Survey reminder for Parent/Caregiver Survey (Ends Friday 14th August)

If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until midnight on 14 August 2015. This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Outstanding Science testing results

This year students in years 2-6 have had the opportunity to participate in a range of nationally recognised tests known as ICAS. We have received the results from the science testing with the following students excelling in their year levels:

- Credit (top 30% of the Nation)
  - Scott Roy
  - Suhail Rezwan
  - Jake Pattiloo

- Distinction (top 2% of the Nation)
  - Lance Millario

Congratulations to these students and all of our other participants for their efforts in the science testing this year.

School Choir to Perform at Gladstone Eisteddfod

This year the students in the schools choir (year 3) will be performing at the Gladstone Eisteddfod on Wednesday the 9th September. Our students have been practicing during music lessons and are starting to sound great. Parents of students participating in the choir will receive a note shortly with further details.

Have you had your child’s eye checked?

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

Eye examinations are free. 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.

Next P&C meeting:

Wednesday 12th August
5.30pm in the Library

Kurt Goodwin
Is your child eligible for Prep 2016 – Enrol Now!

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

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.

BOOK YOUR FAMILY PORTRAIT AT THE OFFICE – WE NEED 5 FAMILIES!

Advanced Life Studios are booked at Gladstone South’s Library for this Friday 14th August 2015.

Sessions can be booked starting at 3pm and running between 10 –15 minute intervals.

Last booking at 7:50pm. Payment must be $20 cash —paid when booking at office

Extended Learning Program At Clinton State 6th August : Aboriginal Art

Congratulations to these South Stars; who were congratulated, not only for their fabulous work, but for exceptional manners and behaviour: Aleia Golding, Jake Pattillo and Caitlyn Kent.
MONSTER RAFFLE

- 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.

AROUND SOUTH WITH THE P&C

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Sunday 20th September (first Sunday of September holidays)

- Do you have a spare hour or two?
- You choose your time between 8am - 3pm
- Come join our team of volunteers.
- Help serve a sausage and support our students.

Playground Up grade & Rectification

- Our Secretary, Mrs Kirsty Golding, is super busy gathering quotes and filling out mountains of paperwork, in the hope that we will receive other grants for a new playground on the Top Oval (years 1-3), plus new marquees and tents.
- The school and P&C are joining efforts to rectify the old Prep playground next to the Hall.

Where Does Our Fundraising Go?

- In addition to the thousands of dollars raised through grants, the P&C’s regular events; such as, BBQs and discos, raises the additional funds needed to continue to support the school to upgrade it’s facilities. For example:
  
  New Playgrounds
  
  Student safety - traffic control bollards for Office entry and student safety signs
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Sign on Days for Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club- 2015/16 Season

When: Saturday, 22 August 2015 and Saturday, 5 September 2015
Where: Wests Swimming Pool, Glenlyon Road, Gladstone, opposite Gladstone Duck Ponds
Pool swim proficiencies are conducted on the day.
Times: 8:00am to 11:30am

Cost: Family $300
      Single $100.00 per person
      Cash or cheque only- NO EFTPOS

New Registrations from 6-18 years must present a birth certificate at sign on.
A parent/guardian must also join when joining a Junior between ages 6-14 years.

Joining Adults (18+) must apply for a free Blue Card, so bring 2 forms of Identification (eg drivers licence/birth certificate/passport)

Existing Members - renew and pay online at http://sls.com.au/join
Registration enquiries to Club Registrar at email registrartannumsurf@hotmail.com

AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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.

MEAL DEAL—WED, THURS, FRI

Pizza, juice or flavoured milk $5

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