End of Term
We are rapidly approaching the end of Term 2 – almost half way through the year! As you know, at the end of each semester parents and caregivers are provided formal reports that informs them about the quality of the learning their child has achieved. While we are distributing reports a little differently this term, teachers have already started preparing reports. In all classrooms, assessment is continuous – and at any time, you could ask your child’s teacher about the progress being made and they would be able to tell you, across subjects and in terms of improvement, effort and ‘what’s next’.

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Gladstone West State School is participating in the collection in 2014. A letter will come home today outlining the process. More information is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html Please advise the school if you do not want your child’s details to be included (only data which does not identify your child is used).

P & C MEETING - TONIGHT
The June meeting is on tonight at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Whole School Assembly
Our Whole School Assembly will be held on Friday 20th June, starting at 2:00pm. Parents/Caregivers and family members are welcome to attend.

EVERYDAY COUNTS
Start the school and school holiday five (5) days a week. All absences must be explained. A phone call to the school absence line 4979 7366 or a note as soon as the student returns is welcomed. Parent support is appreciated.

Traffic at Our Stop Drop & Go Zones
Parents and students are reminded to access the STOP, DROP and GO zones. Be mindful that queues traffic can affect not only the collection of students, but also the collection of students from other schools. Rather than sit stationary, we would ask that cars continue down Boles Street and loop back around via Breslin, Quinns and Curtis Streets. Your support in this is appreciated. Please note that you are not to be parked in our Stop Drop and Go Zones, these zones are marked as 2 minute zones only for the safe pickup and drop off of your children.

SPORT REPRESENTATION
Congratulations to Aliah Bernabei who has been selected as a member of the Queensland Newspaper School Sport 12 years Basketball Team to participate in the Queensland Basketball Championships to be held in Townsville in August. We wish Aliah all the best of luck.

TIPPS
Weekly Focus:
At West we take pride in our appearance and behaviour, this includes how we wear our school uniform. Students are responsible for wearing it correctly in accordance with our dress code policy during winter students can wear ROYAL blue cardigans, jumpers, track pants, tights and leggings. We also have a school jacket and track pants which can be purchased at the uniform shop. This means that students at West should not be wearing hoodies, anything with a mainstream logo, bright clothing, t-shirts, or anything with wear in full swing students are looking for warmth, so come on West let’s look our BEST!

Parent Tip:
Children need discipline, limits and guidance. They need to feel safe and secure while learning to get along with others and learning to live in society. The best discipline leads children learning self-discipline. The purpose of discipline is to guide children to choose what is right through teaching and leading rather than forcing. For most parents their main priority is how best to achieve this. Discipline usually requires careful thought and methods which include reading, teaching, explaining, showing distancing, giving choices, making rules and giving consequences. Planning. Often you can prevent a discipline problem from happening by planning ahead. This means taking your needs and your child’s needs into account. For example if your toddler always misbehaves when you are shopping then maybe it is better for you to shop when your toddler is tired or hungry. Your need is to get the shopping done. So your plan might be to shop in short bursts when your toddler isn’t hungry, to shop when your toddler isn’t hungry or tired, and to let her help you in some way.

BOTANIC TO BRIDGE
Registrations Open – Tuesday 10th June 2014
Registrations Close – Thursday 17th August 2014 at 8pm
Event Day – Sunday 17th August 2014

The Botanic to Bridge is a fantastic event which encourages families to embrace healthy and active lifestyles, and provides an opportunity to raise funds into our local schools and community. Over the past four years, Botanic to Bridge has contributed over $100,000 into our regional schools, supporting sport and recreational equipment and initiatives. Student participation ensures that funding is directed to our schools, with all registration fees directed to the nominated school. Students can register individually or as a family, and registration includes a commemorative participant medal (enough for up to five people (two adults and up to three school age children). Families with more than three children or two adults will need to register additional participants individually. Children four years and under are free. If they are not travelling in a pram they will need to be registered.