Principal’s Address

Term 2, 2015

What a busy term it has been. I am always amazed and pleased to see the growth and development in students from the beginning of the year to the mid-year mark. This year so far our Prep students have excelled with most now know the alphabet, numbers to 20, a large number of sight words and most are close to or have begun to read.

The year 1 & 2 students have also been impressing their teachers with their energy and eagerness to read, while the year 3 to 6 classrooms have been very busy with National and State wide testing and we look forward to the results coming out early next term.

This wonderful improvement across the whole school is attributed to a number of reasons. Firstly the wonderful support our students receive from their parents. Secondly the increase we have had in attendance in the last 12 months. Every day is a learning day and every day away is a missed opportunity. Thirdly, the effort put in by the children on a daily basis is great to see and finally the wonderful staff that come to school every day looking for opportunities to help every child they teach.

As we all go off on holidays I hope our families get time to spend together, relax and recharge the batteries for the final 6 months of the year. Enjoy the break and stay safe if you are traveling on the roads.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who went to the Gladstone City athletics carnival last Friday. A special mention goes to Chloe Dopson for being selected to compete at the Port Curtis trials in discuss next term.

Excursions and Fun Day

This Friday a number of year levels will be on excursions as part of their fun day activities. Due to half of the school being away on Friday we will not be having parade this week. Students not going on an excursion who are eligible to participate in fun activities for the day will be participating in fun activities at school.

Attendance Ipod draw

This term we have been pushing to get students at school 95% of the time or more. On Tuesday we selected the winner of this terms ipod out of a large list of names. Thank you to 1/2N for helping me draw the name out. The winner this term is KYLE FRANKLIN - congratulations.
Electronic devices at school

At Gladstone South SS we ask that all electronic devices, e.g. ipods, ipads, mobile phones etc. are not brought to school by students. If these devices are brought to school they can create a range of issues including being stolen, broken or if they are used inappropriately students can be photographed or exposed to materials that may not be classified appropriate for student viewing. In the event that a student needs to have a device they are able to bring it to the office in the morning where it will be securely locked up until the end of the day.

Student found to be using these devices at school will be in breach of the schools code of conduct and subject to appropriate consequences.
HOC HAPPENINGS

Report Cards
At the end of the semester every student will be issued with a report card outlining their achievement for Semester 1. These reports will be graded in different ways depending on what year level they are in.

Year 1 to 3 students will receive a grade of:
- Very High – Student is working well beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- High – Student is working beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- Sound- Student is working at expected level of a student in their grade.
- Developing – Student is working towards the expected level for a student in their grade.
- Requires support – Student requires support to work on set tasks

The year 4-7 students will receive a grade of:
- A – Student is working well beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- B - Student is working beyond the expected level of a student in their grade.
- C- Student is working at expected level of a student in their grade.
- D – Student is working below the expected level of a student in their grade.
- E – Student

P&C - AROUND THE SCHOOL

WORKING BEE 20TH JUNE

The Gladstone South P&C, school and wider community, wish to sincerely thank the following families and individuals for the hard work and commitment to our school. This is the second Working Bee this year; one per term, and it is awesome to see the same families and a new one, return to give our gardens/areas another ‘face lift’.

Gary, Patrick and Casey Castro; Vicki, Thomas and Sophie Rogers; Kirstie and Heath Golding; Sandy Richards; Belinda and Kayden Job; Kurt, Brooke, Elli and Lexi Goodwin; Oscar, Tracy and Miguel Rios; and a warm welcome to Terri, Jake and Josh Pattillo. THANK YOU!
CLASS ROOM CAPERS

3/4M & 2K need your old (CLEAN) :) bedsheets. We are contributing to Australia’s Largest Recycled Rug - as debuted at ECOFEST! Please send your contributions to 3/4M & 2K classrooms. We would especially love coloured sheets, but any will do. What a great excuse to clean out your linen cupboards ;)  
Michelle McCaughey 3/4M Teacher

AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

It’s back!

Woolworths earn & learn

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.