



Newsletter

Principal's Post

Welcome back everyone it will no doubt be another busy term, that has already been kicked off with the Year 3 students experiencing a Star Gazing Night on Tuesday. We welcome a new staff member Koby Cox who is an experienced SWD Teacher and will be working with our students. 2024 is not far away, therefore we are now preparing our next group of potential leaders for next year.

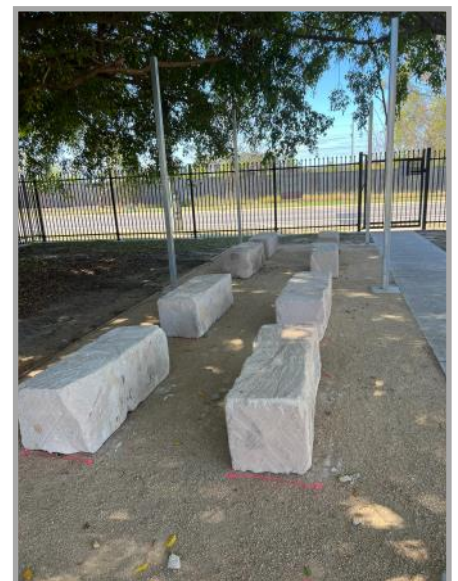
Our prep ladies presented their last Practical Prep Parent Session today, this time it involved early mathematics, the presentations have provided parents with additional information about the prep curriculum and have been successful.

The second teacher/parent interviews will be held in Week Three, information is currently being distributed, it was great having so many parents support the previous interviews.

Our Book Week extravaganza will have a different approach this year. As most of the community is aware, it is like the South Oscars where the teachers are very competitive in vying to win the best classroom display. We would like the parents to be able to enjoy the excitement of the displays, therefore we will be offering a lunch on the lawn where the students and parents can order pizza and enjoy having lunch together before viewing of the classroom displays.

[STOP DROP and GO](#)

We have commenced the Stop Drop and Go along Toolooa Street. The yellow line still being present, it will be addressed next week. It appears to be running smoothly for all, The seats have arrived for the students to use while they are waiting. On Little Street we are only opening the gate where the bus students wait, students who normally meet their parents outside the grounds will be leaving through that entrance, staff members will be able to keep an eye on them as they cross the road. We thank parents for working in with these changes.



**Absentee Line:
4899 4366**

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

- July 24-28 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- July 20—P&C Meeting
- July 26—NAIDOC performance
- August 7—Krispy Kremes arrive
- August 14—Gladstone Show Holiday



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.

Contact us:

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2024 Leaders

Being a leader at Gladstone South State School is an honour and privilege. Students have nominated for 2024 leadership positions, the following information provides the probationary guidelines to follow for the journey towards achieving a leadership position.

We will meet every Thursday, second break outside the hall.

You will shadow the current leaders in their positions.

Speech writing sessions will be offered.

You will assist in planning a school event.

Opportunities will be provided to demonstrate leadership skills with the younger students.

In Week 3 Term 4 the voting for the School Captains will occur. In Week 5 the Sports Captains will be voted.

Years 4, 5 and 6 students will be voting for the School Captains and the Sports Leaders. The speeches will be delivered prior to voting. The teachers will also have an opportunity to vote for the students. The Captains will be announced in Week 4, Term 4 and Sports Captains in Week 6 Term 4.

Student leaders have an increased sense of responsibility to help others and to model leadership principles and values. Trust, autonomy and relationships are enhanced through the development of leadership qualities. Gladstone South SS embraces student voice, agency and leadership.

New Jumpers

Our jumpers have arrived, they have a basic design, are nice and warm and are selling for the bargain price of \$23, they will be available from the tuckshop on Monday. Here is Ms Mercedes modelling the jumper.



DRESS CODE Reminder - PREP-YEAR 6

The Dress Code and standards are applied to all students. This Dress Code forms one of the elements of enrolment at Gladstone South State School. By enrolling your child at the school, you are indicating that you accept the code of dress and required standards as *determined by the P & C and management of the school*.

Our Dress Code enables students to participate fully in all school activities and contributes to, and supports, a healthy and safe learning environment in compliance with the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)*, *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 (Qld)*, and *Gender Equity in Education Policy Statement 1992*.

