Date Claimers

- Mother's Day Stall 6th
  7th & 8th May
- Mother's Day Afternoon
  Tea. This Fri 8th May—
  2pm—3pm in the Hall
- NAPLAN 12th—14th
  May
- South Sports Carnival
  Thurs 11th June

Principal's Address

New Telephone Number – Ph. 4899 4333

We wish to advise all of our families that the school has a new telephone number. Our new number is 4899 4333. The old school number will be diverted to the new number for the next six months. After that the old number will be disconnected.

Resurfacing the pool

Over the past 2 weeks we have had the school pool emptied, cleaned and now repainted. It is wonderful to see it looking so clean and fresh and will make for more comfortable use in term 4. The school is also having the filtration systems replaced and new chlorine pumps installed. This will reduce the cost of maintenance at the pool greatly and ensure Gladstone South has a functioning pool for years to come.

Increasing our internet speed: In the next month the school will be investing in upgrading the school internet speed. This year the school has been participating in a number of online learning classrooms that have allowed South students access to other teachers and students from all over Qld via the internet. The upgrade will double the speed of the schools internet and allow teachers and students to access these and other amazing learning resources.

Parent Teacher interviews: Thank you to those parents who were available today to meet with teachers. Any families that have missed an interview time and would like to make one are welcome to speak with their child's classroom teacher or call the office to arrange a meeting.

NAPLAN

As most parents are aware NAPLAN testing is designed to give parents, students and schools information on how each child sits compared to other students in the same year level from around the state. On the 12th-14th of May students in years 3 & 5 will participate in the national testing program. This can be a very stressful time for some students. If you have a child participating in the testing you can help support them by:

- Beginning to talk calmly about the testing now.
- Ensure they have been getting between 9 & 12 hours sleep per night leading into the tests.
- Have a healthy and filling breakfast the morning of the tests. Breakfast will be provided at school for year 3 & 5 students on testing days.
- Encourage students to give their best efforts and let them know that their best will be good enough.

School Uniform and Jewellery

Gladstone South SS is a uniform school. This means it is expected that students will wear the correct school shirt and blue pants. In addition to the school clothing, parents are reminded that most jewellery is not allowed at school. Necklaces and wrist bands are safety issues and should not be worn to school. Students wearing unnecessary jewellery will be asked to remove it. If they continue to wear jewellery items at school they will be confiscated by the office and will need to be collected by parents.

Next P&C meeting:

Wed 13th May
5.30pm in the Library

Kurt Goodwin
Principal

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Phone: 07 48994333
Fax: 07 4972 6799
Web: www.gladsoutss.eq.edu.au
HOSES REPORT

South’s Support Services

**Updating your child’s medical information and emergency contacts.**
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.
If your child’s medical needs have changed please see Mrs Rios in the office.

**Lunch Time Activities**
All 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.

**Life Skills**
This term students participating in Life Skills will continue with their ‘Uniqueness’ unit. Students will be able to identifying that each person is different and that those differences are what make everyone unique. Students will be able identify their strengths and develop a positive self-image.

**Hearing Screens**
Are you concerned your child …
- Cannot understand simple words or instructions?
- Is difficult to understand at times?
- Has frequent ear infections or persistent middle ear fluid?
- Has poor educational outcomes?
- Has problems with balance?

**Has your child’s hearing been checked lately?**
It is recommended that children have hearing screens every two years. Regular check-ups ensure your child is progressing normally. As hearing is essential to a child’s social, emotional cognitive development it is vital that hearing loss is detected early. Hearing loss can cause significant speech and language delays, social and emotional development and your child’s success in school may be affected if not supported.

Community Health offers free hearing screens if you are a Medicare Card Holder. Appointments can be made by calling 49 76 31 30.

**Curriculum Happenings**

**Before School Reading Program** – New reading groups started on Monday. Each term different year levels and reading levels are targeted. Letters were sent home in the last week inviting the students who will be involved in the reading programs this term. A reminder that the before school reading program starts at 8:30am.

Below are the locations for each group. Please check the days your child’s group is run as we have a couple of groups running on different days this term. Happy reading!!

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**CURRICULUM HAPPENINGS**
NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit NAPLAN testing in Week 4 this term. Teachers and students in these year levels are working hard to be prepared for the tests. The testing will be in the morning session on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

It would be best for students to arrive at 8:45am so they can get organised and be settled for the start of each test. More information on the testing is available at the National Assessment Program Website (www.nap.edu.au).

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**NAPLAN 2015 timetable**

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**IMPACT BOOST NUMEROUSY PROGRAM**

Students have been participating in weekly online Maths lessons. They have learnt to use a Virtual Classroom to communicate with an online teacher, and other students. Mrs Golder and their online teacher, would like to congratulate, Cathy Lincoln, Caleb McGinniskin, Ralf Babijis, Alex De Guzman, Miguel Rios, Tyler Maynard, Ayraina Malo, Casey Castro and Kiara Bruse.
AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

Book Club

- Please hand all orders directly to Mrs Roy in the Library.
- Payment is due by 6th May.

Mother’s Day Stall—Library

- Wed 6th, Thurs 7th, and Fri 8th May
- Prices for gifts—$3, $5, $7, $10

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea & Entertainment—P&C Fundraiser

- This Friday 8th March 2pm—3pm. In the Hall
- $2 gold coin for viewing performance only
- $5 afternoon tea and performance
- All grandmothers, Aunties, sisters, siblings—everyone welcome

Community Notice Board