



# Newsletter

## Principal's Post

At the commencement of each school year the school must develop targets and goals towards what type of achievements the students and teachers would like to reach. This plan is called an AIP, meaning, Annual Implementation Plan. The following are the targets we are aiming for during the year.

### PBL

100% adoption South State School Responsible Behaviour Management Plan.

### Attendance

Attendance goal is **92%** attendance of students.

**Reading: 100%** of students reading and comprehension tracked on the 'Literacy Continuum'.

**100%** of the teaching staff identify reading demands within English unit planning, construct English Learning Walls and participate in reading observation and feedback.

**90 %** of students identify their reading goals based on their progress on the 'Literacy Continuum'.

**NAPLAN:** Increase NMS in reading in **Yr 3 to 90%**, **Yr 5 to 75%**, U2B – **Yr 3 to 22%**, **Yr 5 to 28%**. **65 %** in the relative gain.

**A to C:** English: **70%** Mathematics: **75%** Science: **87%**

**Absentee Line:  
48994366**

- 13th March - **P&C AGM** and monthly meeting
- 22nd March- **Pizza Lunch** (Second Break)
- **School Photo Day** Mon 25th March

**P&C AGM & Monthly Meeting  
Wed 13th March**

**3:30pm Library All Welcome**

The school has a Facebook page dedicated to updates and infor-



mation 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.

### Strategy – Teach Reading embedded in the Australian Curriculum.

Actions	Responsible Officer/s
Attend Reading Centre professional learning days.	All teaching staff
Use the Literacy Continuum to map each child's reading progress from reading and comprehension to inform reading goals and guided reading.	All teaching staff
Plan units of English work unpacking the reading demands from the Australian Curriculum, link LC Clusters and incorporate demands in Guided Reading.	Ped Coach DP Teaching Staff
Survey staff on Teaching of Reading, revisit the Reading Reflection Tool, Identify whole school perceptual data and individual teaching goals. Link to PDP.	Principal

### Strategy – Use the 'Literacy Continuum' to map each child's reading and comprehension level.

Actions	Responsible Officer/s
Continue to develop staff familiarity and proficiency in using the Literacy Continuum including aides.	All teaching staff Ped Coach
Five week data conversations – progression of students in reading, capacity growth of teachers.	All teaching staff.
Feedback to students from Walk and Talks to gauge student's understanding of individual/cluster reading goals.	Teaching staff
Partake in once a term school observation and feedback model involving reading demands.	Principal DP Ped Coach
Utilise 'Early Start' for Prep-Year2.	P-2 teachers

### Strategy – Attendance

Actions	Responsible Officer/s
Attendance Officer – daily phone calls and follow on letters, parent meetings	Attendance Officer Principal
Weekly Awards at assembly – Be There Bertie, for cohorts Term - award	DP
Weekly data check – report in newsletter	DP

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## Strategy – Develop Wellbeing of staff, students and the community.

Actions	Responsible Officer/s
Develop a whole of school Wellbeing framework.	Principal/WPHSO
Engage with parents and the community around wellbeing learning and challenges.	PBL/Wellbeing team.
Review staff wellbeing interventions from 2018 for effectiveness and longevity.	PBL/Wellbeing team.

Reading is our key focus where the teachers have put in numerous strategies towards the student's gradual improvement.

Each student has a reading goal displayed on their desk or in the room.



The goals will change as the students are guided to achieve them through guided reading.

Our learning walls are also a key strategy for the students to own and understand their assessment and how to achieve the various standards.



The staff have mapped their journey of curriculum growth through a Strategic Learning Wall, which is a point of reference.

We are proud to say that numerous schools have visited our teachers to examine their walls, the goals and reading strategies.



### Safety Reminder

I would like to remind parents that you do not wander into the school during the day, if you have a need to contact your child it must be through the office and you must wear a visitor's badge if you enter the school building area.

Have a good week.

Patrina

## P & C News

Next Wednesday is our March P & C meeting and AGM. It is a great time to reflect on what we have achieved over the last 12 months as well as plan for the future direction of the P & C.

