Parents often ask “How can I help my child…”
Supporting your child develop confidence when reading

The goal of reading is to understand (make sense) of what is, read, so always keep this in mind when you are prompting and praising your child. Remember, if you are relaxed, interested and supportive, your child will feel OK when they make mistakes or just can’t work out a word and need to be told what it is.

Pause,
Once your child starts reading aloud carefully follow the text as they read. If (or when) your child comes to a word they don’t know try not to jump in straight away and supply the correct word. Wait and give your child time to work out the word.
In the first instance ‘pausing’ creates an opportunity for your child to try and self-correct or work out the word for him/herself.

Prompt…
If your child successfully supplies the word they have stumbled over … suggest they go back to the beginning of the sentence and re-reads the whole sentence again (to recap meaning) before reading on. If your child has not independently worked out the problem word, at this point you may intervene and prompt them with some quick, low-key suggestions about what they could do.
Say things like:
– Try reading on for a sentence or two, miss out the difficult word and see if that helps you to work it out what it is.
– Look at the sound the word begins with, use that clue and think about what might make sense here. Look at the pictures and see if they give you a clue to what the word might be.
– Go back to the beginning of the sentence, re-read it and have another go at working it out.
If prompts like these are not working, this is the point at which you simply tell your child the correct word. After a short time ‘prompting’ say:
– Would you like me to help you? or

How about I tell you the word? You may even briefly explain the meaning of the word but then quickly prompt your child to continue reading.
Try not to spend too much time prompting as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.

Praise
This is the easiest part of the process for any parent because it’s something that comes naturally! Praise your child’s reading efforts and successes whenever you think it is appropriate during the reading process.
As well as praising their effort it is often good to tell them why, For example you might say:
– Well done, I thought it was brilliant the way that you went back, re-read the sentence from the beginning and worked out that word you were having trouble with.

From the Principal

Birthday presents, special treats, toy collections, swap cards, sporting equipment and electronic devices are things that many of our students are understandably very proud to show off, and they like to bring collection of ‘equipment’ that is available to be borrowed at both play breaks.

Electronic devices—mobile phones, or I Pods, for example, need to be handed in to teachers so that these special items are not accidently broken or misplaced.

Each of our classes has a

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Upcoming Date Claimers

• 1st June—Year 3 & 4 History Excursion
• 4th June—Prep—Year 2 Athletics Carnival
• 5th June—Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
• 25th June—UN’s Day
• 26th June—26-Storey Treehouse Excursion
Well-Being Focus
365 Sun Safety
There is no link between UV levels and how hot or cold the temperature is.

UV levels generally peak around the middle of the day, whilst the temperature may still be rising towards its maximum in the afternoon.

Cancer Council Queensland: the relaxation of SunSmart habits was due to misconceptions about chilly temperatures & vitamin D requirements.

Sun protection is required when the UV Index is 3 and above - even on cloudy, cold and overcast days.

In Queensland, the UV Index is 3, & above all year round - sun protection is required all year round.

Yallarm Yarning
Some Gooreng Gooreng words
Duppeel—children
Toogoongool—stars
Ngheeree—day
Nyoolmin—night
Narnooloom—moon

Family Fun Night
Some 2015 Updates…
Monster FFN Raffle GOODIES…
♥ Scooba Floor Washing ‘robot’
♥ Mario Cart Premium Pack
♥ LG TV

Please return raffle tickets AND unsold raffle Books by Tuesday 9 June
SWPBS

**Week 6 Focus:**

Safe—“Holding onto the handrails when going up and down the stairs”

For this week’s behaviour goal, when we use the stairs, it is important to remember to hold onto the handrails so we remain safe and don’t injure ourselves or others. Always behave sensibly around these areas in the school by not running up or down them. Your safety is very important!

Also, Gladstone West has a number of native wildlife living within our gardens, trees and shrubs. Putting rubbish into the bins will keep these beautiful creatures safe so they don’t mistake a plastic wrapper as something to eat.

**Attendance**

1 May—26 May 2015

Whole School: 92.9%
- Prep: 91.6%
- Year 1: 92.7%
- Year 2: 94.8%
- Year 3: 92.3%
- Year 4: 91.9%
- Year 5: 92.3%
- Year 6: 94.6%

4 weeks left in this term… which classes will exceed 95% attendance?

95% OR class with best attendance data…Pizza Party!!

**Library**

Many thanks to our wonderful band of ladies that covered the new books! Thank you Cheryl, Meta, Tanya, Shannon, Jenny, Brandy, Heidi, Lisa and all who have popped in and done a few books here and there.

**Year 5 Camp**

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**Tuckshop**

**Sports Day Tuckshop Orders**

All tuckshop orders must be pre-ordered by students, staff and parents. Forms have gone home to students in Years 3—6. Please complete an individual order form for each person’s order with a brown paper bag and return it to the tuckshop by 1.30pm this Friday 29th May. Late orders can not be accepted. Food will be available for parents who do not pre-order, by they must realise that their choice may be restricted.

