

Dates to Remember

TERM 2

15-16 July	Regional Shield Netball & Rugby League
17 July	Semester 1 Report Cards
19 July	Prep – 100 Days celebration
24-25 July	School Photos
7 Aug	Year 1 Excursion – Barney Point
12 Aug	Gladstone Show Holiday
16 Aug	Bully No Way Day
23 Aug	Eisteddfod – Vocal Choirs
23 Aug	Family Fun Night
27 Aug	STEM Circus Spectacular
30 Aug	Student Free Day
5 Sept	ABC Safety Lesson
2-13 Sept	2025 Prep Interviews
12 Sept	R U OKAY Day
13 Sept	Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

30 Sept	First Day of Term 3
7 Oct	Public Holiday

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. We have another busy term ahead of us. Please take the time to note down all the important dates that are coming up as Term 3 is looking to be a busy one.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be issued to all parents via the QParents App and email next Wednesday 17th July. Please make sure your emails are up to date. If your email has changed, please notify us by email at admin@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au.

Stop Drop n Go Zones

Just a few reminders to parents that our Stop Drop n Go Zones are strictly for dropping and picking your children. Please do not park and get out of the car in these areas as it is holding up the flow of traffic. Please note that no cars are to enter into the school grounds via the driveways to collect their children.

Headlice

The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents.

In some schools, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations. We do ask if you could please check your child's hair each week and if detected please treat prior to sending your child to school.

Tuckshop

Unfortunately, the QKR App for the tuckshop purchasing has been unavailable the past few days due to a banking error with Flavours. Purchasing is still available through the brown paper bag system. We will let you know ASAP once the error has been rectified.

School Details

PHONE: 4979 7333

OFFICE HOURS:
8:00am – 3:30pm

EMAIL:
principal@gladstonewestss.eq.edu.au


DENTAL CLINIC: 49313795

SCHOOLWATCH: 13 17 88

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE:
4979 7366

Yours in education
Sarah Jacob
Principal

TUCKSHOP REMINDER



**Prep-Yr 3 students
may only order
tuckshop via the QKR
app or the paper bag
system. No over-the-
counter purchases.**

GWSS Report Card Semester 1, 2024



GWSS REPORT CARD SEM 1, 2024

Priority 1: Improving literacy outcomes across our school.:

- ✓ Investing in staff capability using contemporary literacy research to improve student outcomes.
- ✓ Developing data literacy of leaders and teachers to interrogate literacy data sets to support student improvement.

Priority 2: Quality-assuring an engaging Australian Curriculum:

- ✓ Refining whole school moderation processes.
- ✓ Implementing V9 Australian Curriculum English.

ENGLISH

83.6%



Students achieving C or above in English in 2024 Sem 1.

Target for Sem 2 - 85%

40.1%



ENGLISH

Students achieving B or above in English in 2024 Sem 1.

Target for Sem 2 - 47%

88.2%

Whole school attendance in Sem 1 2024

Target for Sem 2 - 90%

ATTENDANCE



ICAS 2024

ICAS 2024 Offering – 2 weeks to register!

Gladstone West will be offering 3 ICAS assessments as Extended Learning opportunities this year. This is not the full range of assessments, and not as many as previous years, due to the ability to staff, secure spaces and access computer to hold such additional assessments. To register your child/children you will need to follow the 4 easy steps. Ensure you register each child individually (if registering more than one) and under their name and year level because access and tests are allocated on this information.

Test	Cost per test	GWSS Yr 2-4 Test date & time	GWSS Yr 5-6 Test date & time	GWSS Catch-up Test date & time
ENGLISH (Reading) 2-6	\$19.95	Tues 13 th Aug 9:10am Desktop Lab	Tues 13 th Aug 11:50am Laptop Lab	Wed 14 th Aug 2:00pm Laptop Lab
SCIENCE 2-6	\$19.95	Tues 20 th Aug 11:50am Laptop Lab	Tues 20 th Aug 9:10am Laptop Lab	Wed 21 th Aug 2:00pm Laptop Lab
MATHEMATICS 2-6	\$19.95	Mon 26 th Aug 9:10am Laptop Lab	Tues 27 th Aug 11:50am Laptop Lab	Wed 28 th Aug 2:00pm Laptop Lab

School access code is: **NIJ987**

Parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

The cut off for Parent Payment System (PPS) is **Monday 29th July**. All registrations and payments must be done before cut off. **No late submissions.**

Parent Payment System

How to buy ICAS tests for your child.

