**Changes to Before School Procedure**

Further changes have been made to our before school procedures. Please note the below changes in **RED/BOLD** have been put in place starting tomorrow 1st February. Changes are due to teachers rostered hours of duty and not being able to fully supervise students before school. Please remind your child about the 8am—8.15 procedure. Thank you.

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 **8:15am** must sit and wait for the **8:15am** 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 **8:15am**, 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 8:45** are to be directed to these areas or to sit under C Block;
- At **8:45** 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.

**Yours in Education**

Damien Hoare

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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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### Opening times for Uniforms in 2017

**New operating times will commence from**

- **Monday 30th January**
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

8.30am—9.00am

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### PBL Focus:

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

“Walking safely on concrete, ALWAYS”

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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.
**Late Arrival**—Students arriving at school after 9.00am must sign in at the office, before continuing to their classroom. It is preferred that parents/caregivers sign students in and include the reason for the late arrival.

**Early Departure**—From time to time, parents/caregivers may need to collect their students from school prior to the formal end of the school day. Students must be collected from the Admin office area. Students must be signed out by a parent/caregiver, or by a responsible adult nominated by the parent/caregiver. Students cannot sign themselves out of the school.

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**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.

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**Year 2 Swimming**

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

- Thursday 2nd February
- Monday 6th February
- Thursday 9th February
- Monday 13th February
- Thursday 16th February
- Monday 20th February
- Thursday 23rd February

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**Yallarm News**

Hi my name is Jade Pengelly the Community Education Counsellor here at West School. I would like to take the time to introduce myself to all of our new families and also welcome back to school all our existing families. My role involves providing educational counselling and support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to equip them for the development of learning and participation at school. This involves connecting with students, school staff, community and family of students to ensure that the finest knowledge is obtained to support each individual student.

If Parents/Grandparents and or Caregivers wish to contact me for any reason please do so via the office. My working days are Tuesday - Friday. The Yallarm room has moved and is now found in B block for those who wish to stop in and say hello, please feel free to do so.
School Safety

**Attention Parents**

Parents are not to be driving into the school via the Quoin street entrance to drop off or pick up students. This is reserved only for Students with Disabilities who have arrangements already put in place or sometimes students with a major injury requiring drop off which has been approved by the principal.

No other vehicles are to drive into the school as student safety is compromised.

Thank you.

Medication

Parents/caregivers are reminded that all medication given to students at school must be prescribed by a doctor, a medication form must be completed and medication stored at reception where it will be administered to students. Parents are asked to ensure a CURRENT green medical authorisation form is completed.

**EPIPENS**

Please make sure you have replaced any EEpipens that may be out of date. These are stored at the office (unless alternative arrangements have been made). A new green form must also be completed for 2016, at the office. Please update any action plans and contact details at the office if needed.

Volunteers

Any parents wanting to volunteer in their child/ren’s classroom or Tuckshop must come down to the office and fill in a new Volunteers form for the 2017 Year. All Volunteers must sign in at the office and collect a lanyard to be worn while in the school grounds.

ICAS Competitions

Information for the upcoming UNSW ICAS competitions will be going home with all students from Year 3—6 in the next week. Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. The objective of these competitions is to help parents gauge the progress of their child against children in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task.

There are a variety of competitions to enter, each of which cost $8.00, apart from spelling ($11.00) and writing ($17.00) as they are marked individually. Parents can enter their children in as many of these as they choose. To make the most of this opportunity parents must pay in advance for these competitions. The due date for payments is Friday 24 March. Unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted, as these payments need to be forwarded interstate.

Last year many of our children received “academic excellence awards” and we encourage parents to talk to their children to consider taking on this challenge. Children do not need to sit for each competition, but should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. eg: if they’re good spellers, try the spelling competition!

Parents please note that our Year 2 students are only eligible to sit the Spelling Competition.

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School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on 28th February & 1 March 2017

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school. 

**Envelope Orders:** photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code **DGC 4HZ XWE.** This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. **Sibling/Family Photos** can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for **Sibling/Family Photos** will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. **All online orders** should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. **The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.**

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection

* Photo envelopes have gone home TODAY with every student at Gladstone West School.
* Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the Admin Office.

Oral Health Services

**Oral Health Services: please read regarding changes in appointments.**

We are welcoming all children to attend our free dental service at Gladstone West State School.

All consents have been collected at the end of the 2016 school year, however if you missed out in returning a form or you are new to the school please call into the dental clinic on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays - our staff will be happy to give you a consent to complete. We will issue consent forms to Prep students in term 2, to allow them to settle into school first.

There have been **changes to our service** in the last few months. Our guidelines in appointments have changed in line with improved child safety. This major change is - **Oral Health staff no longer collect children from class or call them down via the office.** The Clinic staff will now ask a parent or other responsible adult to be responsible for the children attending our clinic. This may mean that the child, if old enough will be able to attend alone- as long as they are aware of the appointment time and it is arranged with the school by the parents. As always we will ensure that written consent is received prior to treatment.

It is understood that this change will be inconvenient at times and wish to assist you as much as possible; we respect that our families have busy lives and, although difficult at times, your wishes will be met when we are able.

If you are unable to attend an appointment please phone West School Dental Clinic 49729364 so we can see another family at that appointment time.

I hope you take up the opportunity to receive free comprehensive and quality Oral Health care for your family while we are on site at your school.

Kind regards

Dianne Degney (Principal Oral Health Therapist)
Parent Information Afternoons

Parent Information Afternoons - Week 3

Next week, each year level will be holding a parent information afternoon. Each meeting will run from 3.15pm to approximately 4.15pm. The teachers will discuss school and year level routines and expectations. It would be great to see as many parents as possible. Please see below for each year level’s day and venue.

**Prep** – Tuesday 7/2 in LO2 (PYA)

**Year 1** – Tuesday 7/2 in BO6 (1D downstairs)

**Year 2** – Thursday 9/2 in D06 (2A)

**Year 3** – Monday 6/2 in DO1 (3A)

**Year 4** – Thursday 9/2 in A09 (4E downstairs)

**Year 5** – Thursday 9/2 in CO1 (5A)

**Year 6** - Wednesday 8/2 in QO2 (6A)

School Banking

School banking packs have been distributed to years 3-6. Please keep the reward tokens that are in this pack.

We will need some more school banking volunteers this year. If you are interested, please come and see us on Tuesday mornings in the Parent Room (Under C Block) from 9am.

*Hayley Garlick*

*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](http://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 up 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

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#### Wallaby Junior Rugby League Football

All new and existing players can register via the link on our facebook page.

Members of our committee will be at the Wallaby Fields this Thursday from 4.30pm for anyone needing assistance.

Any Enquires please contact

President Darren: 0418740783

*Players needed in all age groups*

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#### Gladstone Junior Basketball

**Aussie Hoops Afterschool Program**

**Kev Broome Stadium 3.45 – 4pm Thursdays**

Starting this Thursday the 2nd February (8 weeks)

$90 for new participants

( Includes a backpack, singlet and basketball)

$65 for returning players

For girls and boys aged 5 – 7 years.

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Aussie Hoops Gladstone Coach / Coordinator – Ray Cooper Raycooper221@gmail.com

Gladstone Junior Basketball Administrator - galtao@gmail.com

REGISTER ON LINE AT [www.gladstone.basketball.net.au](http://www.gladstone.basketball.net.au)