GLADSTONE SOUTH STATE SCHOOL  
Term 4 Week 7
18th November 2015

Newsletter

PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Every Day Counts

With only three and a half weeks left of the school year, it is very important that students are attending school every day. Teachers will be working with their classes up until the end of the school year. Primary school is a 7 year journey and there is always more to learn. For our year 6 students they are about to begin a massive transition in their lives. The more knowledge they can take to high school with them the easier this transition will be. Parents are asked to encourage 100% attendance for the final few weeks.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert will be held on the 2nd of December in the courtyard on the stage. The night is a great evening with the P&C cooking burgers and sausages and selling glow sticks on the night also. The evening is a wonderful family event with all classes performing on the night. The P&C will also raffle off the Christmas raffle baskets that classes are collecting at the moment. The class with the most baskets for the raffle will receive a pizza party from the P&C.

Year 6 Graduation

The year 6 graduation will be held on the 9th of December in the school hall. The evening will start at 5:30pm, with awards and presentations of graduation certificates happening first, followed by a light supper. All parents and extended families of our graduating students are welcome to attend.

Some Fantastic writing from 2K

2K have been doing some writing using the seven steps to writing strategies. Last week they wrote using the strategy ‘show don’t tell’. This is what Zoe and Sally wrote:

Zoe Rohrlach
South State School is the best.

Imagine a school with a giant crystal clear pool that you can swim in almost all the time. Imagine a school with free breakfast every Tuesday at the tuckshop. Now imagine the bell ringing to go to lunch and you see an astronomical playground.

Sally Choi
Imagine a school that has the coolest playground ever, with amazing teachers and free breakfast too. The pool is the most interesting thing to do. We also have fun on the greeny fresh grass on top oval. It’s the biggest fun that you can have with your friends. It is really GREAT!

Welcome to a new staff member for 2016 – Ms Wood

Dear families.

Hello, my name is Carley Wood, I am a graduate teacher from the University of the Sunshine Coast. I am VERY excited to be starting my teaching career at your school and look forward to all the exploring, learning and fun I will have. About me: I grew up in Caboolture on a strawberry farm until I was 10 then my family and I moved to New Zealand for 8 years. I moved back to Australia on the Sunshine Coast and started my teaching degree.

Kurt Goodwin

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Next P&C meeting:
Thursday 10th December
After all the hard work and studying I am now making the move to Gladstone. With me I bring a passion for teaching, learning new things and also an energetic puppy. To me, teaching is equipping students with skills and knowledge to succeed in the 21st century. Feel free to come have a chat with me or ask any questions. I look forward to getting to know you all and being a part of your school community.

Best wishes, Miss Wood J

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

A new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year will see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become an additional professional development day for teachers.

Contacting the office regarding 2016

We are encouraging all families to contact the office regarding their plans for 2016. We understand some families may not be returning in 2016 due to work commitments or family reasons. It is important that we are notified about this as it will impact on planning for 2016. Additionally, if families have a new child starting school in 2016 we would like to get the paperwork organised this year. This will make the transition into school much easier for the child and their parents.

Transition to electronic newsletters

If you didn’t receive a newsletter last week, it was because the school is now only sending home fortnightly paper newsletters. The school plans to bring forward the phasing out of paper newsletter to February 2016 with only emailed or online newsletters available. Parents and community members can always access the newsletter from the Qschools app which is available through the Itunes store or play store. The most recent newsletter is also available via the schools website on the front page. If you haven’t sent in your email address to the school please see Tracy in the office or directly email athom156@eq.edu.au with your name, your child’s name and grade and we will add you to the list.

Before and After School Care Program – Starting on 27th January

Camp Australia will be opening a before and after school care program at Gladstone South in 2016. The Program will commence as of the 27th of January 2016. 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.

Enrol Now for 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 school 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.
Year 6 Transition to High School

Please note the following details:

**Gladstone State High School transition days are on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd November.** Students are to meet in the hall at 8:50am and be collected at 3:00pm. Please contact Gladstone State High School for more information on 49 76 61 11.

**Toolooa State High School transition days are on Monday 30th and Tuesday 1st November.** Starts at 8:45am and concludes at 3:00pm. Please contact Toolooa State High School for more information on 49 71 43 33.

**Private Occupational Therapist visiting Gladstone**

Serena Piries, a private Occupational therapist from Brisbane is looking at visiting Gladstone to offer her services. This will include conducting an OT Assessment, as well as providing resources and reports to families and the school. Appointments can be made in the last week of December (7th-11th December). The Assessment including the report and resources costs $350.

If you would like more information, please contact the office for a brochure or contact Confidence In Kids Occupational Therapy on Mob: 0431 708 765

**Belinda Job HOSES**

**Toolooa SHS 2016 Year 7 Orientation Days**

This year we will be holding a two day orientation program for students from Year 6 moving into Year 7 in 2016. On **Monday the 30th of November** and **Tuesday the 1st of December**, Year 6 students who will be attending Toolooa SHS in 2016 will visit their new school.

Both days will begin with a bell at 8:45am and students will move to the shelter. They will be organised into groups and will attend four lessons during the day. TSHS Junior Secondary student leaders have been selected to take groups to each lesson and work in the class with them as well as taking them to and from their lunch area.

Towards the end of lesson 4 on each day, all students will return to the shelter for a question and answer session with our Acting Principal, Mr Bryan Townsend. It is important that students are aware that they must organise their own transport to and from Toolooa and that they:

- wear full primary school uniform, particularly appropriate footwear
- bring an exercise book and pen, pencil and ruler, water bottle and a hat
- bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at our canteen

Any required medications should be clearly labelled and taken to our office.

Please note that students will be given all relevant information and handouts to ensure they are ready to commence Year 7 in 2016 on **Wednesday, January 27th**.

Students will be released from the shelter at 3pm each day to go home. Staff will be available on bus duty to assist students who are to travel on buses.

Any questions can be directed to the Year 7 Coordinator Craig O’Connor, on 49714341 or via e-mail at cocon20@eq.edu.au
COMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Christmas Variety Concert
Sunday 29th November 2015
1pm start
Held at 161 Sun Valley Road, Gladstone
Gold Coin Entry.
Raffle / Tea & Coffee / Softdrinks available
Lots of prizes being given away.
Come along for an afternoon in the Air Conditioned building for a few laughs, singing and live music.
If you have any further enquiries, please call Craig on 4975 6828
Thankyou