



# West Weekly

Gladstone West State School

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Week 6 • Term 2 • 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

## Dates to Remember

### TERM 2

26-30 May Book Fair – Library  
 5&6 June Senior Sports Day  
 13 June Junior Sports Day  
 27 June Last Day of Term 2

### TERM 3

14 July First Day of Term 3  
 15&16 July School Photos  
 5 Aug 2026 Prep Open Day  
 Tour 9.30am  
 7 Aug 2026 Prep Open Day  
 Tour 9.30am  
 11 Aug Gladstone Show  
 Public Holiday  
 24 Aug Port to Park Run  
 19 Sept Last Day of Term 3

### TERM 4

6 Oct Public Holiday  
 7 Oct Frist Day of Term 4

## From the Principal's Desk

### GWSS LEC (Learning Enrichment Centre)

GWSS Learning Enrichment Centre – **Co-teachers**

At GWSS, we take pride in the comprehensive support we offer to ALL of our students. Our co-teachers play a vital role in collaborating with classroom teachers to enhance student learning and success.

The **Learning Enrichment Centre (LEC)** operates as a dedicated team, working together to provide targeted support (Personalised Learning Records PLRs) for students and their families. This collaborative model ensures that each student receives the assistance they need to thrive academically and personally.

Currently, we are fortunate to have six committed co-teachers who work diligently across various cohorts throughout the school, contributing to a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Prep – Jade Schnitzerling - [jesch6@eq.edu.au](mailto:jesch6@eq.edu.au)

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*Yours in education  
Damien Hoare  
Principal*



## 2026 Prep Enrolments

# Now taking Prep Enrolments for 2026



## Lost Property

We have several items in our lost property if you think you have lost any of the below items, please come into our admin office to check.

**Watches x 2, Bracelet x 1, Chain x 1, Reading glasses x 7, Sunglasses x 2, Hairband x 1, Keychain x 1, Earring single x 2, Hair clip x 1, Bag with Fingernail products x 1, jumpers, water bottles and containers.**



# Lost property

## Premiers Reading Challenge

I am delighted to invite all Gladstone West State School students to join in the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).

The PRC is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability and record books read during the reading period, from 6 May to 22 August. Each student has received a reader record form to tally book read throughout the challenge.

To complete the challenge:

- Prep to Year 2 must read or experience at least 20 books
- Years 3 and 4 must read at least 20 books
- Years 5 to 9 must read at least 15 books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2025 challenge is to encourage students to make time to read. Last year saw more than 216,000 children from around the state participate.

Book suggestions are available on the PRC website:

<https://prc.median.com.au/BookList>

Every student who completes the challenge, and returns the completed record reader form will go into our weekly parade prize draw to win a book prize and will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Classes are encouraged to work for a class prize (75% participation) 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> prizes up for offer.

I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible take part in the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge.

If your child wishes to participate in the PRC, please retain this letter for your records and return the completed record reader form to the class teacher by 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

RotaKids



**Rotakids  
 Term 2**



Gladstone Animal Rescue Group Inc.



Rescue. Care. Adopt.

This term, the Rotakids have decided to help the local organisation **Gladstone Animal Rescue Group Inc.** To support this wonderful organisation, the volunteers and our furry four legged friends, we are asking if you are able to please donate any of the following items:

- \* Kitten food wet/dry
- \* Cat food wet or dry (The cats LOVE Aldi brand)
- \* Puppy food wet or dry
- \* Dog food wet or dry
- \* Kitty litter.

If you wish to donate, a box will be placed in the office and every class for you to put your donations in.

**Thank you for your support.**

PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning)

## PBL Focus

Week 3 - 6

# Responsible

**I will focus on completing my work.**

## SHOP FOR SCHOOLS

**HOW IT WORKS**

Shop at Gladstone Centre Plaza and every dollar spent is a point toward your school! No minimum spend.

The school with the most points will WIN a share of \$12,400 in prizes!

**WHEN: MAY 12 – JUNE 22**

Each school will be prominently displayed on the leaderboard in the Centre and on the campaign website, with regular updates throughout the initiative.

National Prize: **\$10,000**  
 First Prize: **\$1,500**  
 Second Prize: **\$600**  
 Third Prize: **\$300**

**Scan here to learn more**

**WEEKLY BONUS!**

Each week, one lucky shopper will have the chance to win a **\$200** gift card!

Vote for your school!

GWSS is participating in the Shop for Schools Rewards Campaign which will commence this coming Monday, 12 May. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to earn rewards while the community shops at Gladstone Centre Plaza.