If your school has signed up to the Parent Payment System (PPS), follow these 4 easy steps to purchase the right tests for your child.



- 1 KEEP** the "access code" that your school gives you to use the PPS handy.
- 2 VISIT** shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps and enter your school's access code.
- 3 ENTER** your child's details and select the subjects you wish to purchase.
- 4 PAY** using your credit or debit card. This is the most secure way to pay.

What happens next?

Your child's school will run ICAS from here. In the meantime, you can purchase practice materials from the ICAS Assessments shop <https://www.icasassessments.com/shop-parents/>. Your school will notify you when online results are ready and will send the certificate home with your child.

ICAS
assessments



100 Days of Prep – Friday 19th July

Each year we congratulate our Prep Students as they reach this important milestone of being in Prep for 100 days, which is just over halfway through their compulsory first year of schooling! It is a way to mark the progress that students have made and to celebrate the hard work and dedication of both students and teachers.

We love to see their 100 day maturity and their ideas of comparing 100 days to what 100 years looks like. We are therefore inviting students and staff to dress up as someone from 100 years ago and join in the following fun.

- Prep students will be working through some learning activities during morning session including some “olden day games, and activities”.
- Parents are invited to come to spend some time with their child, take photos and bring your morning tea to share with them from 10.30am – 11.00am in the Prep playground/eating area.



COUNTING DAYS OF FUN



Celebrate 100 Days of Learning Together - Friday 19th July 2024

Join us for a special celebration marking 100 days of school achievements and memories



Students and staff can dress up in costume from 100 years ago!

- Prep students will be working through learning activities during morning session including some “olden day games and activities”.
- Parents are invited to come & bring morning tea to share with your child from 10.30am – 11am in the Prep playground/eating area.

School Photo Schedule

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th July. Order envelopes will be arriving soon and will be sent home with students.

Day 1 - Wednesday 24th July

INDIVIDUAL PORTRAIT STUDIO				GROUP PHOTO STUDIO (IF APPLICABLE)			
Time	Class	Class Size	Teacher Name	Time	Class	Class Size	Teacher Name
9.00	1D		Lauren Maydom	9.00	1A		Skye Kierys
9.15	1A		Skye Kierys	9.15	1D		Lauren Maydom
9.30	1B		Libby Petrie	9.30	1C		Emma Harper/Deb Redman
9.45	1C		Emma Harper/Deb Redman	9.45	1B		Libby Petrie
10.00	4A		Katie Williams/Belinda Naggs	10.00	4B		Amanda Hutchby
10.15	4B		Amanda Hutchby	10.15	4A		Katie Williams/Belinda Naggs
10.30	4C		Bec West	10.30	3A		Elliot Fox
10.45	3A		Elliot Fox	10.45	4C		Bec West
11.00	First Break – Sibling Photos			11.00	First Break – Sibling Photos		
11.45	5A		Katie Rowland	11.45	5B		Keira Davis
12.00	5B		Kiera Davis	12.00	5A		Katie Rowland
12.15	5C		Ella Alexander	12.15	5D		Heidi Mastroianni
12.30	5D		Heidi Mastroianni	12.30	5C		Ella Alexander
12.45	2B		Deb Howlett	12.45	4D		Nicole Pomeroy
1.00	4D		Nicole Pomeroy	1.00	2B		Deb Howlett
1.15				1.15			
1.30	Second Break – Sibling Photos			1.30	Second Break – Sibling Photos		
2.00	1/2E		September O'Connor	2.00	3B		Ann-Maree Rigby
2.15	3B		Ann-Maree Rigby	2.15	1/2E		September O'Connor
2.30	3C		Jodie Plunkett	2.30	3D		Pam Kermod
2.45	3D		Pam Kermod	2.45	3C		Jodie Plunkett

