Maths expert and parent, Associate Professor Janette Bobis from the University of Sydney, gives her top tips on how young kids can become confident in maths.

Have a positive attitude towards maths
"Many parents are scared of maths or think they just can’t do it, but it’s the worst thing you can tell your child," says Janette. "Parents are just so crucial as role models," she says. "When parents tell their children that they themselves can’t do it, it means they’re communicating messages that it’s OK not to be good at maths, which can carry all the way through high school."

Talk to your child about maths in everyday life
"We go about our everyday lives totally unaware of the maths we’re using for so many tasks," Janette says. Talking to children about how maths is important in their everyday life makes it relevant and real.

Some ideas are:
- cooking in the kitchen (measurement)
- operating a microwave oven (numbers and counting backwards)
- stacking containers in the cupboard (shapes)
- finding a certain house number down the street (counting by twos).

From the Principal
As part of our recent whole-school review, we were asked to arrange opportunities for the reviewers to speak with members of the school, Gladstone educational and civic communities. We realise that everyone has commitments, and the business of modern life is evident at all workplaces, so we were absolutely amazed by the willingness of so many to share their observations and experiences of the school.

Speaking on behalf of the students and staff, thank you
- Gail Sellers, Mayor Gladstone Regional Council
- Christine Hills, Gladstone SHS
- Kevin Howard, Volleyball Queensland
- Toby Adams, Stronger Smarter Institute
- Danielle Welsh, Kindergarten representative
- Julie and Sonya Ingra, Gooreng Gooreng people
- Tania Hall, Queensland Museum

And to the staff and students of Gladstone West State School—congratulations on a job well done.

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Upcoming Date Claimers
- 25th June—U8’s Day
- 26th June—26 Storey Treehouse Excursion—Year 2-4
- 15th –17th July—GYMC Workshops
- 16th & 17th July—Regional Shield
- 14th July—Andy Griffith Excursion
- 22nd July—Report Cards sent home
Reports will be sent home in **week 2, Term 3**.

An invitation to attend a Parent-Teacher interview will be included with the report.

Information about reporting—taken from the ‘reporting to Parents’ Guidelines, is included below.

Schools report to parents on students at the end of the semester in which the achievement standard is completed, the teacher makes an on-balance judgement about the student’s overall level of achievement for the achievement standard.

This judgement is based on the evidence of student performance in the assessment folio. It takes into consideration the most recent evidence.

In addition to providing written reports at least twice a year, schools offer parents opportunities to discuss their child’s educational performance at the school with their child’s teacher(s).

Reporting against what is taught and assessed:

Students are assessed and reported against the achievement standard for the year / band of years taught.

Reporting is based on evidence: Reports reflect:

- judgments about the quality of student learning, based on evidence collected during the reporting period
- the student’s most consistent level of achievement with consideration to more recent evidence.

The evidence of each student’s achievement is collected using a range of assessments aligned to the curriculum. This assessment folio provides the basis for reporting judgments about the student’s overall level of achievement in the learning area/subject.

Reporting uses on-balance judgments

Teachers make on-balance judgments about the quality of student work in the assessment folio, that is, how well the student has met those elements of the achievement standard that have been taught and assessed during the reporting period.

Questions that you might consider asking during Parent-Teacher Interviews...

- What is the ‘growth’ in learning my child has made over this semester?
- What is ‘next’ in my child’s learning journey?
- What learning goals has my child already achieved?
- How can I help my child achieve their learning goals?

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**Health & Well-Being**

Here are some tips:

- Involve your family in cooking
  - Share your skills - it's a great way to build a healthy relationship with food.

**Start with easy ones**

- Simple recipes which are simple and easy to follow.

**April in your Kids Cooking**

**Makes: 12**

**Prep time: 15 mins**

**Cooking time: 25 mins**

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1. Preheat oven to 180°C / 350°F. Fan forced. Grease a 12 hole (1/3 cup / 80ml) muffin pan.
2. Sift flour into a large bowl; add sugar and rolled oats; mix well; pour in combined milk, oil, eggs and pie apricot; mix just until combined.
3. Divide mixture evenly between muffin pan; sprinkle with extra rolled oats and divide pie apricot on top of each muffin. Bake 25 minutes or until golden.
SWPBS: Be a friend

**Week 10 Focus:**

**Respectful:** Being a friend to all students

At GWSS, everyone has the right to friends, being friendly is something everyone is expected to do.