How it works:

- Every dollar spent by customers in the centre can be allocated towards their chosen participating school.
  - The school with the most points throughout the campaign period will win a share of \$12,400 in prizes!
- Customer Prizes:

- Each week, a \$200 Gladstone Centre Plaza Gift Card will be drawn. There are six to be won in total.

Tracking Progress:

- A display with a leaderboard will be featured in the centre so you can check how your school is tracking.

## Senior Sports Days

### 10-12 year old students

Students have pre nominated to Mrs Honor during PE lessons if they wanted to do competitive events for sports day. Their times and distances have been recorded in lessons and then the top students will be selected for competitive events. High Jump and Discus will be completed in school time due to equipment and safety. A list of students will be displayed outside the health room of students who have made the competitive events and running events.

### Year 3-6 Program Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**9.00am:** March past for each house

**9.30am: 800m (3 ½ laps) long distance race** (Student nomination prior to sports day to Mrs Honor)

- ❖ 10 years girls
- ❖ 11 years boys
- ❖ 11 years girls
- ❖ 12 years boys
- ❖ 12 years girls

#### **10.15am: Rotation 1**

Year 3 boys and girls – Event G (Dice Relay and Peg Survivor)

Year 4 boys and girls- Event D (Dodgeball)

10 years boys and girls – Event A (Ball games)

11 years boys and girls – Event B (Long jump- competitive students only and tug of war for non-competitive students)

12 years boys and girls – Event C (Shot put- competitive students only and Throwing activities for non-competitive students)

**11.00 – 11.40am: Lunch**

#### **12.00 - 1.30: 100m Sprints**

- ❖ Year 3 boys
- ❖ Year 3 girls
- ❖ Year 4 boys
- ❖ Year 4 girls
- ❖ 10 year old boys
- ❖ 10 year old girls
- ❖ 11 year old boys
- ❖ 11 year old girls
- ❖ 12 year old boys
- ❖ 12 year old girls

**1.30 – 2.00 pm: Afternoon Break**

#### **2.00: Rotation 2**

Year 3 boys and girls – Event F (Rob the nest) **20 minutes and swap with Event A**

Year 4 boys and girls- Event A (Ball games) **20 minutes and swap with Event F**

10 years boys and girls – Event D (Dodgeball)

11 years boys and girls – Event C (Shot put competitive students only and Throwing activities for non-competitive students)

12 years boys and girls – Event B (Long jump competitive students only and tug of war for non-competitive students)

**2.45pm: Pack up**

### Year 3-6 Program Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**9.15am: 1500m (6 1/2 laps) long distance race** (Student nomination prior to sports day to Mrs Honor)

- ❖ 10 years boys
- ❖ 10 years girls
- ❖ 11 years boys
- ❖ 11 years girls
- ❖ 12 years boys
- ❖ 12 years girls

#### **10.15am: Rotation 3**

Year 3 boys and girls – Event B (Long jump) **20 minutes and swap with Event E**

Year 4 boys and girls- Event E (Tug of War) **20 minutes and swap with Event B**

10 years boys and girls – Event C (Shot put competitive students and Throwing activities for non-competitive students)

11 years boys and girls – Event D (Dodgeball)

12 years boys and girls – Event A (Ball games)

**11.00 am– 11.40am: Lunch**

**11.45am - 200m sprints** (two races per age group – keep students on both races and top 3 times are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>) Times have been taken in PE lessons and top 10 students from each age group race.

- ❖ Year 3 boys
- ❖ Year 3 girls
- ❖ Year 4 boys
- ❖ Year 4 girls
- ❖ 10 year old boys
- ❖ 10 year old girls
- ❖ 11 year old boys
- ❖ 11 year old girls
- ❖ 12 year old boys
- ❖ 12 year old girls

#### **12.45pm - Rotation 4**

Year 3 boys and girls – Event C (Throwing activities)

Year 4 boys and girls- Event C (Throwing activities)

10 years boys and girls – Event B (Long jump competitive students only and tug of war for non-competitive students)

11 years boys and girls– Event A (Ball games)

12 years boys and girls –Event D (Dodgeball)

**1.30 – 2.00 pm: Afternoon Break**

**2.00pm – Relays** (Top 4 students from each house and age group 100m races will complete relays)

- ❖ Year 3 boys
- ❖ Year 3 girls
- ❖ Year 4 boys
- ❖ Year 4 girls
- ❖ 10 years boys
- ❖ 10 years girls
- ❖ 11 years boys
- ❖ 12 years boys
- ❖ 12 years girls

