PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

New enrolments and Prep 2016
The school is beginning to put out information about the 2016 prep year and are actively seeking new enrolments for the remainder of the year. Any current parents who know of families that are considering enrolling in 2016 are asked to let the school office know. Also parents are asked to promote the school positively to other families. Additionally in 2016 Gladstone South SS will be offering before and after school care to assist parents with extended work hours. For more information please contact the schools office.

Term 3 attendance draw – Win an ipod!
This term we will be holding an attendance draw for students who are at school for 95% of the term or more. In the final week of the term we will be placing the names of students who have been at school 95% of the time to win an apple ipod. So make sure your children are at school every day to win.

Before and after school care program
The school is aiming to have organised before and after school care at Gladstone South by the beginning of term 4. This would allow families to have their children supervised and feed in a supportive environment from approximately 6am – 6pm. As the term continues we will be sending more information home to families.

Car Park at Office
We are having an increasing number of parents using the car park outside the office in the afternoons to collect their children. This is not a pick up or drop off area. This car park is for staff and visiting workers. Parents are asked to use the car parks on Toolooa Street for afternoon pick up.

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.

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
Whole School Reading

This term the whole school will be participating in levelled reading programs every Mon-Wed from 10:30 until first lunch. Students will be reading with their peers who have a similar reading level, and will most likely have a different teacher to their classroom teacher. The aim of this program is to have students working together on books that are targeted at their needs, and ensure we are teaching reading consistently across all grades. For the first 3 weeks we will be looking at the reading strategy of Predicting. At home you can support this by having students predict what a story may be about or what they think might happen next in the story.

HEAD OF SPEACIAL EDUCATION SEVICES
Belinda Job

Have you had your child’s eye checked?

Often children don’t know they have an eye sight problem until a parent has their eye checked. If a child has a vision problem this will great impact on their ability to focus on classroom work, remain settled or even behave appropriately.

Eye examinations are free! All you need to do is ring community health in Gladstone and organise an appointment. If you have a Medicare card most optometrists will do free eye examination by appointment also. If your child is having any concerns at school, often the first and easiest place to start looking is at their vision. Please contact the schools office if you would like more information about having your child’s vision tested.

CLASS ROOM CAPERS

3/4M & 2K need your old (CLEAN) :) bedsheets. We are contributing to Australia’s Largest Recycled Rug - as debuted at ECO-FEST! 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

Andy Griffiths Excursion: Next week’s newsletter will have photos of our super, well behaved South Students. Congratulations to all of our students; who yet again, represented Gladstone South in such a respectful and responsible way.
P&C NEWS

- The P&C are holding a Monster Raffle to be drawn at our Father’s Day Function (date to be advised).
- Prize valued at $7000—see below
- Get in quick! There are limited tickets available—only 300 at $50 per ticket.
- Tickets will be available at the office.

First Prize - Choose 1 of 7 Major Prizes, valued at $7000 RRP
50 minor prizes to be drawn - 1 in 6 tickets wins a prize

Book Your Family Portrait—We Need 25 Families!

Advanced Life Studios are booked at Gladstone South’s Library for Friday 14th August 2015. Your student/s have received a brochure explaining how to book your session time; also, the guidelines/rules.

Sessions can be booked starting at 3pm and running between 10 –15 minute intervals. With the last booking at 7:50pm. Payment must be cash $20—paid when booking at office

Please contact the office if you have not received a brochure or have any queries.

Kind regards

Tracy Rios
Administration Officer
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