Day 2 - Thursday 25th July

INDIVIDUAL PORTRAIT STUDIO				GROUP PHOTO STUDIO (IF APPLICABLE)			
Time	Class	Class Size	Teacher Name	Time	Class	Class Size	Teacher Name
9.00	Prep A		Julie Grame	9.00	Prep C		Tara Jenkinson
9.20	Prep C		Tara Jenkinson	9.20	Prep A		Julie Grame
9.40	Prep B		Tiahne Taylor	9.40	Prep D		Judy Treichel
10.00	Prep D		Judy Treichel	10.00	Prep B		Tiahne Taylor
10.15	6C		Austin Christie	10.15	6D		Kellie Williams
10.30	6D		Kellie Williams	10.30	6C		Austin Christie
10.45				10.45			
11.00	First Break – Sibling Photos			11.00	First Break – Sibling Photos		
11.45	6A		Bec Sue-Fong	11.45	6B		Allison Jackson
12.00	6B		Allison Jackson	12.00	6A		Bec Sue-Fong
12.15	2A		Erin Hurst	12.15	2C		Ebony Frisina
12.30	2C		Ebony Frisina	12.30	2A		Erin Hurst

2024 Preps – Free Vision Screening

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Free Prep Vision Screening is coming

Have you completed your
consent form yet?



Gladstone West State School

Please scan this QR code to complete your child's
consent form by **Sunday, 21 July 2024** to secure
your spot



The Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program is coming to Gladstone West State School. We are a Queensland Government service that offers Free Vision Screening to all children enrolled in Prep. If your child is in Prep and you would like their vision screened, please complete a consent form using the below link or QR code. This link has been sent to all prep parents via email yesterday.

The following video explains the benefits of having your Prep child's vision screened – [“What is Prep Vision Screening?”](#)
Thank you

Gladstone West State School

Screening commencement date: **Tuesday, 13 August, 2024**

Link and QR code will close on **Sunday, 21 July, 2024**

Eisteddfod – Vocal Choirs



Gladstone Eisteddfod Vocal Choirs Performance

Where: Gladstone Entertainment Centre

When: Friday 23 August

Time: Year 1 and 2 choir perform shortly after 10 am and Year 5/6 choir will perform shortly after that

Transport: Students leave school on bus to go to Entertainment Centre and return

Cost: TBA

More information will go home to parents in the next few weeks.

2024 Premier's Reading Challenge

Key dates	Activity
7 May – 23 August	Reading period for GWSS Prep to Year 6 students
26 August	Last day for student reader record forms to be submitted to teacher
October	Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks

For suggested books or for more information about the PRC, please visit:
<https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/resources/book-lists> or contact our school library.

Every student who completes the challenge, and returns the completed record reader form, will receive a Certificate of Achievement. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible take part in the 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge.



**2024 Premier's
reading
challenge**

Health and Physical Education

Being a great teammate goes so far beyond sports it's ridiculous. The ability to communicate, strategize, adapt, dig in, empathize, lead, motivate & pick someone else up translate to EVERY AREA OF LIFE. If you're only gonna do one thing right in sports, be an UNSELFISH TEAMMATE!



Our year 3 classes are investigating the benefits of sport / pe and also looking at what teamwork is all about

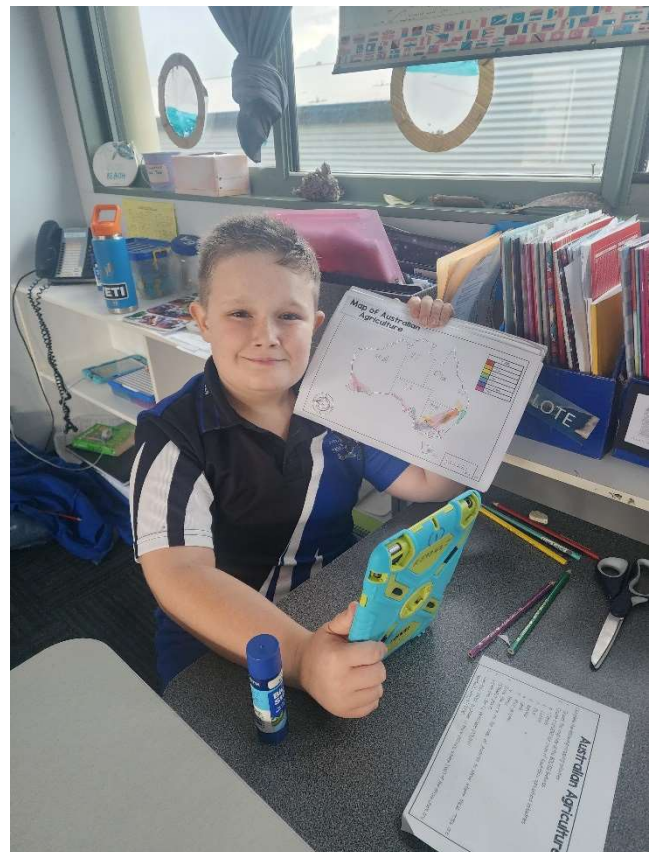
Sports prepare kids for life. The wins, the losses, the discipline, the hard work, the structure, the competition, the teamwork, the communication, the commitment, the goal setting, the motivation, the adversity, the life lessons, AND THE FUN! No kid should miss out! 🙌