**2:45pm- Presentation of age champions and winning house and pack up**

## Junior Sports Day

### GLADSTONE WEST STATE SCHOOL



**PREP- YEAR 2 SPORTS DAY**  
FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025

**9.00 – 11.00am:** Rotational Activities  
(based on curriculum activities)

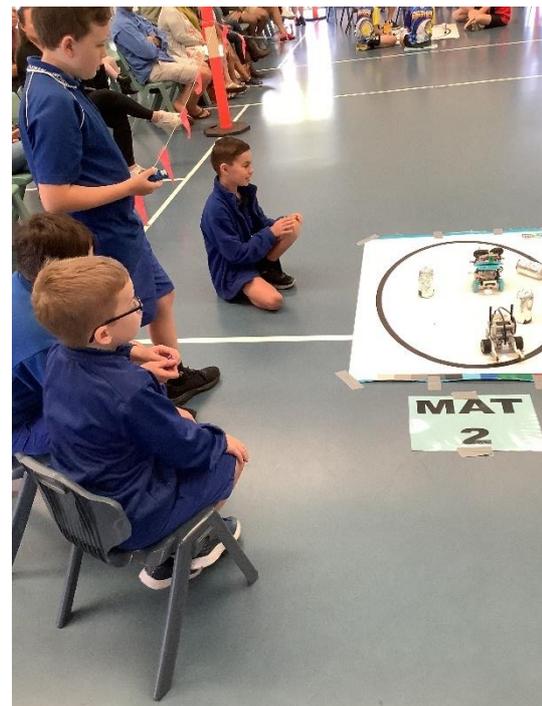
- Running games
- Throwing challenges
- Ball Games
- Relays
- Long Jump

**11.45 – 1.30pm:** Sprints – all students  
have the opportunity to run in a race in  
their year level

**2.15 – 3.00pm:** mini cross country  
Students will finally have the opportunity  
to run in their cross country race  
Results & Zooper Dooper ice blocks

## Around the Grounds – Robotics

Our robotics students in Year 4-6 had their first competition on Friday! For the challenge, they did a sumo battle with another robot where the goal was to push some weighted cans and the other team's robot out of the ring. All of our teams had a brilliant competition and were excellent sports, cheering on the other teams and congratulating their opponents. We had successes and losses but kept positive spirits. The West robots were identified as being extra creative too! The judges loved their colourful robots that lived up to their creative names. Two of our teams won special awards. The Rainbow Bobbys came away with a silver award for finishing in the top 30% of teams. The West Wally Wonders scored two awards: a gold award for finishing in the top 15% of teams and an Acknowledgement of Country Award for representing First Nations flags on their robot design. Congratulations to all our students for your efforts!



## Under 8's Day

### Unleashing Scientific Thinking Through Play

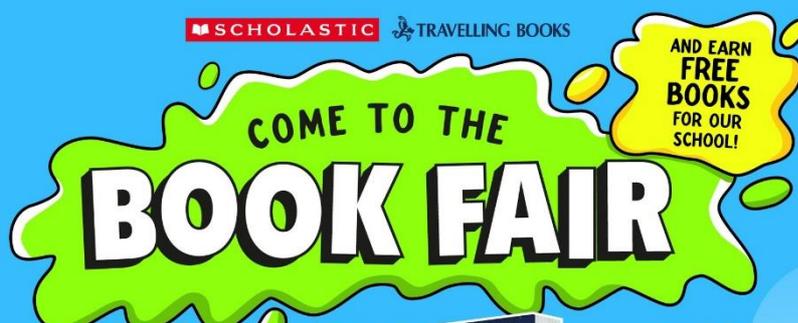
On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, students from prep to year 2 enjoyed a morning of fun, exploration and excitement. The rain did mean that we couldn't have many of our usual activities however the big smiles on the little faces was a clear indication that everyone had fun! We even had a special visit from Officer Eman, our school adopt-a-cop. A massive thank you to our staff and families, especially to Mrs O, our year 6 teachers and year 6 students that helped with the activities.

We would also like to thank the following local businesses that donated or supported our 2025 Under 8s Day. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

- Bunnings
- GRC Art Gallery
- Gladstone Floral Arts and Gifts
- Gladstone Healthy Harbours
- Gladstone Area Water Board
- Gladstone Ports Corp
- Qld Police
- Department of Education – district office
- Gladstone Cricket
- The Smith Family
- Helping Hands



## Library News – Book Fair



2 days left of our Scholastic Book Fair! so come along to find the best new books and help to earn free books for our library!

