3 Weeks to Go!
With only 3 weeks to go, we are now coming into the school season where a lot of things are occurring eg. report cards, class listing, teacher placement, teaching assessment and Year 6 Graduation. Communication is obviously a key skill during this time, so reading the newsletter, skoolbag and Gladstone West Facebook page are very important. But please ask by ringing the office if you are unsure of how to view our weekly newsletter.

Class Listings and Teacher
If you requested your child/ren with a particular teacher or student/s, we have received these requests and will do our best to cater for them. Teachers also have input into classes as they know the students. This request period is closed and has been for the past two weeks. Please do not email or come into office to make requests as I have allowed for ample time for you to do this. When report cards are sent out in Week 10 all parents will be notified with what class their child will be in and who their teacher will be. I thank you in your understanding of this matter.

Thankyou
Can I firstly acknowledge the hard work and dedication that has gone into your child or children's education for 2016 from our staff this year. I wish them all a safe and enjoyable holiday. I would also like to thank those staff who are leaving us at the end of the year and I hope you find your new positions and roles exciting and challenging.

To the children of Gladstone West SS thank you for a great past 6 months, and enjoy your holidays and this time of year with family and be good for mum and dad.

Finally thankyou to the parents and carers for choosing Gladstone West SS for your child or children's education, I value your support and trust in us, and look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Have a Merry and Safe Christmas!!!!
Reminder school Starts back on Monday 23rd January.

Yours in Education
Damien Hoare
### 2016 TERM CALENDAR

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Tuckshop operates ONLY on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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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

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 weeks PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) is being — “Respectful” by:
“Using an inside voice”

I am SAFE
I am RESPECTFUL
I am RESPONSIBLE

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 absentee 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.

Remainder of year 2 swimming days are:

Tuesday 29th November
Thursday 1st December

Cheerleading

This is the final week of cheerleading practice.

Mrs O will be unavailable next Friday 2nd December due to commitments at the Carols by Candlelight.

Thank you to all the cheerleaders and parents for a wonderful 2016 year in cheerleading.
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 23rd November so that the bulk order to the manufacturer can be made prior to the end of the year.
Library News

Library borrowing for students have ceased for the year.

Please help your child/ren locate any overdue library books and return them to the Library ASAP.

Brekky Club

Breakfast Club continues in the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45am. Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.

Deadly Choices

Our Deadly Choice students have been learning about the importance of annual health check. As a part of the program all students must be up to date or complete their health check. For this to be possible Nhulundu health service is sending a Doctor and an Aboriginal Health worker to our school so that students can get their health checks here with minimal interruption to their schooling and family life. Year 5 & 6 Parents a letter has been sent home to inform you of your child’s appointment time. If you have any further questions please contact Jade Pengelly.

A huge congratulations to Laylanie who received the Club champion Trophy for level 4 WAG at the annual Gladstone Gymnastics Awards night. It’s so good to see students achieving in such a competitive sporting arena. It just goes to show with a touch of dedication, determination and support from family and friends the ability to achieve is endless. Congratulations Laylanie!!

Headlice

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.

Yallarm News

We have had a busy week here in the Yallarm room as well as some great achievements in the sporting arena.

With the hot weather the kids are enjoying coming in and playing board games, drawing and colouring in as well as doing some sculpture work with plasticine and making some deadly animals come to life.
Thank you to our School Banking Co-ordinator.

We would like to thank Sharon Jaques who has volunteered as our School Banking Co-ordinator for the past 3 years. Sharon will be finishing up as our Co-ordinator in 2016. We would also like to welcome Hayley Gorlick as our new School Banking Co-ordinator!

Our School Banking volunteers are vital in helping teach students the importance of saving regularly.

We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. Not only does the program reward children for saving regularly, but it is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Keep an eye out for our 2017 Back to School launch in Term 1 next year where you’ll find out about our new theme, new rewards and the Grand Prize competition!

Our final School Banking day for 2016 will be Tuesday 6th December. If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned on Tuesday 29th November. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017.

The following rewards are available for redemption:
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Wriggly Glow Worm
- Outback Space Savers Money Box
- ET DVD

50th Anniversary Tea Towels

There are still some 50th Anniversary Tea Towels still available for purchase. The cost is $20 for 1, $35 for 2 and $15 each for 3 or more. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one of these tea towels.
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

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.

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

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

2017 Scholarship Award Recipients

Congratulations to Lauren, Laylanie and Casey who were all presented with Scholarship certificates on parade last Friday. Lauren was presented by teachers from Toolooa State High School and Laylanie and Casey were presented their certificates by a representative from Gladstone State High School.

Well done girls!!
Gladstone West Choir

The Gladstone West Choir will be performing at this wonderful event. There may even be some happy little elves that you have seen around the school performing on the night as well.

Sporting Achievements

School Sport Australia Track & Field Championships

All the best to Lucy Brown this weekend who is heading to Sydney to compete in the Qld Schools Athletics Championships.

Lucy will be competing in the 100m and 200m sprints and the relay events.

Good Luck Lucy!!

Capricorn Schools Aquathon Trials

Congratulations to Kane Martin who last Monday competed in the 11—12 years Capricorn Schools Aquathon Trials in Yeppoon. Kane came away with a 3rd position and is now off to Hervey Bay in February to compete for the Capricornia Team.

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

**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

**CAN YOU HELP?**

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

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

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

RE/MAX
GOLD - GLADSTONE

**GECC'S CHRISTMAS Street party**

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER
3pm - 8pm
ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT, 500DOON ST

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT WITH:
- Christmas Market Stalls
- Live Music & Face Painting
- Tree Lighting at 6:45pm
- Visit From Santa
- Jumping Castle

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