



## Newsletter



**Absentee Line:  
4899 4366**

**Please call this number if your child is going to be absent from school**

- Monday 9 February—Yr 1-6 swimming starts
- Thursday 12 February- P&C Meeting 3:30pm
- February 12&13—Year 6 Leaders Camp
- February 17&18-Strings Beginners Course

We have officially commenced the school year and are proud of how the students have settled back into their routines this week. Thank you to all parents and care givers for the preparation beforehand in getting the children ready for school. To our new families we welcome you into our 'School of Heart' and hope your child/ren settle into the South Life. A calendar of events has been attached to outline key dates of the year.

The 'Back to School Boost' was very popular last week and our uniforms became depleted, we have put in urgent orders for more uniforms. It is great to see the government provide assistance for families as every bit counts. Swimming for Years 1 to 6 will commence in Week 3 and a note has been distributed this week providing all the details for parents.

Our teachers provided an introduction letter to all families, there will not be a parent information session offered due to poor attendance over the previous years. If you would like to catch up with your child's teacher make an appointment with them. We thank you for your support and are looking forward to a great year.



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.



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## After School Pick Up

Just a reminder that the after school pick- up areas include: Stop Drop and Go on Toolooa Street, students can depart from Derby Street and a majority of parents pick their children up on the Top Oval which is Ann Street. We don't have any parents waiting amongst the buildings in the afternoon, as it is still the student's learning time and we appreciate how our parents follow the expectation of picking their children up on the Top Oval. If you are running late, that is fine, we have staff on the Top Oval and on Toolooa St who wait with the students until 3:20pm, then will escort them to the office to be cared for.

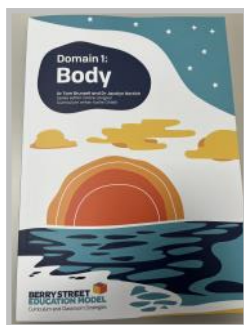
## Facilities

During the holidays C Block was completely refurbished and had asbestos removal which was a huge job. There were a lot of workmen who around the clock addressed all of the room changes. The teachers Ms Cullen, Mrs Adams, Mrs Delaney, Mrs Martin and Ms McCaughey were given access to their rooms on Thursday afternoon on the Pupil Free Days and worked tirelessly over the weekend to have the classrooms ready for the first day of school. In saying that, we are evaluating stairwell areas that need repainting. The Senior Girl's toilets were also refurbished and they are looking at painting the outside of C Block during the year.

## Community Thank You

Thank you to the Quota Club who always provide back packs to South. Tina our Family Support Coordinator will be looking after them and thank you to Nicky from Kmart who is also a South grandmother who kindly donated stationary to the school for our students.





The staff completed their first module of Berry Street, key parts of the PD involved every class starting the day with a Welcome Circle.

The **Berry Street Welcome Circle** is a routine that occurs at the start of the day at Berry Street schools. It serves as a **nurturing practice** to support engagement in learning and well-being. During this circle, students gather to review key values and expectations, celebrate announcements and successes, and establish a common rhythm for the learning day. This practice helps ground students, co-regulate, and fosters a sense of belonging and connection within the school community.

Every class will be commencing the day with the circle, even if they are at a specialist lesson. The importance of routines and ready to learn was explored and brain breaks. Once we implement the program we would like to extend to a parent information workshop on the program.



## Hot Weather and Storms

Each day we will judge the direction of the weather, on extremely hot days air con play will be offered or we will have Plan C where the students have play in the classrooms. If a storm occurs during school time the students stay inside until it passes. The old Murphy's Law with storms happening at 3pm is a regular occurrence. If it does occur the students stay in their classrooms and will be released when the storm passes. An SMS will be sent to all parents to inform them of what is happening. Staff will not be collecting children if parents present to the office requesting their child/ren during the storm, everyone will have to wait until the storm finishes for safety reasons.

## Bus Students

We have many students catching buses and expect high behaviour. Admin and aides walk the students onto the buses each day and discuss behaviour expectations. We can't monitor what occurs on the bus and some children do at times misbehave, we do follow through at school with consequences and request parents to call the bus company to report an incident as the children are under their care when in travel. A Bus Code of Conduct has been provided to the students this week.

## New Staff Introduction

We snuck up to Toolooa High School and were lucky to be able to have two of their long- term staff join us at South.

We welcome:

Mrs Kacie Crawford is our Year 2 SWD Teacher and Mrs Christina Mendes the Year 1 Teacher Aide.



Enjoy the weekend and stay cool.

Patrina

# Chappy Chat



Welcome to South for 2026. A special welcome to our new students and their families, we are pleased to have you join our school community. South is an awesome school, that goes above and beyond to ensure all our students have a great education in a safe and inclusive setting.

For those of you who don't know me, I thought I'd share a little about myself. I am a mum to 3 amazing young people. My eldest daughter is 20 and is about to enter the third year of her Psychology degree. My 17-year-old twins graduated from Toolooa last year. My daughter achieved DUX at Toolooa and is taking a gap year to work, before planning on entering an Engineering degree at QUT in Brisbane. While my son (who is not academic like his sisters) will be entering the workforce. My children were South students their entire way through primary schooling and I can attest to South giving students a great start to their learning. While I love parenting, I know it can be an incredibly challenging experience at times!

I have been a school Chaplain for 6.5 years and have previously worked as a Vet for 10 years. I have a Bachelor Degree (Veterinarian) and a Cert IV and Diploma in Youth Work.

I am passionate about learning (for myself and for others) and seeing all students reach their potential. I love working at South- it is a great school community with truly amazing staff. It's been a privilege to be a part of the South community for over 16 years.

I also like to bake and play board games and when time allows it, I love a good book!

I work Tuesdays to Fridays at South. Please say hello if you see me around the school and if there is any way I can help, feel free to call me at the school on 4899 4333. My email address is [kirsty.golding@suchaplaincy.org.au](mailto:kirsty.golding@suchaplaincy.org.au)

I look forward to another great year working with our amazing South students and families.

Chappy K



# 2026



# JUNIOR GOLF SIGN ON DAY



**Sunday 8th  
February  
9-11am**

**GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB**



# COACHING SESSION

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY  
5:30PM MARLEY BROWN OVAL

**Budget  
Direct**



**Dolphins Coach Education Session**

**Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7pm

**Venue:** QRL Centre of Excellence – Marley  
Brown Oval Gladstone

<https://events.dolphinsnrl.com.au/dolphins-coaches-session-gladstone>

# Animal Inspection Program

**1 February to 31 July 2026**

**Is your dog registered and details up to date?**

Council's Authorised Officers will be conducting inspections.

Be a responsible pet owner and avoid a fine, please renew and update your dog's registration.

Visit Council's website for more information.



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