Principal’s Address

With only one 2 days left of term 3, we are quickly seeing classroom assessments draw to a close. This term we have made many significant impacts; both within the classroom - being the outstanding teaching and learning, that is not only visible in every classroom, but also within the playground. There will be a shift in focus for the staff in the near future, meaning a focus on curriculum delivery and exploring at greater depth our regions signature pedagogy - Explicit Instruction. Our school has been on the Explicit Instruction journey for some time now. I look forward to being able to work with staff to narrow down our delivery, and continue to develop our skills so that we have consistency across the school.

Have a great holiday break and I look forward to seeing all of our South Stars back in term four on the 6th of October.

Newsletter Changes – transition to electronic newsletters

The school is looking to reduce the amount of paper used at the school. Starting next term the school will move to a fortnightly newsletter. On the alternate week, we will produce a one page ‘snippet’ that is only sent out via email. The one page document will have key school events advertised on it. We encourage all families to make the switch to emailed newsletters for both newsletter and snippet items. If you are not receiving the newsletter via email, and would be happy doing so, please send an email to Annette at athom156@eq.edu.au and you will be added to our mailing list.

Intentions for 2016

We are currently planning for the 2016 school year. An important component of this includes knowing next year’s enrolments as we look at classes and staffing.

To help with our planning, all families are asked to indicate their intended plans for 2016, in respect to their son/daughter’s continued enrolment at Gladstone South State School. If you are leaving the Gladstone area, we ask that you confirm that your child/children will be leaving the school via the letter sent home earlier this week, or by contacting the school office it would be greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop for breakfast

We have a growing number of students purchasing breakfast before school from the tuckshop. This is a great opportunity for students to have something healthy to eat, to give them energy for the day. However students and parents are starting to turn up later and later to the tuckshop requesting food, which then makes students late for class, or means they have to sit and eat instead of starting learning at the same time as other students. To ensure all students are at class on time and ready to learn, the tuckshop will not be serving breakfast after 8:40am. If students arrive after this time they will not be served.

End of Term fun day.

With the term nearly over students who have been consistently behaving in a South SMART way, and who have attended school to a satisfactory level, will be invited to join their teacher and class in fun activities. The day is a celebration of the hard work that our students are doing, and a reward for making South school a great school. Students who have been at school for 95% of the term or more will go into a draw to win an ipod.

Kurt Goodwin
Principal
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT continued

Year 6 Camp in term 4 – deposits are due asap
Parents with children in year 6 should have received a note outlining the proposed camp to the Capricorn Caves on the 5th and 6th of November. Parents need to pay an initial payment of $100 as soon as possible to book your students place on the camp. Activities will include adventure caving, climbing wall, environmental studies and night tours. For more information about the camp, please speak with either Mrs Weldon or Mr Irvine.

Before and After School Care Program
This week we have confirmed that Camp Australia will be running a before and after school care program at South in 2016. The Program will commence as of the 14th of December 2015, with vacation care being offered throughout the entire Christmas holiday period. The program will run from 6:30am to 6pm on all school days throughout the 2016 year. Camp Australia will be coming up to Gladstone in early term 4 to begin to pass on information to parents.

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 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.

HOC HAPPENINGS

Step into STEM Extended Learning Program
The program was held at Gladstone Central State School on the 4th September. The aims of the program were to:

• stimulate interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
• to enhance problem-solving and higher order thinking skills.

Proud South participants: Austen Roberts, Ellie Goodwin and Marianne Golding.
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.

ICAS Writing Assessment Participants: Suhail Rezwan, Chanelle Miro and Lance Millario - Well done!

2015 Toolooa SHS Advanced Learners Challenge
Participation Award Recipients: Scott Roy, Daniel Tomsett, Heather Yow Yeh-D’Arcy, Lydia Gray, Drishti, Jack Teather, Des Sharkey, Thea Maxwell and Jannali Laing. Congratulations South Star Ambassadors!
AROUND SOUTH WITH THE P&C

**Tuckshop:** Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Meal Deal:** Lasagne, Mac & Cheese OR Spaghetti Bolognaise PLUS Juice or flavoured Milk - $6
- Orders in by 9:30am

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - SATURDAY 19th September (first Saturday 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.

**South Stars 2015:**
- South Stars auditions will commence Week 1 next term. Auditions will be held in the Hall at first break on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunch times.
- Each performance needs to come prepared to audition before South Staff.
- Music, costumes and a polished performance is expected if contestants proceed through to the Grand Finals in Week 5.
- Children will nominate a time to audition on the lists in the library.

Janelle Roy
Teacher-Librarian
Gladstone South State School

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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**This Halloween 31 October**

**Tondoon Botanic Gardens**

**Free Kids Disco**
From 3pm - 6pm
Followed by the Main Event

**Double Feature Horror Movies**
From 7pm till late
Tickets on sale now $20
$30 at the Gate

Gladstone Tannum Sands
Rose's Foodmarket Tannum Meat's
Feastarn Bumbleberry Surprise
Scrapbook Fantasia Callicope
Australian Icecream Limestone Clothing

Online at Eventbrite - Twilight After Dark
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