Around the Classes

6A



6A are learning all about mapping! We mapped agriculture in Australia today and will then use the world map to map where it is exported



Uniform Shop

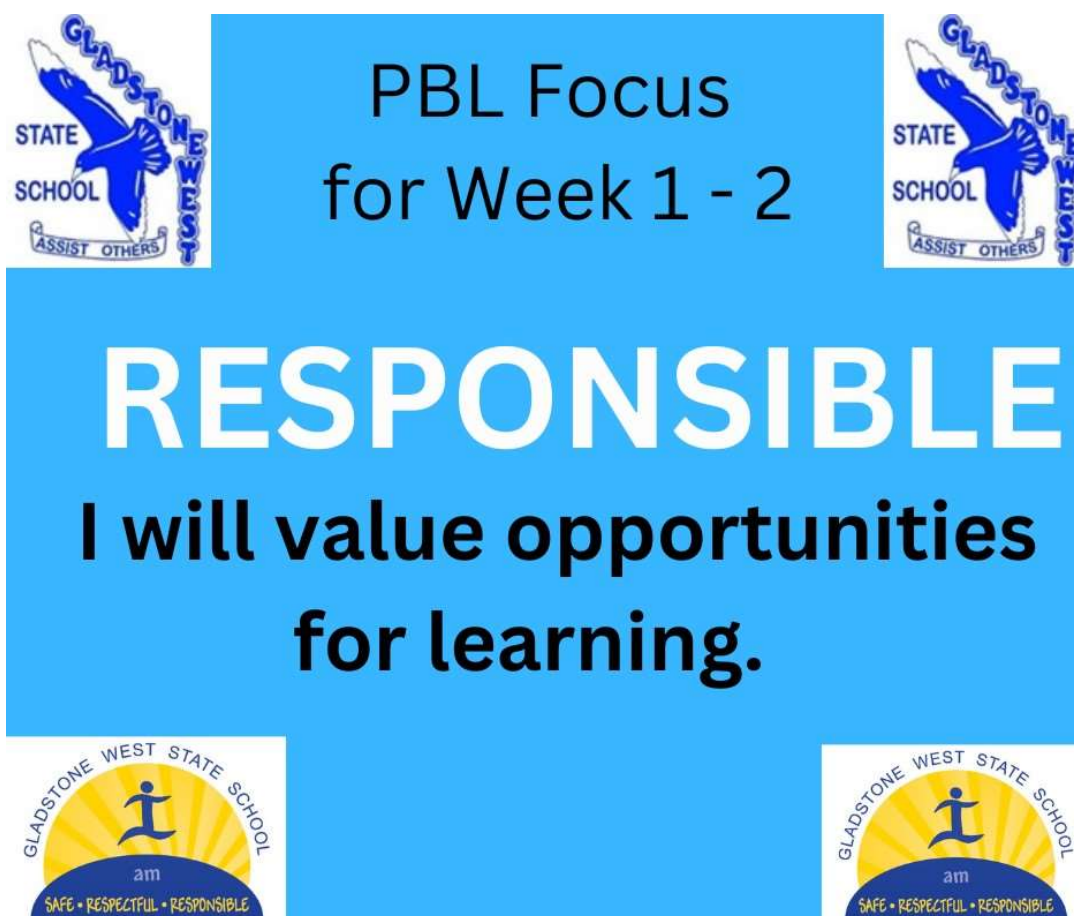
Uniform Shop Prices

School Polo Shirts	\$30.00
Reversible Bucket Hats	\$20.00
Skirt/Shorts Combos	\$30.00
Unisex Shorts	\$25.00
School Dresses	\$50.00
Jackets	\$50.00
Fleecy Jumpers	\$40.00
Fleecy Tracksuit Pants	\$25.00



UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS/DAYS
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
8.00 AM - 10.00 AM

PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning)



PBL Focus
for Week 1 - 2

RESPONSIBLE
I will value opportunities
for learning.