### **Highlights of the past 12 months have been:**

- \* Pool discos in first and fourth terms - with record breaking attendances
- \* Supported the school's annual Christmas Concert
- \* Organised our school Colour Run (and being slimed) at the end of term 3 :)
- \* Mother's and Father's Day stalls. Our students always express great joy at being able to choose and buy a present for their loved ones- I love to see their money handling and decision making skills bloom!
- \* Two book fairs
- \* Started a second hand uniform shop
- \* Provided breakfasts for our NAPLAN students
- \* Supported Staff with Relay for Life Fundraising
- \* Catered for the year 6 Graduation dinner (with support from parents)
- \* Ran many, many fundraisers including BBQs, cake stalls, Krispy Kreme Fundraisers and Cadbury Chocolates

### **With the support of the school community in our fundraising efforts the P & C has contributed:**

- \* Paying for ALL students to attend arts council in term 4 (G'Day Asia)
- \* Apples available from the school office for students with no fruit break
- \* School camp travel costs for year 5/6 students
- \* New books for the school library
- \* \$10,000 towards audiovisual equipment for the School Hall (in the process of being installed)
- \* We have also contributed to the school Chaplaincy program

Many hands make light work and we appreciate the efforts of all parents who have supported the P & C over the past 12 months. We couldn't have done all of this without you. We would love to have more members on the committee so if you have been thinking of joining, please make this the year you come on board. Serving in the school is a great way of giving back to the community, take an active part in your child's school life and making new friends. We have wonderful staff at South and being a part of the P & C is a great way of getting to know them all better.

This will be the last year I will have children at Gladstone South. As I move through all the 'lasts' that this year brings, I look forward to seeing where the Gladstone South community drives the direction of the school and the P & C and the bright future of all our Gladstone South Stars!

If you have any questions regarding the P & C please email us at

[gladstonesouthpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:gladstonesouthpandc@hotmail.com)

Kirsty Golding

Gladstone South P & C President

# Week 6 Award Winners



## From the Deputy Principal



At Gladstone South State School, we expect every well student to be at school *every day*.

*10 minutes of missed school per day works out to be 1.5 weeks of missed school per year!*

Our overall attendance rate for Term 1 so far is **90.6%**.

The attendance rate for each cohort for the last week is;

Prep	<b>90.8%</b>
Year 1	<b>92.0%</b>
Year 2	<b>86.8%</b>
Year 3	<b>87.9%</b>
Year 4	<b>95.7%</b>
Year 5	<b>90.0%</b>
Year 6	<b>90.9%</b>

The cohort with the highest attendance for the week is **Year 4**. Well done!

Katie Baumgart

# Year 1 Excursion to the Botanical Gardens



## 2A Classroom News

This term, 2A have been learning about 'The Zones of Regulation.' The 'Zones of Regulation' is a system to categorize the complex feelings and states students experience improves their ability to recognize and communicate how they're feeling in a safe, non-judgmental way. The 'Zones of Regulation' helps children identify how they are feeling and teach efficient self-regulation strategies. Through this, we are learning to identify emotions that we are feeling, recognising there are no 'bad' emotions, and how to determine whether our emotional response is appropriate to the situation. When we identify our emotions, we can determine which zone we are in and what strategies will work to help us get back to the Green Zone. Ask us about our Zones and strategies!



# Fours Shine Playgroup



# Prep Cross Country 2019



## **Volunteers Wanted**

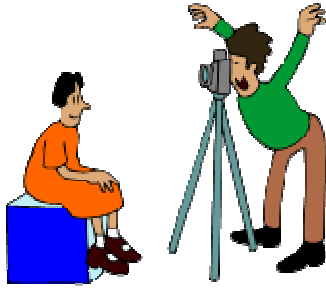
If you have an interest in listening to children read, we would really appreciate some of your time assisting in our wonderful literacy program.

This program will be running from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. every day this year. If you could come in one of those time slots, one day a week and sit with children as they read, please contact the school and ask to speak to Ms Amanda Perry, the teacher in charge of the literacy program, for further information.

This is truly a rewarding way to help develop the children in your community.