**Looks Like**

- Kids playing together happily
- No-one sitting on their own

**Sounds Like**

- Kids laughing together
- Groups of students sitting and talking together
- "Come and play with us"
- "It's your turn"
- "Thanks for playing"

**Feels Like**

- Being part of a group
- Being included and accepted
- Feeling positive about being at school

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**Attendance**

**Data**

- Week 15-19 June: 93.3%
- Term 1: 94.2%  Term 2: 93%

**Semester Celebrations**

- 1 B: 95.21%
- 2C: 97.13%
- 3/4E: 96.2%
- 6B: 95.99%
- 6C: 96.11%

**Zero Heroes:** 10am 24th June

**Pizza Party:** 1.00pm Thursday 25th June

... 2C AND 3/4E

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**Sports/Music**

On Thursday, 9.30am the Toolooa State School instrumental music ensembles and bands will be visiting to play for our Year 3—Year 6 students.

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**Camp Update**

**Year 3 Camps**

The Year 3 over-night* camps will be held between 3—11 September, at the Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre.

Full details, including costs, will be sent home in week 1, Term 3.

*parents may choose their child attend both **DAYS** of the camp...

We are still looking for ideas for activities for

- BBQ, video school sleep-over
- Overnight camp-out on the oval
- Water adventure day at 1770
- Pool & pizza day

... we think a total program cost of $200, and parents can choose which activities their child attends.
2015 TERM CALENDAR

25th June - U8’s Day
26th June - 26 Storey Treehouse Performance Years 2-4
26th June - Last Day of Term 2
13th July - First Day of Term 3
14th July - Andy Griffith Excursion
15/16/17th July - Primary Music Workshop
16th & 17th July - Regional Shield Netball & Rugby League
22nd July - Report Cards sent home
6th August - Gladstone Show Holiday
7th August - QSO—Free Community Concert GECC

2015 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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School Notices

Assembly Changes

Prep—Year 2 Assembly will be as normal this week from 2.30pm.

Year 3-6 Assembly will be Friday from 9.00am—9.30am due to our year 3 and 4’s attending the 26 Storey treehouse performance at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre.

Congratulations to Rebecca and Ben on the safe arrival of

Aiden Henry West
on Thursday 18th June.

Refund Policy

Please be advised that money paid for excursions will not be automatically refunded due to non-attendance.

In the event that a student is unable to attend due to illness or a family crisis, a Medical Certificate must be provided in order for an excursion to be refunded.

Application for Refund forms must be received within two weeks of the completion of the excursion, and must be signed by the parent/caregiver, the Teacher, and the Business Services Manager.

Please refer to the School Prospectus for more detail regarding our Refund Policy.
**U8’s Day**


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**Enrolments—2016**

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

Enrolment forms for 2016 are now available from Reception. Student details will be required when a package is given out. Eligible students for Prep for 2016 must turn five on or before 30 June 2016.

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.

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**School Departures**

Attention Parents

If you are leaving GWSS at the end of this term please make sure you have made the office aware of your departure date and your forwarding address for your report card.

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**Sporting News**

**GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to all students who represented Gladstone West at the recent Gladstone Interschool Track and Field trials. All students performed to the best of their ability with outstanding sportsmanship and peer support.

The following students will be competing with the Gladstone team at the Port Curtis Trials which will be held on 24th July:

Harrison Cowburn, Lennox Evans, Jacob Brine, Jake Lyle, Ryan O’Connell, Rocio Perez, Lucia Perez, Angie Perez, Maddison Willis, Shawna Johnson, Ehly Nelson, Brooke Formosa, Clara Furness, Maja Radisic, Zoe Larkins, Kayla Rogers

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**Family Fun Night**

The tireless and Oh—My—Goodness incredible work of our trusty P&C band of helpers together with our wonderful teachers, have managed to raise just under … $18 000!!!

This is an amazing total—remembering that we no longer have Year 7s and Gladstone as a whole is experiencing some difficult financial times and uncertainty.

Great job everyone!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

At the
GLADSTONE TENNIS AND SQUASH ASSOCIATION COURTS
MONDAY 29th AND TUESDAY 30th JUNE

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 TUESDAY

LOADS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

This clinic is presented by: Robert McBean’s tennis school

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