DATE CLAIMERS

- **Yellow** Free Dress Day for Daffodil day next Friday 28th August
- Teacher Aide Day Friday 31st August
- Father's Day Movie Night - Friday 4th September
- South Stars & Disco - Monday 14th September

For some great parenting ideas visit: www.parentingideas.com.au

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.

New School Absentee phone line
If a child is going to be away from school for one or two days their parent or guardian is able to call the new absentee number and leave a message explaining the absence. These messages are then checked and recorded by the classroom teachers. Parents simply need to ring 48994366 and follow the prompts.

English ICAS Testing
On The 31st of August students from years 2-6 will be sitting the English ICAS test. Last week students completed the mathematics testing. Results will take up to 4-6 weeks to return to the school.

Using the school crossings safely
Road safety is one of the biggest concerns we have for the students at South. We have three supervised crossing supervisors available around the school to assist students to cross the road safely. I ask that all of our parents and guardians are modelling the correct road safety rules for these students, and are encouraging them to listen carefully to the crossing supervisors as they cross the road.

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.

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 office.

Next P&C meeting:

**Wednesday 9th September**
5.30pm in the Library

Kurt Goodwin
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT continued

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.

South’s Support Services

Gladstone South has a number of Support Staff available to provide assistance for Students with Additional Needs. Our Support staff work with all students, including students with disabilities or learning difficulties, by offering a range of Enrichment Programs for Literacy, Numeracy and Lifeskills. Please discuss with your child’s teacher if you wish to know more about the programs we can offer.

Lunchtime Activities

In the Billabong Room, children have a range of social based activities they can participate in. Students enjoy playing cards, building blocks or manipulating lego and connector toys. We also play a range of board games or enjoy colouring in.

Donations wanted:
The Billabong Room and Lifeskills Programs would benefit greatly from donations of books, games and puzzles. Please send donated items to the office.

Belinda Job
Head of Special Education Services

South Star Award Recipients - Friday 14th August

Congratulations to the following students:

P/1D: Ashlee Gallagher, Lexi Goodwin
P/1G: Gerald Paguilih, Abernathy Hewett
1/2N: Niel Torres, Lillani Robertson
2G: Rachel Bracken, Liam Evans
2K: Tristan Hindmarsh, Jedidiah Dologan
3C: Joshua Pattillo
3/4 M: Lance Millario, Iris Richardson
4/5G: Ivy Salisbury, Jett Kuskopf
5/6I: Alan Hellmuth, Luka Yow-Yeh D’arcy, Colin-Ross Vanderwolf
6W: Toneisha Jaynes, Kristine Lincoln
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.

Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser. South will receives $300 from the bookings.

I was personally very impressed with the Photographer on the day/evening, and look forward to viewing my package.

Co-ordinator Viewing Day Information

Date of Viewing Day: Thursday 3rd September
Hours of Viewing Day: First family 3:00pm
                        Last family 6:00pm
Co-ordinator Name: Tracy Rios
Photographer Name: Bede Ramah

Please refer to your specific viewing appointment time

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

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 SOUTH WITH THE P&C

FROM THE TUCKSHOP - Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - MEAL DEAL—WED, THURS, FRI
Hot Dog, juice or flavoured milk $7

Free Dress Day - Daffodil Day - Friday 28th August
• Help raise funds for the Cancer Council - **gold coin donation**
• Dress in your favourite **yellow** outfit and support a very worthy cause.

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.