**Uniform Shop**

ALL SHORTS IN OUR UNIFORM SHOP HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO $10.00

**P&C**

**Family Fun Night: 12 June 2015**

**Yummy Food for Every Taste!**

For those of us who might enjoy a veggie OR chicken burger (not cooked on the BBQ), pre-orders are being taken now. Forms have been sent home with all families. Please make sure when returning your pre-order burger forms that the correct money is enclose.

Steak burgers, sausage sandwiches and hot chips will be available across the counter in the night.

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This is just a gentle reminder that there will be no instrumental music Band / Ensemble rehearsals before school, or lessons during the day, on Friday 29th May, as all IM teachers are involved in the QSO - High Schools instrumental music workshops at the GECC.

We have a number of items that have been handed into the Administration office. If you think any of the items below may be yours, please come in and see the ladies at the office.

- Water bottles
- Key
- Hats
- Ring
- Toys
- Bracelet
- Thong
- Umbrellas
- Bike Chain
- Watch
- USB

Enrolment packages 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.

Complete 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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<td>Parents may report an absence in the following ways.</td>
<td>Following is a list of excursions that our school is participating in over the next few weeks. Please take note of when they are and when money is due in by.</td>
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<td>• Note to Class Teacher</td>
<td>26th June—26-Storey Treehouse Performance—Years 2—4—Payment due by 11th June.</td>
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<td>• Absentee form through our NEW Skoolbag App.</td>
<td>14th July—Author—Andy Griffith at GECC—Payment due by 11th June.</td>
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<td>Please note that ALL absences need to be explained.</td>
<td>Please make sure all forms are returned with payment.</td>
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<td>Pink absentee notes went home with students this week, could you please return with an explanation of your child/ren's absence ASAP.</td>
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<td>The daily wearing of the School Uniform is compulsory at Gladstone West State School.</td>
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<td>As the weather is getting cooler we do ask that parents please make sure that your children are wearing Royal Blue Jumpers, No hoodies are to be worn.</td>
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<td>Shorts are to be royal blue NO BLACK shorts.</td>
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<td>Our Uniform shop is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 8am—9am.</td>
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Family Fun Night

WEEKLY WINNERS – Raffle
Prep – Memphis Hibble—Prep D
Year 1—Chloe Rawson—1C
Year 2 – Caleb Neylon – 2D
Year 3— Shayla McLees—3C
Year 4 – Tage Bergstrom—4B
Year 5 – RJ Bellchambers – 5C
Year 6—Connor Brown—6B

Congratulations to the above winners for returning their raffle ticket books. If any families are unable to sell their raffle tickets please return them to the office ASAP as we have families wanting to sell more. Thanks to all the families for the prompt return of the tickets so far. Raffle Tickets are due back on Tuesday 9th June.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT DOLL & TEDDY
COMPETITION
Year 2D and Year 2E will be holding the “Doll and Teddy Bear” competition as their class stall. The competition is open to students from Prep to Year 6. Categories that families can collect money for are:

- The Best Dressed,
- The Cuddliest and
- The Trendiest

A permission form for your child to enter and receive a money box is attached below and are available from Mrs Russell or Miss McMullin. Families may ask friends and relatives to sponsor their doll by placing a coin or coins in the money box. Prizes will be given to the students who raise the most money for their entry in each category.

Dolls, teddies and money boxes should be brought to school and taken to Mrs Russell’s or Miss McMullin’s classroom on the morning of the Family Fun Night, Friday 12th June. The winner of each category will receive a $20 gift card.

Please return the permission form to Mrs Russell (2E) or Miss McMullin (2D).

DOLL & TEDDY” COMPETITION ENTRY FORM
I give permission for my child…………………………………………………………
in Class _______to take part in “Doll and Teddy” Competition for Family Fun Night.

* Bake Stall * Show Bags * Doll & Teddy
* Crazy Hair Spray * Cup Cake Icing Bar
* Dunk Tank * Tattoos * Face Painting
* Party Raffle * Bottles
* Kindy Sports * Disco * Sand Sticks
* Glow Products * Mystery Parcels * Chips

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SHOW BAGS
Our year 6’s and 4C are running the Show Bag Stall. We are in need of donations to fill our show bags. We are after items like caps, water bottles, individually wrapped lollies or chocolates, balloons, stickers, tattoos, pencils, erasers, small bags of chips, Funny Face ice-blocks (liquid kind that can be frozen later), PopTop drinks, or anything you think would be suitable for a sample bag.

If you are connected with an industry or business that could donate any of the above items, please contact the school and the teachers will come and collect the items.

Thank you so much for your support.

Ride tickets are available for purchase from the school office. Payment by cash, cheque or eftpos.