Everyday Counts
Students need to attend school five (5) days a week. All absences must be explained. A phone call to the student absence line 4979 7366 or a note as soon as the student returns is welcomed. Parent support is appreciated.

Attendance Check Up
I usually include a summary table of our attendance data (at this stage our overall rate of attendance is 94.8%) – but I thought I’d include our actual figures this week. Our overall rate of absence is 5.2%. We are very close to our 95% target (5% absence) – with some effort we could make that figure by the end of term! Can we do it – YES WE CAN!!

Sportspower Girls Soccer Challenge
Yesterday’s game was against Calliope. West played a great defensive game with 10 – 0 to Calliope as the final score. Next week’s game is at 4.00 on Field 1 against Benaraby for 7th and 8th place. An apology to players and parents for missing the previous game against Kandie and Karen. We encourage families to engage in these competitions. All students will be encouraged to form a summary of their results.

Six-A-Side Soccer Challenge
Pictured above are some of the eleven Year 5 students who travelled to Benaraby State School to compete in the six-A-side inter-school soccer last competition. With all Year 6 and 7 students on camp in Brisbane, these students rose to the challenge of competing against older, bigger and more experienced opponents.

They played very well, and continued to improve throughout the day, finishing 3rd in the division with 4 wins and 1 draw. The parents and grandfathers who came down to cheer us on, even sitting in the rain to support some of our matches!

Port Curtis Selection
Congratulations to the below students who have made Port Curtis teams for our netball and rugby league. U11s Netball – Trista Zagari, Hannah Williams and Chloe Martin. U12’s Netball – Arielle Mackey. U11’s Rugby League – Dante Hakavalu and Jason Twigge. All the best for the coming Upcoming Capricorn Trophys.

Volunteers
Any parent volunteering in the classroom or tuckshop must fill in a Voluntary Workers Registration Form for 2014. This can be collected from the Administration Office.

Easter Bonnet Parade P-2 Friday 4 April
You are invited to our annual Prep – 2 parade in the Covered Sports Area on Friday 4th April. Our program goes from approximately 9.00am – 9.45am. Parents & community supporters are most welcome. Please sign in upon arrival.

Unsw Competitions 2013
Gladstone West will be participating in these competitions again in 2013. A letter to parents of students in Years 3-7 has been sent home. If you wish to participate in any of or all of these competitions, please complete the form permission indicating which competitions and send along with payment by Tuesday 1st April. We encourage families to engage in these competitions. All students will be encouraged to form a summary of their results.

Library News – Book Fair
Book Fair commenced on Friday 21 March. Book Fair sales continue in Week 9 for 3 days ONLY - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Book Fair will be open on these days from 8.00-8.50am and 3.00-3.30 pm, with the P&C EFTPOS machine being available for use on these 3 afternoons only. Book Fair will also be open at second break Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for sales to students in Years 3-7. Students can bring their pre ordered books on Book Fair before school. All students attending Book Fair after school must be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure your child brings money in a wallet and if they are bringing more than $20, let them know how much they can spend at Book Fair. Book Fair will help us greatly. Thank you, Freyja and Anne Marie.

SWPBS
Being organised - Make sure you are ready to learn. When the bell goes make sure your area is tidy, get the toilet a drink and move quickly to your class line. When in class make sure you have your equipment ready and your space clear and tidy.

Parent tip: Family rituals and traditions: The daily rituals and things you do on special occasions build a sense of belonging, security and contentment. Daily rituals can be how you say goodbye, and what you do at mealtimes and bedtimes. It is good for families to celebrate special occasions (e.g. birthdays, Christmas and Name Days) and have traditions for what happens at these times.

Tuckshop Roster
Wednesday 26 March
Brenda Lyons 9.00am – 11.00am
Helen Whitten 11.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday 27 March
Shannon Nato 9.00am – 11.00am
Lisa Plumridge 11.00am – 1.00pm
Karen Snow 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Friday 28 March
Brandy Kyle 9.00am – 12.00pm
Lynda Fieldes 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Helen Whitten 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Monday 31 March
Kelly Barb 9.00am – 11.00am
Maree O’Rej 11.00am – 1.00pm
Tuesday 1 April
Maree O’Rej 9.00am – 11.00am
Sandra Khu 11.00am – 1.00pm
Wednesday 2 April
Helen Whitten 9.00am – 11.00am

We would appreciate it if you do not send your student with tuckshop on their swimming days.