Principal’s Address

Reading to your children at home

This term all classrooms are noticing a rapid improvement in student reading performances. We want to encourage parents to continue to practice sight words, spelling words and home readers daily at home. Reading daily is the single most valuable learning activity parents can do at home. Once students begin to read they need to be reading for rat least 10 minutes a night to continue to advance their reading skills.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

This Thursday at 10am members of the QSO will be visiting South to perform for our students. All classes will be attending. This is a wonderful opportunity to see five world class performers playing instruments available to our students through the strings program. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the strings performers in the school hall.

Outside School Care Program at South

Gladstone South is in the process of setting up a before and after school care program on the school grounds. The school is in the middle of the set up phase and we are aiming to have the program up and running in term 4.

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.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

This term we are promoting regular school attendance. Students who attend 95% of the time will go into a draw to win an ipod at the end of the term.

I would like to be very clear; it is understood that children may become sick, in particular during the colder months. The school is not promoting sick children being sent to school. This will only result in illness being shared with other students. Additionally to this students with diagnosed ongoing medical illnesses will be supported on a case by case basis. Parents should also be aware of exclusion periods for illnesses like chicken pox etc. For more information about this please contact the office.

It is very important that students attend school regularly. Research has shown that there is a direct link between student attendance and student academic performance.

School 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. This will keep you up to date with what is happening around the school.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal
Principal’s Address Continued

QSchools app for smart phones
Parents and carers can now instantly have access to news and events at their child’s school, such as swimming carnival dates, free dress days, head lice breakouts and P&C meetings, using the QSchools smartphone app. All state schools are searchable using the app which provides location and contact information. The QSchools app is available for free download from the iTunes store for Apple devices, and the Google Play store for Android-compatible devices.

CURRICULUM HAPPENINGS

Resilience Robbers by Michael Grose (Parenting Ideas) Part 1

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their children’s long term best interests.

Robber # 1:

Fight all their battles for them.

Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2:

Make their problem, your problem.

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3:

Give kids too much voice.

In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4:

Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform.

Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don’t put excessive pressure on them.
Term 2 Week 1

Student 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.

This week Mrs Golder set off on her holiday travelling around Australia. Mrs Golder will be on leave until Term 4. Ms Reidy will be replacing Mrs Golder’s ICP and Lifeskills Groups this term. Ms Reidy has joined us from Brisbane with her family. If you see Ms Reidy in the school grounds, please say a big hello and welcome to Gladstone South!

Mrs Hayes is also taking a short break in Bali this term. Ms Silver will be working in 1/2N and 3P classrooms.

1/2N Classroom Capers – Term 2, Week 6

During these last few weeks 1/2N children have been learning a new way to communicate to assist with a classmate’s learning. They have been learning AUSLAN signing with a wonderful teacher aide (Miss T.) who visits their classroom every Monday, as well as Thursday and Friday mornings.

1/2N children have learnt how to sign:- greetings “Good Morning” and “Good Afternoon Mr/ Mrs/ Miss ____”, most of the letters of the alphabet, their names, information collected daily from the calendar and about the weather, “Thank you” and “You’re welcome”, as well as key words used in the classroom on a daily basis.

So if children from 1/2N greet you with sign language, don’t be afraid as they are always eager and excited to pass on their newly learnt signing language.

Keep sparkling,

Mrs Newberry and children from 1/2N :)

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AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

From The Tuckshop

Meal Deal - Wed, Thurs, Fri —Chicken Burger, juice or flavoured milk $7.00

School Disco—Monday 15th June - 5pm—7pm

- The P&C are hosting a school disco in the hall
- The fancy dress theme for the night is **Cowboys & Cowgirls**.
- There will be a DJ, and a number of fun games throughout the disco.
- Sausage sizzle and drinks $2 each
- Entry $2 per child

School Working Bee—Saturday 20th June—1pm—4pm

- This term we will be focussing on garden beautification, and the painting of student toilet doors.
- If you can spare an hour, bring a bucket and garden tools—any time donated is greatly appreciated.
- P&C will provide a free sausage sizzle and drinks to all volunteers

Community Notice Board

Please note new school phone 48994333