Welcome back

I would like to welcome back all of our families from 2014 and our new families for this year. The 2015 school year has started brilliantly. For most students it is a common experience returning to school, but for our new prep students it is all very new. While we had some tears at the beginning, all of our students and parents are enjoying school life.

I would like to welcome three new staff members to the school community. Mrs Brooke Goodwin (Prep/Year 1), Mr Colin Irvine (year 5/6) and Miss Trinity Wran (HOC). Brooke, Colin and Trinity have enjoyed the start at South and are looking forward to getting to know the students, parents and area better in the coming months.

This term I encourage parents to make time to talk with your children’s teacher. This may just be to put a face to the name or discuss any issues parents are concerned about. All of the teachers are very keen to meet their new parents or touch base with parents from last year.

We have had an influx in students over the holidays and we are comfortably going to maintain 10 classes this year. Next Thursday is day 8 which is the day that the Education Department does a formal count of student numbers. If our enrolments continue to increase we may be able to make a new classroom and reduce the number of children in every room.

In 2015 the school is aiming to achieve wonderful academic results for all of our students. We will once again be focusing heavily on reading and ensuring that all of our students learn the skills to comprehend everything they read. Parents will be encouraged to find opportunities to promote reading with their children even if this means reading road signs, shopping lists and the TV guide.

With many new parents in our school I would also like to promote the role that the P&C association plays in our school. Last year we had a wonderful group of parents who offered their time and/or skills to support our students. All of the money raised by the P&C goes directly to the students. The more the P&C can raise the more we are able to give back to the students.

Finally I would like to encourage all of the parents in our school community to talk with myself or the teachers if issues arise with your children or if you would like some assistance for your child at home. Often, a simple conversation can alleviate any concerns parents have about school life.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal
2015 PREP Information

Enrolments are now being taken for 2015. Parents are asked to come into school or download enrolment packages and return these to school as soon as possible.

Gladstone South SS is a member of the Michael Grose parenting ideas website. If parents are seeking support for a range of children related areas this is a wonderful resource.

www.parentingideas.com.au

Welcome to South 2015

A warm welcome to all our new families and welcome back to those who are continuing with South school.

It is so good to see so many of you in the new school uniform.

As well as new students, South has a number of new faces among the staff starting this year, so don’t forget to say hello and make them all feel welcome.

Ms Trinity Wran
Head of Curriculum

Mrs Brooke Goodwin
Prep\1G classroom teacher

Ms Chloe Good
4.5GE teacher and Learning Support

Welcome back to Mrs Joelene Crosswell.

Like Gladstone State School on Facebook

The school has a Facebook page dedicated to updates and information for parents. If you are an active user of Facebook search for Gladstone South State School and like the page.
New School Shirts and Hats in 2015
Shirts are $30 each and hats are $15.

Tuckshop News
Welcome all parents to the 2015 school year. This week only the tuckshop will be open every day, reverting to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from week 2 on.

Being a Tuckshop volunteer is a great way to meet parents in our school environment, so we urge ALL parents to give it some thought. Even hour a week/month will really help to deliver lunches faster to your students.

Tidings from your Parent and Citizens
Just a few items this week with upcoming events.

Firstly the State Election is on this Saturday, voting will be held in the school hall. As usual, the P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall.

We are asking for donations of homemade cakes, biscuits etc. (must be clearly labelled with ingredients and wrapped in cling wrap). These can be dropped off on parade on Friday or at 8am Saturday morning.

We are also requiring people to man both stall and sizzle on the day. If you could possibly be available for an hour it would be much appreciated.

Both the stall and sizzle will run from 8am - 12md outside of the hall.

The next P&C meeting will be held on the 11th Feb at 5:30pm in the school library. All welcome!

Swimming Starts - Week 2
As per timetable issued to each student

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