Welcome back for the 2017 school year at Gladstone West State School, I hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

At the end of last year I decided to make the decision based on our enrolments at that time to create our 29th class.

I would like to welcome our new staff and also welcome returning staff after a well-earned Christmas break.

We have had a last minute change, which was unforeseen. Miss Palmer who was supposed to be on 2B has transferred out, this has come as a shock, and due to last minute my priority was to find a classroom teacher for 2B. So I apologise to any parents who have found this change confronting or not what they expected, but the communication of this change was unable to be done exactly how I would have preferred it due to last minute.

**TEACHING STAFF**

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**Upcoming Date Claimers**

- Year 2 Swimming
- Year 3 Swimming

Yours in Education

Damien Hoare
2017 TERM CALENDAR

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Tuckshop operates ONLY on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

2017 TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Volunteers will be required to help in the tuckshop. If you are interested please come and see Kaye.

NO Foreign Currency accepted and NO EFTPOS available

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

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**Opening times for Uniforms in 2017**

New operating times will commence on
Monday 30th January
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8.30am—9.00am

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**PBL Focus:**

*This week's PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) is being — “Safe” by:*

“Sitting quietly in lines waiting for an adult”

“Responsible” by:

being prepared and organised for learning

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**PBL — West Star Process**

All children will be starting on ‘ready to learn’ at the beginning of each session. If at the end of the session they are still on ‘ready to learn’ they receive a star for that session. Children are able to receive the maximum of 3 stars a day. If children are stepped down the star chart they do not receive a star for that session. At the end of each day the teacher will record their stars on their recording sheets. At the end of each week the class teacher records students total on the PBL spreadsheet.

★ Students' points are accumulated up until 100 where they will receive their certificate for reaching one of the coloured star levels. This may take some children longer than a term to achieve. Once they have received a certificate their points will reset and they will begin to work towards the next coloured level by earning 100 points again. Students will work their way through the mid-term acknowledgments again as they accumulate points.

★ Children that have started at West during the year will be given points based on when they arrived at school e.g. Someone beginning in week 4 of term 1 will receive 60 points as their starting total. These children will work towards the next star status.

★ If children are away for a day they do not receive any points.

★ No points are added or taken for playground incidents—stickers and verbal praise for positive behaviour.

Please note that this will be taking over from our previous PBL which was our BEST OF WEST award system. If you have any queries in regards to the new PBL reward system please see your classroom teacher.
New Before School Procedures

New Before School Procedure.
Due to duty of care of students and students being dropped off at school early, we have put the following process in place.
The following will be explicitly taught to students about our new before school procedures, but please remind your children at home.

Process:
- All students who arrive before 8:00am must sit and wait for the 8:00am bell under C Block (the Year 5 Eating area). For Term 1, Prep students are required to be dropped off and collected from their classroom, so no Prep student should be dropped off to their class before 8:30am.
- At 8:00am, a bell will ring signalling students can go out to play. Students must wear a hat (including on the basketball courts) or they will be directed to remain seated under C Block.
- Play spaces are as follows:
  - Year 1 and 2: play on the covered fort below the Year 3/ 4 oval.
  - Year 3 and 4: play on the Year 3/ 4 oval or the Year 3/ 4 basketball court.
  - Year 5 and 6: play on the Year 5/ 6 oval or the Year 5/ 6 basketball court.
- Students found anywhere else throughout the school between 8:00 and 8:30 are to be directed to these areas or to sit under C Block;
- At 8:30 a bell will ring to signal the end of play time. The teacher aides on duty will direct students to begin organising themselves for the day – get a drink, fill water bottles, go to the toilet, drop off tuckshop orders, return borrowed books to the library etc. Students are expected to be moving towards their allocated classroom through this time;
- At 9:00 a bell will ring to signal the start of lesson time.

SMS Services
Gladstone West State School will again be using SMS messaging to ask parents to inform us of their child’s absentee. This reason will improve our unexplained absentee data
Please make sure that your details are up to date.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club continues again in 2017 at the SEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45am. Parents please inform the SEP if your child has any food allergies.

Year 2 Swimming
Year 2 Swimming commences Monday 30th January. Permission & Medical notes went home today. Cost of the swimming lessons is $65.00.

Monday 30th January
Thursday 2nd February
Monday 6th February
Thursday 9th February
Monday 13th February
Thursday 16th February
Monday 20th February
Thursday 23rd February
2017 G.W.S.S. Leaders

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their leadership badges for the 2017 year.

Captains
Finlae Harris & Kane Martin

Vice Captains
Ella Grambauer & Zachary Breadsell

Student Leaders—Front Row—Ella Grambauer, Kane Martin, Finlae Harris, Zachary Breadsell, Bella Heathwood, Jamen Daley
Back Row—Jana Taha, Ratidzo Mabukwa, Alahnie Rozycki, Taylah Cunningham, Kaye Ng, Isabelle Anderson, Amelia Williams, Kholeen Narvas, Hailey Dibben
School Banking

School banking packs have been distributed to Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 today. We will distribute banking packs to Years 3-6 next week. If you are already a school banker, please keep the rewards tokens that are in the school banking pack.

If you would like to be a school banker from 2017, Youthsaver accounts can be opened online by parents who bank with Commbank, as well as those that don’t.

School banking starts officially on the 31st January.

Hayley Gorlick
School Banking Co-Ordinator.

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Gladstone West State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to hand in your deposit book, with completed deposit slip and money, to your classroom teacher.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)
The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park—a fantastic playground in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

**Encouraging savings habits with great rewards**

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you’ll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

**Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland**

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner’s nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Community Notices

Gladstone Junior Golf Lessons

TERM 1

Junior golf lesson start Wednesday 8th Feb, 4.15pm - 5.15pm
Thursdays 9th Feb 3.30pm - 4.00pm or 4.15pm - 5.15pm
finishing 29th and 30th March.
please call
Gladstone Pro Golf Shop 49782649

ALLSTARS
Multi-sport Program for Prep to Year 3

ALLSTARS IS A GAMES BASED PROGRAM THAT GIVES CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A NUMBER OF SPORTS IN A FUN AND SOCIAL SETTING.
The program is ideal for children who enjoy playing a variety of sports. Each week we focus on one particular sport and play a series of modified games that provide children the opportunity to develop specific skills and an understanding of the tactics of the game. The program is held after school on your school oval.

Ph: 1300 367 980 • www.kindysport.com.au
info@kindysport.com.au • www.facebook.com/kindysport

Gladstone West State School Term 1 Program
Free Come & Try Day: Tue 31st Jan on school oval, 3.15 – 4pm
8 week program commences: Tue 7th Feb on school oval, 3.15 – 4pm, $100