Principal’s Address

Sports Captains

Last week the upper school students voted on who should become their sports captains for 2015. We are waiting on badges to arrive to announce the winners. Parents will be notified when this will occur and badges will be presented on parade.

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 a 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!

Entries close on Monday 23rd March and the winner will be announced after the swimming carnival Thursday 1st April.
**Gladstone South School**

**HOSES Report**

**Updating your child’s medical information and emergency contacts.**
Your child will be bringing home medical and emergency contact forms today for you to update. It is imperative that the school has up-to-date medical and contact details if in the event of an emergency and to also ensure your child receives support for their needs.

Please also look carefully at the list of medical conditions attached to the forms as there are a number of items included that are not always considered a medical condition – for example Reading Glasses. Please complete the forms and return to your child’s classroom teacher. Please complete a form for each child if you have more than one.

**Lunch Time Activities**
Students are welcome to participate in quiet activities in either the Billabong Room or the Library daily. Each day various activities are set up in the rooms to encourage social, communication and problem solving skills as well as the development of fine motor skills. Students who attend the Billabong Room are taken out for approximately 10 minutes at the end of First Lunch to practice some gross motor skills and to encourage physical active play. All activities are supervised closely by specialist staff.

**Individual Support Plans**
Students participating in Life skills Programs will be contacted by Special Education Teachers over the next couple of weeks to discuss Individual Support Plans and Programs.

**Life skills**
Last week we started to commence our Life skill’s Programs. The focus this term is being South SMART and discussing school rules and expectations. Students were able to demonstrate and describe what being prepared looks like. Students also had the opportunity to practice taking turns in social games.

**Swimming Carnival**
South’s annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday April 1. This is the last Wednesday of term. The carnival will commence with Prep-Year 2 swimming between 9am-11am. After Second break the upper school will start their events. If you are able to assist on the day please see Mrs Crosswell before the day to speak about possible tasks to allow the day to run as smoothly as possible.

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

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Term 1 Week 7

Classroom Capers

5/6I - “Students in 5/6i are learning about the Scientific method. In other words what is a fair test when creating an experiment. Students are growing some beans in a planter tub and one is watered with salt water while the other is being watered with tap water. Students are considering questions like are the conditions that the beans are growing in the same or are they different? Do we need to water the plants everyday or every second day? Is the water temperature the same in the two different solutions? This experimental investigation leads to broader ideas relating to how plants grow and the ever present issue of salinity.”

4/5G - Our class have been enjoying learning all about Fantasy texts this term. We are enjoying reading the Deltora Quest series by Emily Rodda. Over the next 4 weeks, we will be developing our very own chapter for a fantasy novel.

We have had many changes over the past couple of weeks with new a new classroom, new students and routines. We have all handled these changes exceptionally well and are ready to continue our learning and meeting new goals.

P/1G - We have nearly learnt all our letters and sounds and have begun to sound out some small words. The students are enjoying learning about persuasion in English. We have been reading some of the “Pigeon” books by Mo Williams. The students are really enjoying it and trying to persuade their parents and I using different reasons and modality words.

We have made lots of new friends and settled into school.

3C - Students have been hard at work learning to classify animals by observing their characteristics like biologists do. They will use this knowledge to make a power point presentation. In English they are reading a great novel, “Matty Forever” by Elizabeth Fensham, and learning how the author uses noun groups and verbs to describe the characters and setting so that they can make their own stories more interesting. In Maths, they are learning strategies for adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers and using diagrams to solve problems. They have been working hard at being South Smart and earning lots of yellow tickets. They are eagerly looking forward to the end of term celebration. Parents and Carers please note, we will now be swimming on Wednesdays.

Message from Mr Goodwin

I am chasing information of any families that may have multiple generations who have attended South. Any other information that may be interesting for an article. Twins, famous people, achievements etc.

Tuckshop Meal Deal - Week 7

Hot Dog + milk or juice
$7.00
For Wed, Thurs and Fri
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

Kookaburra Creek Kindergarten's Easter Raffle!
Drawn Friday 27th March 2015

1st Prize - Easter Hamper of Goodies
2nd Prize - Easter Prize Pack
3rd Prize - Easter Basket

Tickets available from
Barney Point Butchery on Saturday 14th March
Clinton Foodworks on Sunday 15th March between 7am to 12pm.

Proudly sponsored by the Parents of Kookaburra Creek Kindergarten and Jan's Flower Shoppe.

WIN Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours

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