country—Results

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Year 6 School Based Camp—14/3—18/03/2016

While most of our Year 6 students went to Yeppoon for their senior camp last week, some students stayed at school to also have a “camp experience”.

Throughout the course of the week, the students were involved in many activities which included:

- A morning session at “Splash Zone”
- Sausage sizzle
- Fitness activities with Mrs McEachran
- **Science activities- beach and school transections**
- Art activities- marine life mobiles and kite making
- An excursion to Tannum beach at the Millennium esplanade
- Cooking morning- golden syrup twisters, damper, pizza and garlic bread
- Movie afternoons

The students were great role models for our school, displaying SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviours during the week and enjoying each other’s company.

I would also like to say a BIG “Thank you” to Mrs Erin Boyle and Mrs Nardia Barnicoat for their assistance to ensure the students had a lovely time.

Mrs Hope Watson
(Class teacher)

If you have not yet returned your overdue library books could you please do by the end of this week.

Our Year 2’s have their last swimming lesson this week.

Thursday 24/03/2016

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.
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.

Extended Learning Program

Amelia, Kaye, James and Vandan attended an Extended Learning Program last week at Calliope State School.

Combined School Musical

A special mention to Alexis Morrissy who last year was selected to participate in the Combined Schools Musical, "The Addams Family". Alexis performed for a whole week in front of schools from across the Gladstone region. Congratulations Alexis.
Community Notices

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Parish wishes to advise that enrolment forms for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, are now available from the Parish Office at 38 Herbert Street.

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.

HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES

GREAT NEWS! HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES are available in Gladstone on a pay as you are able to basis for all young people aged 5-18yrs, thanks to MMAD & The Salvation Army! The classes are divided into age groups of 5-7yo, 8-12yo and 13-18yo. Classes were piloted with Australia’s Got Talent winners, Justice Crew, so get your groove on and get inspired! Where? The Salvation Army Centre on 198 Goondoon Street, Gladstone. Go to www.streetdreams.info to register your interest TODAY! HURRY places are limited and classes fill up FAST!
Community Notices

**School Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinic**

At the
GLADSTONE TENNIS AND SQUASH ASSOCIATION COURTS
TUESDAY 29TH AND WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH

Total Cost—$45.00 per child

9.00 AM UNTIL 4.00 PM BOTH DAYS
2 FULL DAYS OF TENNIS, FUN & GAMES
PRICE INCLUDES LUNCH & A DRINK ON WEDNESDAY

LOADS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

This clinic is presented by:

Further information please phone:
Dayle Mitchell – 0402932109 - 07 49722772
gdta@internode.on.net

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**Aussie Hoops**

LJ & Patty say
JUMP INTO IT!

Congratulations on participating in your Vicinity Centre Aussie Hoops sporting school program. We invite you to continue your path towards being the next basketball star by joining your local Vicinity Centre Aussie Hoops program, which is endorsed by Basketball Australia and Vicinity Centres.

**Aussie Hoops Centre:** Gladstone Basketball Association

**Program Start Date:** Wednesday April 27

**Time:** 3.30 – 4.15 pm

**Venue:** Gladstone West State School

**Price:** New – $20, Returning – $15

**Contact:** Ray Cooper - raycooper@telocity.com

Registering is easy! Visit www.peakbasketball.com.au, enter your postcode and search for programs by Gladstone West State School on the list provided.

When joining a local Vicinity Centre Aussie Hoops program, each new participant receives the Aussie Hoops Participant Pack including:

- Spaldeen Size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- FREE Sport Aussie Hoops warm-up singlet
- FREE Sport Aussie Hoops backpack

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**Gladstone’s Biggest Easter Egg Hunt**

**FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2016**

3PM – 5PM // ALF O’ROURKE DRIVE

SPINNERK PArk

Popcorn Drinks
Sausage Sizzle
Fairy Floss
Available for Purchase

Entry: Gold Coin Donation
Supporting The Pyjama Foundation

Lucky Door Prize
LGP MGP Vespa Scooter
Get your whole family active and eating well

The PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS for groups running in school term 2.

Enrolments closing soon - Groups commencing the week of 18 April.

The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours.

The program covers:

**Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.

**Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.

**Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

**Family focus** – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.

Kids love the PEACH™ program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH™ facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives.

The PEACH™ program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and funded by the Queensland Government.

The program will only be available in term 2, 2016 so register now.

LAST OPPORTUNITY to access the FREE program - don’t delay! Ask us about PEACH™ Online.