Times you are able to purchase are follows:

- 8am to 8.45am
- First Break (during play only)
- Second Break and (during play only)
- 3.00pm to 3.45pm

**ENDS FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY**

## Around the Classes

**It's fun coming up with good ideas and making products with your friends**  
 AIDEN

**You get to connect with people you aren't normally friends with.**  
 JESS

**I like EPP because it is creative and you get to use teamwork.**  
 NOAH

**4B**

In term 1 and 2, 4B have been learning how to be entrepreneurs in EPP. In groups, students have developed products to sell at our school markets. They have learnt about the importance of knowing their customers, advertising and making a profit. After a small market early in the term, groups have reflected on their sales and have worked hard to improve their products ready for our whole school market. We can't wait!

## Around the Classes



My favourite thing about U8's day?



Lloyd: playing with the dinosaurs and animals.



**1D**  
**U8's day**



Jye: making my kite.



Annabelle: seeing Miss Claire  
 Lilly: going into the police car.



Dylan: making a cookie



# 50 Star Certificates

# ★ 50 stars ★



1A



4B



3B



6B



Prep D



# 50 Star Certificates



Prep A



3A



2D

## Free Parent Information Session

### LET'S TALK PUBERTY: A Parent/Carer Information Session

*For parents and carers*

**LifeEd.**  
Queensland

talk  
about it!



**Puberty is a big life  
stage — not just for  
kids, but for parents too.**

**Join Life Ed Qld for a free, online webinar designed to help you support your child through the emotional, social and physical changes of puberty with confidence.**

Led by our experienced sexual health educator and parenting facilitator, this engaging session covers:

- What's really going on with your child's body, brain and emotions
- How to navigate tricky conversations around body changes, hygiene, privacy, relationships and more
- Where to find reliable, age-appropriate info to continue learning at home
- Q&A session to answer your common questions

- Tuesday 17th June**
- 7:00pm (60 mins duration including Q&A time)**
- Online via Zoom — join from anywhere**
- Free to attend — scan the QR code to register!**

**Let's support every child to be ready for the world.**

*Presented by Life Ed Qld.*

**SCAN ME**



<https://lifeeducationqld.org.au/lets-talk-puberty-webinar/>

## Parenting Program

# Tuning into Teens

**A SIX-SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF TEENS ATTENDING OR TRANSITIONING TO GSHS IN 2026.**



### Would you like to learn how to:

TUNING IN TO TEENS™ is a free program that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. The program will teach you how to manage your own and your adolescents emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face.

### Research has shown that adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are more aware, assertive, and strong in situations of peer pressure
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance misuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults

**WHEN: COMMENCING TERM 3, 29.07.2025**

**TIME: TUESDAY'S 3:45PM TO 5:00PM**

**SIX WEEK COURSE, PARENTS MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS**

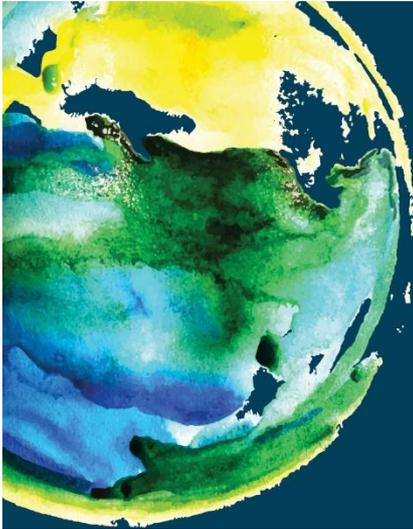
**WHERE: GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP CONTACT OUR SOCIAL WORKER RACHEL PETERSEN ON (07) 4976 6111 OR EMAIL RPETE214@EQ.EDU.AU**



**Engaged**  **Respectful**  **Responsible**  **Safe**

## Community Notices



# ecofest

**9am-3pm, 1 June**  
Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens  
Free entry

**Have fun and learn with us!**

- Kids activities
- Educational workshops
- Eco-market stalls
- Plant sale
- Food trucks
- Live music and more!

 [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au) 

Gladstone State High School's  
2025 production of



# MIDNIGHT

The Cinderella Musical



Music and Lyrics by  
John Foreman and Anthony Costanzo  
with Additional Music and Lyrics by Kate Miller Heidke  
Book by Dean Murphy and Pip Mushin

Originally developed for the stage by Aspect Entertainment and Sounds  
Write Productions in conjunction with Lascorp Entertainment and  
Fractured Limb Productions

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).

**May 30th & 31st**  
Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

"Gladstone State High School presents, Midnight - The Cinderella story. The enchanting musical will come to life on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. It will bring a new twist to the classic Cinderella story you know and love. Tickets are on sale at the GECC website. Grab yours before they disappear like a glass slipper at midnight."