Principal’s Address

When should students be at school?
At South we do not have teachers on duty around the school before class. We ask parents not to drop off at school or allow them to walk to school before 8:30am. This is a safety request. We understand some parents start work early but the school is not a before school care option for parents just yet. I would like to stress there is no justifiable reason why a child would be at school before 8am without a parent.

Regular school attendance
At Gladstone South State School we are aiming to have students at school 95% of the time throughout the year. Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:
- Illness
- Competing in school sporting or cultural events.
If you child is going to be absent from school you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand. Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:
- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Visiting family and friends
- If they sleep in
- Looking after other children
- Minor check ups or care, such as haircuts.
Routine medical or other health appointments should be made wither before or after school or during the school holidays.
Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready for the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term.
If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school contact the school for advice and support.

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.

Next P&C meeting:
Wednesday 10th
Alternative Lunch Time Activities

Each day a range of alternative lunchtime activities are run for all students. The Billabong Room and Library operates daily and offers a range of activities to develop fine motor skills as well as reading and listening skills. On Thursday’s and Friday’s the Indigenous Centre is opened to offer a range of cultural based activities for students to participate in, including arts and crafts and yarning. All activities focus on developing individuals social and communication skills through highly supervised and supported activities.

Information for Parents - Kids Outside the Box: For children with Autism

Support Groups will operate once a month for families with children with Autism. Sessions will run 16 May, 13 June and 18 July from 10-12 at the Community HUB 5 Buller St. For further assistance or questions please contact Autism Support on 0427 750 130 or see Belinda Job in the office.

CURRICULUM HAPPENINGS

Resiliency Robbers by Michael Grose (Parenting Ideas) Part 2

Robber # 5:

Let kids give in too easily

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

Robber # 6:

Neglect to develop independence

Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Resilience notion # 6: Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Robber # 7:

Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.
**Term 2 Week 7**

*Resilience notion #7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.*

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities. They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life’s curve balls.

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**CLASSROOM CAPERS  ATHLETICS SEASON**

This term is full of athletics competitions. During PE, we have been spending our lessons learning and refreshing our sporting events. This includes; discus, shot put, high jump and long jump—in the lead up to our sports day on the Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th of June.

I would like to let parents/caregivers of students turning 10, 11 or 12 years, know that Friday the 19th of June is the Gladstone City Interschool Athletics Carnival, which is the Friday of the week after our carnival. If your child has placed 1st or 2nd at the Carnival here at South, they will have the opportunity to attend the next level of competition at the TAFE grounds on Friday of week 9. Students will need to wear their full school uniform and pack extra water and healthy snacks. More details will be available after results are in from our athletics carnival.

Mrs Crosswell

**Queensland Symphony Orchestra Strings Performance**

South students and families thoroughly enjoyed the performance by this professional strings group. We are also very proud of our own strings performers: Scott Roy, Jack Rankin, Maddie Collings, Luka Yow-Yeh D’Arcy, Kellee Moore, Heather Yow-Yeh D’Arcy, Ciccone Hansen, Aliea Golding, Erin McKay, Aleisha Gray, Lance Millario, Casey Castro, Taleena Neivandt
AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

From The Tuckshop

Meal Deal - Wed, Thurs, Fri - Hot Dog or Pizza, 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

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**Community Notice Board**

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**Book your sitting time by:**

Gladstone South State School

Location: Gladstone South State School
Date: Friday, 14 August 2015
Contact: Tracy Rodden
Phone: 4972 9955
Email: to001@dqq.edu.au
Price: $20

(book now as popular sitting times fill up fast)