Date Claimers
- Cross Country 26th April 2015
- Swimming Carnival 1st April 2015
- Last day of term 1 2nd April 2015
- First day of term 2 20th April 2015

Next P&C Meeting will be the AGM
11th March
5:30pm
School Library
ALL PARENTS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Principal’s Address

Welcome Miss Gane

This week saw the start of our 11th class and the arrival of Miss Gane to 2K. Miss Gane has settled in quickly and is enjoying teaching the children in her room. I would also like to thank all of the students and families who had to move rooms during this transition period. It was wonderful to see the students take this change in their stride and continue on with their learning this week.

Amazing Working Bee Results

On the weekend a number of families came to school to lend a hand in weeding gardens, mowing, cleaning fish tanks, trimming trees and generally tidying up around the school. It was amazing how much work was able to be achieved by this group of volunteers and the impact it has had around the school. I would like to thank these families not just for giving up some of their weekend but for the effort they put in on the day. Thank you again to the: Golding, Rios, Tomsett, Rogers, Job, Rouvray, Ballard, and Castro families. Also Mrs Hayes, Mrs Jones, Mrs Richards.

Strings students

Starting next week all of our IM strings students will begin lessons. We have had difficulty this year finding a teacher for these lessons. We have a temporary solution and our students will be able to begin on Monday. Please ensure you have all of your equipment at school. A timetable of lesson times has been placed on the Music room door.

Office car park

In the interest of safety for students the office car park is not a drop off or pick up point for students. This area is within school grounds and is to be used only for school staff and deliveries. Parents are asked to park outside of the school grounds and walk into the office area.

Arriving late to school

If you have to drop off your child after the school day has begun it is important that parents come to the office with the student to give a reason. The school cannot take a student’s reason for being late and this will mean that the event is entered as unexplained on our system.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal

Draw a Poster - WIN an iPad mini!

Our school has been chosen by TOTAL EDEN for a competition on WATER!

Students must draw a poster about water, it can be anything from saving water, playing in water, drinking, gardening etc.

The competition is open to all South students from Prep through to Year 6 and a panel of judges will deem the best poster to win an iPad mini. So get thinking and drawing!
**Curriculum News**

**National Assessment Program (NAP) 2015 science literacy trials**

Our Year 6 students have been selected to participate in a National Assessment Program trial to test students’ skills and understanding in Science Literacy.

In March, 50 schools and over 1,000 Year 6 students from New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria will participate in the field trial. The trials test the logistics of performing the assessments, check the quality of the test questions, clarify the administrative procedures and allow for any arising issues to be fixed before the actual assessments are carried out later in the year.

Schools taking part in the NAP sample assessments benefit by having the opportunity to engage with state-of-the-art assessment materials, which are being delivered online for this assessment and form a part of the wider move to bring all National Assessment Program assessments – including NAPLAN – online.

The **Before School Reading Program** has been well supported with regular attendance by most students. It really helps when all members of the group arrive at 8:30am so that the session can run smoothly without interruptions. During these sessions students learn and consolidate new words and participate in oral reading of familiar and new texts. Focus is placed on phrased and fluent reading.

**Fluency** is the ability to read a text accurately and quickly. Fluency is important because it provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension. It frees students to understand what they are reading. Fluency develops gradually over considerable time and through substantial practice. Reading fluency can be developed by modelling so children hear what good reading sounds like. It helps when we demonstrate how to put words together to improve meaning and to attend to punctuation to improve expression. Repeated and monitored oral reading also improves reading fluency and overall reading achievement. Students need to practice rereading texts that are reasonably easy for them. Try to read a variety of texts with your child including stories, nonfiction and poetry.

Happy reading!!
Term 1 Week 6

Classroom Capers

6W Class News

Our class has been very busy writing short stories, reading short stories and completing comprehension tasks. We have looked at our writing tasks and discussed areas of where we could improve. The whole class has also read to Mrs Weldon and we have now been placed in ability levelled reading groups. Our next step is to set individual learning goals.

PREP/1D

For the last 5 weeks Prep/1D have been working hard to learn and recognise their numbers. The Prep’s have been learning their numbers from 1 – 10 and the year ones have been focusing on teen numbers. This term we are focusing on remembering our past. We have been bringing items into the classroom (photos/toys) and talking about the memories that are associated with these items. We have all made a great start to school and have settled into our routines well.

3P

This week our class challenge is to be on time every day (no late slips). Every Tuesday we have been doing Religious Education with the lovely Mrs Bloomer, we have been having lots of fun learning and singing. Last Friday we participated in National clean up your school day, our area was beautiful again when we finished. Our classes changed on Monday and we have been busy getting to know each other and our new class routines. Don’t forget swimming and Library are on Wednesdays now.

Swimming program. Owing to the class changes that have occured this week, your child’s swimming time\day may have change. Please check the timetable below.

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Book Club

South students have been offered Scholastic Book Club this year. There are two catalogues per term. Book Club is a way for your child to purchase books to read at home, and help your school as well.

If you wish your child to participate, please select one of the following ways to order.

1. Place your child’s order and correct money in an envelope and return to Mrs Roy the 13th March.
2. Go online to Scholastic’s website. Pay the amount owing using your credit card. Place the receipt number and your order in an envelope. Return to Mrs Roy by the 13th March.
3. Go online to Scholastic’s website. Find your child’s teacher’s name. Place the order and pay on line.

Book Club is separate to Book Fair. Book Fair occurs twice a year in May and November.

All Issue 2 Book Club orders need to be returned to Mrs Roy by the 13th March.

South library receives points for all purchases. Books for the library are selected using these points.

Tuckshop Meal Deal - Week 6

Chicken burger + milk or juice
$7.00
For Wed, Thurs and Fri
**FROM THE P&C**

**THANK YOU!!**

To all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly over this past week, know that your efforts are truly appreciated by the entire school. The Pool Disco was a resounding success, and the Working Bee, a testament to the sense of pride and community that we share.

Our P&C may be small in numbers, but is growing in strength, with the increased support from new and long term families, and from many South staff.

Although a date is not official, we are hoping to have a second Working Bee in the next couple of weeks, to finish off the efforts made. A possible ‘dip in the pool’ is entirely possible to refresh the volunteers! **WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.**

**P&C AGM - WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH**

We welcome all interested persons to attend. The general meeting will follow, to discuss all other matters.

Please help Gladstone South win a **Classroom Makeover valued at $5000.00** by collecting tokens out of the Gladstone Observer.

These can be dropped at the front office for tallying.

Competition closes 5pm 23rd March 2015

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**Community Notice Board**

**WIN Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours**

**Date Claimer**

**Women International Day**  
Thursday March 5th 10:00 – 1:00  
CQ University Marina

**Employment Workshops**  
Saturday March 7th 9:00 – 2:30  
WIN office 10 Tank St  
(20 places available)

**Gladstone Port City Language café**  
Tuesday March 10th 9:30 – 11:00  
Gladstone City Library

**WIN Weekly Meeting**  
Thursday March 12th 10:00 – 12:00  
WIN Office 10 Tank St.