DATE CLAIMERS

- South Stars Auditions - Term 4 Week 1 - Tuesday
- South Stars Auditions - This Tues, Wed, Thurs

For some great parenting ideas visit:

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.

Next P&C meeting:
14th October
5.30pm in the Library

Principal’s Address

2016 Prep Information Evening

This Thursday at 5pm until 6pm we will be holding the 2016 prep parent information evening. On the night parents will be taken through what Gladstone South SS offers in prep and begin the successful transition of our new prep students. If parents are unable to attend the evening we will be more than happy to answer any questions during the upcoming prep open mornings.

Newsletter Changes – transition to emailed newsletters

The school is looking to reduce the amount of paper used at the school. Starting this 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 would have key school events advertised on it. We are encouraging 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.

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
- 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.

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 you child to school every school day; including, their birthday and the last day of term.

Kurt Goodwin

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT continued

Before and After School Care Program
Camp Australia will be opening a before and after school care program at Gladstone 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

Science Extended Learning Program at Toolooa State High School

On the last day of term, 24 students from schools across the Gladstone region visited Toolooa State High School to participate in an Extended Learning Day for Science run by Kin Kora State School.

Students delved into the scientific world of Vitamin C and completed two science experiments. The first experiment solved the mystery of what foods contain Vitamin C and how much Vitamin C concentrations each food contained. Students used a Vitamin C test indicator solution, which contained starch, iodine and water. The Vitamin C indicator allowed students to rank the Vitamin C content of food because Vitamin C causes the purple Vitamin C indicator to lose its colour: the lighter the solution, the higher the Vitamin C content of each food. The students were surprised to find out that kiwi fruit and red capsicum both had a higher level of Vitamin C than an orange.

The ELP day was a huge success and a big thankyou goes to Mr Muller (HOD Science) and his team at Toolooa SHS for allowing the students the privilege of working in a scientific environment and providing the resources for the experiments. A big thankyou also goes to Miss McCarthy for the assistance of organising the day and the implementation of the program.

Article excerpt written by Mr Shonhan  Master Teacher Kin Kora SS

**Supper Science South Stars:** Samantha Davies, Scott Roy and Thea Maxwell
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.

ATTENTION ALL PERFORMERS!

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
AROUND SOUTH WITH THE P&C

Tuckshop:  Open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Bunnings Sausage  A huge thank you goes to all of our volunteers who gave their time: Vicky Rogers, Shauna Bignell, Kirsty Golding, Daniel Tomsett, Darren Grosset, Terri Pattillo, Chappy Sandy, Brooke and Kurt Goodwin, Oscar and Tracy Rios.

The P&C are proud to announce that through these peoples’ effort, we raised approximately $1500 profit!!

These funds will go toward the upgrade of the year 1 - 3 playground.

Slushie Machine Coming To South Tuckshop

- Just in time for Summer, the Tuckshop will be selling icy cold Slushies.
- Slushies available at both breaks
- Starting next Wednesday 14th October
- Available in a variety of flavours - changing over time.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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
Roof’s Foodmarket
Feedburn
Scrapbook Fantasies
Australian Icecreamery

Tannum Sands
Tannum Meat’s
Bumbleberry Surprise
Calliope
Limestone Clothing

Online at Eventbrite - Twilight After Dark
*Fees apply