Is your child eligible for Prep 2016?
Your child is due to start school in 2016 if they are born between 01/07/10 and the 30/06/11. Children born in July 2011 are also eligible to enrol for the 2016 schools year if they have had a meeting with the school principal.

Any current parents who know of families that are considering enrolling in 2016 are asked to let the school office know. 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.

In term four the school will be holding a number of open days and information sessions for new families. While all sessions will help new students transition into school effectively parents are not required to attend all sessions.

- Parent Information Evening - Thursday 8th Oct - 5pm
- Parents & Child Visit - Welcome to South - Friday 16th Oct – 9-10am
- Parents & Child Visit - School orientation - Friday 23rd Oct- 9-10am
- Parents & Child Visit - Classroom activities - Friday 30th Oct – 9-11am
- Parents & Child Visit - Classroom activities - Friday 6th Nov – 9-11am

A parent is required to stay for the duration of all prep visits. Please note parents are responsible for their children during visits.

Regular school attendance

At Gladstone 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 your 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 hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. Continued overleaf.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal
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 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.

NAIDOC Celebrations
On the 31st of July the school will be holding NAIDOC Celebrations. Nhulundu are supporting the school to host these activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. The school will be split in prep to year 3 from 9-10am and year 4 to 6 from 10-11am with four round robin type activities on the top oval. During play time Nhulundu staff will remain at the school and offer ‘dreaming’ or story time and some ‘arts and crafts’ activities. Families are welcome to come along and join in the mornings activities.

P&C NEWS

- TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE—CASH ONLY
- The P&C are holding a Monster Raffle to be drawn at our Pool Disco on Friday 30th October.
- Prize valued at $7000—see below
- Get in quick! There are limited tickets available—only 300 at $50 per ticket.

CLASSROOM 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 ;)}
GIRL'S DAY IN THE LIBRARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TERM 3 CLASS CAPTAINS

(not in order)  Jorell Nga-kaura, Malek Chikh Ebrahim, Sienna Rawlings, Skyla Murray, Axl Benn, Joshua Pattillo, David Ly

Jake Pattillo, Joyce Abrea, Brandyn Thomas, Holly Maynard

July 2015  ChappySandy
Sandy Beak School Chaplain
sandyb@chappy.org.au  0404 937 250

Tour De Chaplain Event

A great way to spend a Saturday! Starting at Many Peaks at 7am were 52 excited riders who cycled their way to the finish line at Yar-wun, with drink stops and a barbeque lunch along the way. Chappies provided support and encouraged the riders who contributed valuable funds towards chaplaincy. First over the finish line was Robin Van der Wegen in just over 3 hours! The draw prize of a brand new bike (kindly donated by M1 Cycles) went to Aaron Bachmann, highest individual fundraiser was Rod Muston, and team fundraiser going to Port City Church. There were many other lucky prize winners also. We even made it onto Channel 7 news! Thanks to all who contributed or supported this event – we couldn’t have done it without you. We look forward to bigger and better next year!

Spending two full days here at South is allowing me to introduce some exciting programs, such as a girls group for yr 6 girls meeting weekly where we’ll have lots of opportunities for great conversations, learning new skills, craft, exploring social and emotional topics and generally having fun! I’m also enjoying being able to be part of South’s existing Brekky Club on Tuesdays which is a great opportunity to not only provide food for hungry mouths, but have a chat to students as well.

A Word from Young People…

I’ve been asking the question, “When you’re sad, what do you do to feel better?” Some answers include:-

• “I try to remember the good times and memories that I’ve had” yr 6 girl.
• “I go and listen to some music” yr 6 girl.
• “When I’m sad I like to be by myself away from other people” yr 5 boy.
• “To feel happy I count to 10, try again, and find a friend”. Yr 5 girl.

Personal Reflection

It’s easy to feel alone sometimes isn’t it? When life hands you difficulties and things we don’t plan for, it can be tempting to withdraw from the world to escape. I know sometimes I do that, throwing my own ‘pity party’. Why do we find it easier to reach out and help others, rather than reach out ourselves to ask for help? Interesting isn’t it? Something I’ve found (and learning to do) is that when we let others in and allow them to support us, life can be much easier to handle. We can find a circle of support around us at a time of need, which is how God created communities to function. Fellowship and relying on trusted friends is so vital. Jesus also desires to have a deep connection with us and guide us through life. So, can I encourage you to surround yourself with those you know and trust, being brave to lean on a shoulder or two.

Grace and Peace
AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

MEAL DEAL - chicken burger, flavoured milk or juice $7

Kids keep an eye out for our latest special menu item – Olaf ice creams. They will be sold for a limited time at the tuckshop for $2.20. Look out for the flyers around the tuckshop to know when they go on sale.

BOOK YOUR FAMILY PORTRAIT– WE NEED 10 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.

SOUTH STARS—WEEK 10

Attention all potential performers. Start preparing now for your performance in week 10.

Drummers, singers, dancers, poets, musicians—any performers—organise now.

Community Notice Board

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Don’t forget that the Woolworths Learn and Earn promotion is on again. This year shoppers will be given stickers to collect and place in the container at the school or in stores. Every $10 spent the school earns 1 sticker. I would hope that parents in our school could collect a large number of stickers that are traded in for school equipment. This is a very worthwhile promotion and one that is easy for school to benefit from. I encourage everyone to collect the stickers and enlist your extended families to do the same for our school.