GLADSTONE WEST STATE SCHOOL
 am
 SAFE • RESPECTFUL • RESPONSIBLE

Possums Playgroup



Every Monday morning of the school term
9am - 10:30am

Located in our Hub - M Block
 Gladstone West State School

Bring along a water bottle,
 healthy snack, a hat and covered
 shoes.

Children must be accompanied
 by an adult.

Contact 49797333 for more information



Our Possums playgroup has commenced again for Term 3. If you would like to join us each Monday morning from 9.00am – 10.30am in the HUB.

In playgroup on Monday the kids really enjoyed doing puzzles. The car track and marble run are always a favourite as well. We experimented with candle wax and water paint to reveal what they had drawn.



Brekky Club



A huge thank you to Quota for today's breakfast club donation. We are very thankful for their donation again this year. A reminder to parents that our Brekky club is on every Tuesday and Thursday at the LEC from 8.00am to 8.40am. All students welcome.

Port to Park

SCHOOL INFORMATION – PORT TO PARK FUN RUN

KEY EVENT DATES

- **Online Registrations Close:** Saturday 17 August 2024 at 8am
- **Event Day:** Sunday 18 August 2024

Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC) Port to Park Fun Run is a fantastic event which encourages families to embrace healthy and active lifestyles, and provides an opportunity for GPC and like-minded sponsors to invest funds into our local schools and community.

Over the past thirteen years, our regional schools have received nearly \$300,000 through the GPC's fun run (formerly Botanic to Bridge) school investment program which has gone on to provide essential health, sport and recreation equipment and other resources.

REGISTRATION PRICES

The below registration fees apply to the 3km, 5km and 10km Port to Park events.

CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (closed 16 June, 11.59pm)	STANDARD FEE (after 16 June)
Individual open (18+ Years)	Early Bird Discount applied 10% at checkout Use code P2PEARLY	\$25
Masters (45 and over) and Seniors (65 and over)		\$20
13 – 17 Years		\$10
9 – 12 Years		\$10
5 – 8 Years		\$10
Families (2 adults and up to 3 children)		\$50
Children four (4) and under	Free	Free

This year, participants can benefit from the Early Bird discount when they register before Sunday 16 June at 11.59pm.*

Discount Code: **P2PEARLY**

Terms of Use: Early Bird discount offer is valid for all registrations (excluding registrations in the category of 'Children 4yrs and under'), until 11:59pm AEST, Sunday 16.06.2024. Enter P2PEARLY at the checkout for discount to apply, with only one discount valid per transaction. The Code cannot be applied in conjunction with other promotional codes. Refunds will not be issued to patrons who fail to use the early bird discount code at the checkout.

**Use of the code does result in reduced funding for your school.*



Year 7 Enrolments for 2025



2025 Year 7 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2025 will open on the first day of Term 3 - Monday, 8th July, 2024.

Please visit our office to collect an enrolment package

Completed packages are due back to the office by the end of Term 3 - Friday 13th September.

Like us on Facebook for other information

Please contact the office if you have any questions.
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If you are interested in attending the Parent Information Night, please see the link below to book.
SOBs booking: <https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70345>



— 2025 —

YEAR 7 ENROLMENT PACKS

AVAILABLE TERM 3 AT
THE GSHS OFFICE

Packs will also be
available from

Clinton SS
Gladstone Central SS
Gladstone West SS

Community Notices



Want to play Touch Football?

Team Nominations are open!!



Register your team today!

Season 2 starts 15th July

Ages 5-14

Cost Effective

Great for fitness

For more details please go to the Gladstone Junior Touch Facebook page or email registrar.gladstonejunortouch@hotmail.com



ONCE UPON A TIME IN YARWUN

- 1pm start at CQ Uni Marina Carpark
- Drive thru finish at Yarwun State School
- Meal pack for 4 included with ticket

Prizes will be drawn at 7pm and posted on Facebook. Winners notified by phone

Tickets can be purchased on the day or via Facebook

\$30 per car

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The Great 'Rio Tinto' Yarwun Valley Rally
 Community - 798 followers

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