ATTENDANCE DATA
Positive: Meeting the 95% target – Wooro
Negative: Friday 31 January – attendance dropped by 4%

STUDENT LEADERS
Congratulations to the following students who accepted their leadership badges at assembly held yesterday. Jett Hunter, Jasmine Barnes, Ben Press, Izabeya Jones, Caitlin Austin, Dante Hakavalu, Connor Press, Izabeya Jones, and Stephanie Moore. Let’s work together to make sure our school is the best it can be!

GUIDANCE OFFICER NEWS

What is Stepping Stones Triple P?
For parents of children with a disability, everyday issues come with extra challenges. But now, the Stepping Stones Triple P parenting program is here to give parents the support they need.

From mealtimes to supermarket meltdowns, from bedtime dramas to a realisation of disabilities, Stepping Stones Triple P helps parents sort through the issues that affect families of children with disabilities.

Stepping Stones gives parents the skills they need to raise happy and confident children, manage misbehaviour and developmental issues, and prevent problems from happening in the first place.

Stepping Stones works like a toolbox of great ideas. Parents choose the tools they need for their own situation allowing them to create better relationships with their children, solve problems and become a more confident parent.

Also, Stepping Stones gives parents just the right amount of help they need, offering everything from one-on-one seminars and brief one-on-one sessions with a practitioner to detailed group courses and longer-term personal support.

Stepping Stones is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, which is one of the few parenting programs with evidence to show it works. Research shows Stepping Stones reduces child behaviour problems and lowers parent stress levels – so that everyone can enjoy life more.

Stepping Stones Triple P Sessions are available at Gladstone West State School through the Guidance Officer. Please contact the school or the Guidance Officer for an appointment.

SPORTING REPRESENTATION
Congratulations to Ben Press for placing 2nd in the Trick and Slalom Queensland Barefoot Water Ski Titles in the Sub Junior Boys as well as getting 2nd Overall, which was held in Blackwater on the Australia Day weekend.

TENNIS
Hot Shots Tennis Club,
Gladstone West State School has become part of the official Tennis Australia National School Partnership Program (NSPP) school.

Being involved in this exciting initiative will ensure all children have the ability to experience the fun of Hot Shots tennis, which is Australia’s official development program for primary aged children.

Our school is very excited to be involved in this program which comes with a range of very exciting benefits. Some of the benefits include:

- induction to equipment and merchandise pack valued at $1500 dollars
- Free MLCTS T-shirt and gift for each student in the school (claimable when each student registers on the MLCTS website)
- A $2.00 per student Playback equipment rebate for each student who registers on the MLCTS website and nominates our school
- Partnership with the local tennis venue for the support in the delivery of tennis as well as a pathway for students to progress to the next level

Our school is proud to be a part of Tennis Australia’s National School Partnership Program which supports schools around Australia who come together to develop tennis within their health and physical education curriculum. Don’t forget all students can claim their free t-shirt by visiting www.hotshots-tennis.com.au and selecting our school. This is a really exciting time for our school to be involved.

The Gladstone West Tennis Club will meet each Monday and Friday, 8.00 – 9.30am morning with Gladstone coach Rick Mclean in attendance on Friday mornings. All students who are interested in playing tennis come down to the school courts at 8.00am, the school will provide racquets and balls for these sessions.

CLASS PHOTOS 2014 – DATE CLAIMER
Class photo day is on 9th and 6th March. Each student will have received a flyer/envelope explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns their own envelope even if their photo is not in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside the school, and only one envelope per student is to be brought envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

Advanced Life Photography has an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can online to www.advancedlife.com.au to easily understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cheques or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a ‘family order envelope’ from the office and return it before photo day.

TEACHER PARENTING SESSIONS
Parent volunteers are invited to attend the following sessions to gain a greater understanding of what your kids are learning across the curriculum. Don’t forget all students can claim their free t-shirt by visiting www.hotshots-tennis.com.au and selecting our school. This is a really exciting time for our school to be involved.

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2014 TERM CALENDAR
4 March – Year 2 Swimming Starts
6 March – U11 & U12 Trials Rugby League
5/6 March – School Photos
7 March – PJ Marsh Cup
17 March – U11 & U12 Trials Cricket
21 March – Book Fair
2 April – School Cross Country
4 April – Last day of Term 1

POSITION VACANT
A permanent Cleaning position (total 7, 25 hours) to be worked (Thursdays and Fridays) afternoons is available at Benaraby State School. If you are interested please phone the school 49704333, to start now.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
PLAYERS WANTED – YARALLA JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER)
Yaralla Junior Football Soccer are seeking players from US to U16. If your children are interested please come down to the Yaralla Fields on a Tuesday afternoon from 4.30pm.

For more information please contact Damien on 0407 957 959

GIRL GUIDES
Any girls aged 5 years and older that would like to join Girl Guides can come down to the school from 4pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday at the Gladstone Girl Guide Hut on Dawson Highway opposite Gladstone State High School. For more information please contact Jenny on 0429 729 724.

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