# A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

**Monday 25th March**



School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) to enter your child's shootkey.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for **separated parents, blended families and grandparents**. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

If your child has been photographed in a **special group** (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning

4921 3355

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

**Keep smiling!!!**







## Explore where your knowledge can take you!

- March 5 - Bouncing Balls**
- March 19 - Changing Matter
- April 2 - Slime**
- April 30 - Edible Reactions
- May 14 - Mummification**
- May 28 - Bugs & Decomposition
- June 11 - Spastic Plastic**
- June 25 - Solution to Pollution
- July 23 - Build a Catapult**
- August 6 - New & Improved Catapult
- August 20 - Air Powered Craft**
- September 3 - Da Vinci Bridge
- September 17 - Crossing That Bridge**
- October 15 - A Light Matter
- October 29 - Squishy Circuits**
- November 12 - Robotics: Brush Robots
- November 26 - Robotics: Codeybots**

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43<sup>rd</sup> Gladstone Harbour Festival

# Fun Run

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**EAST SHORES GLADSTONE**  
**Great Prizes to be won!**

3k Race Junior: \$15 | Senior: \$20  
 10k Race Junior: \$20 | Senior: \$30

On the day Race Kit Collection from 5:45am - 6:45am for a 7:00am start



For more info visit  
 Gladstone Road Runners  
 on Facebook



Registrations Open (Online Only):  
[www.eventwizards.com.au](http://www.eventwizards.com.au)



## YARALLA HOCKEY WANT YOU!!

GREAT SUPPORTIVE, FAMILY CLUB. ALL AGES, SKILL LEVELS  
 AND EXPERIENCE WELCOMED!

Season starts 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Training Days – Monday 4pm Juniors, 6pm Seniors.  
 Commencing February 18<sup>th</sup> 2019,

Contact Kelly – 0408989580, Dan – 0401459816 or Craig –  
 0488769247 for more information





Life Skills  
Creative Time  
New Experiences  
Construction & Manipulative Play  
Outdoor Play Time  
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:  
[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

### Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!\*

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for **FREE!** This is a great chance for families and children to see what our Camp Australia program is like.

First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don't forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it's also **free to register**. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree).

#### Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!  
From the Team at Camp Australia

\*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education  
*we make kids smile*

So we can care for all students at your school, we do recommend families register an account with us and always book in advance.

Why register? To attend our care, parents/guardians must register their child with us by completing an online enrolment form via our parent portal. It's very important that parents/guardians fill out all compulsory enrolment documentation for their child and notify us of any medical conditions, illnesses and other, to ensure the health and safety of all children in our care.

Families can register for free at <https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-contacts>

If you have any questions regarding this email or would like us to send you an article for your next newsletter about the above, please contact your Key Account Manager Geoff Keates on 0438 053 402.

Kind regards,  
Camp Australia



Explore your creativity!

**March 14 - Splash Out: Acrylic Pours**

March 28 - Splash Out: Pop Arts Portraits

**May 9 - Splash Out: May the Fourth Spray Paint Banner**

May 24 - Printables: Hapa-Zome Smashing Dyes

**June 6 - Printables: Marbling Paper & Parchment**

June 20 - Printables: Gel Press Printed Designs

**July 18 - Handmade: Portrait Collages**

August 1 - Handmade: Nailed it! String Art

**August 15 - Handmade: Bookmark This**

August 29 - Handmade: Crocheted Squares

**September 12 - Handmade: French Knitting**

October 10 - Sewing 101: Softies, Handsewn Toys

**October 24 - Sewing 101: Cushion Covers**

November 7 - Sewing 101: Tote Bags

**November 21 - Sewing 101: Circle Skirt from Jersey**

December 5 - Sewing 101: Applique Wall Hangings

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**Program**  
**Saturday 2 March 2019**

**BLASTING THE PAST:  
with Science Steve**

9.30am - 10.00am and 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Theatre, Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

An investigation of the world's coolest scientists, their discoveries and our future with energetic science demonstrations, depicting some of science's biggest revelations. This year, you will be taken on a journey to discover the great scientific breakthroughs of the past 150 years, and the memorable scientists who make ideas a reality.

**LET'S TALK: Astrophotography**

4.00pm - 5.00pm

Theatre, Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Are you fascinated by those ethereal images of Nebulae and the Milky Way or have you ever wanted to photograph a distant Galaxy? If so, join Andrew Campbell, one of Australia's best astrophotographers on a stellar journey of discovery.

**STREET SCIENCE!**

9.00am - 4.00pm

Exhibition Hall, Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

A science playground with immersive and family-friendly events for everyone to enjoy. Take part in a range of activities and discover the wonder and excitement of science.

See overleaf for activity list.

**SCIENCE IN THE LIBRARY**

10.00am - 2.00pm

Gladstone City Library

Hands-on STEM activities and story time sessions in the Gladstone City Library.

See overleaf for activity list.

**STARGAZING**

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Parklands

Do you ever wonder about the stars twinkling above you? Join us as we unlock the secrets of our observable universe with a tour of the night sky.

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