Principles

Our dress code addresses all of the following principles:

- Responsiveness and sensitivity Access and participation
- Upholding community expectations School community awareness

Our dress code takes into account the following considerations:

- personal comfort
- non-discrimination between gender groups
- body shape
- practical religious or cultural considerations
- socio-economic factors, including mobility patterns of families
- skin cancer protection
- particular dress requirements for specific school activities, including extra-curricular activities
- health and safety, including restriction of jewellery and protective equipment for contact sports
- commercial supply or competition

Uniforms

Our students are required to:

- wear the school uniform on a daily basis
- be of neat and tidy appearance at all times
- wear enclosed shoes, black and/or white in colour
- wear a wide brimmed hat while engaged in outdoor activities
- wear the uniform when representing our school in community activities

STUDENT DRESS CODE:

For students, the Dress Code includes the following:

Uniform Standards

Daily: Top: Royal Blue and Yellow Polo Top with School Logo Bottoms: Royal Blue Shorts with School Logo, Skorts and Skirts (bike pants or tights are not acceptable)

Sport: Top: According to Sports House a coloured Polo Shirt

Capricorn – Blue

Barney – Yellow

Dawson – Green

Auckland – Red

Bottoms: As per the Daily Uniform

Winter:

Top: Royal Blue Jumper (no hoodies) (no brand names/logos)

Bottoms: Royal Blue Track Pants (Not tights)

Headwear: Royal Blue Bucket Hats with School Logo (no caps) Hair accessories must be Royal Blue

Footwear: Suitable *closed in shoes (laces or Velcro)* preferably black to be used for General Play and Physical Education. Black or white socks, no coloured, long socks.

No sandals, thongs, pull ons or loose fitting shoes or boots are to be worn.

Standards of Personal Presentation

In the interests of Health and Safety issues, personal pride and presentation, potential discrimination and harassment issues between peers, our school has clear expectations regarding the appropriateness of wearing jewellery, tattoos, extreme hairstyles (***no coloured hair in any shape or form, simply no colour***), ***coloured hair bows*** not the school colour or other fashion accessories. If they are not an acceptable standard, parents will be contacted.

Jewellery: The following will not be accepted:

rings bangles necklaces nose/brow/eye piercings

Studs and sleepers can be worn but may be required to be removed or covered, whilst at school depending on the activity. No nose piercings, if so the piercing must be covered all the time for safety.

To protect the student during any school activity, they may be directed by a teacher, principal or teacher's aide to cover or remove any item that the supervising adult reasonably deems may not be safe in conducting the school activity or removed from the activity. At times there will be special consideration for a uniform need, it must be discussed with admin.

[PORT TO PARK](#)

The annual fun run is fast approaching, we often have students who participate in the event. For each student that represents South, money is donated back to South to purchase more sporting equipment. We would like to encourage everyone to support the fun run and the school.



[Ex Wallaby Player](#)

We were graced by Tim Horan who is an ex-Wallaby player and other union representative players to talk about healthy lifestyles and the importance of sport. The students were entertained by stories from the group and were given opportunities to participate in drills and mini games.



[Incursion Night Year 3](#)

It was a lovely night and always well presented by the staff from the Boyne Island Environmental Ed Team. The students participated in viewing planets through powerful telescopes, hearing stories about how planets were formed, explored apps to view the Milky Way and many other activities.



[Lunch Time Fun](#)

During second break big games including Pick Up Sticks, Checkers, Snakes and Ladders, Quoits and skipping to name a few, are now being played in the Year 3 / 4 Undercover Area. Enviro Club have been ripping into their weeding making the gardens look great for the new term.



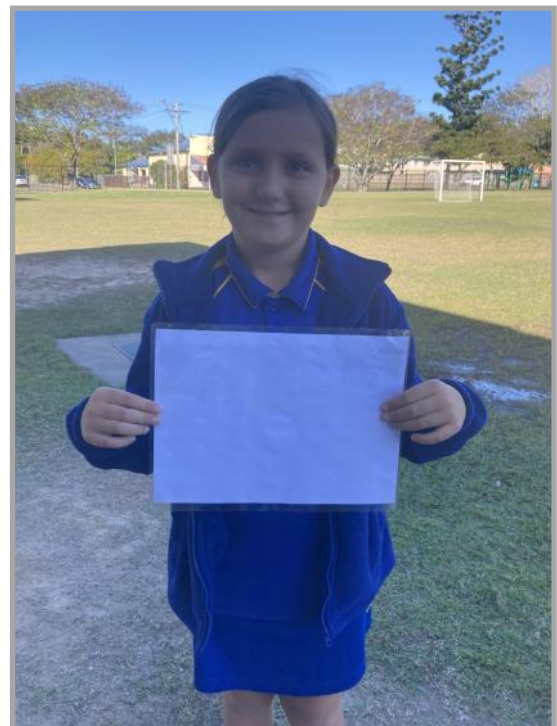
Enjoy the weekend.

Patrina

Student Awards



Music Award



Congratulations Year 5 for winning this week's Attendance Award!



*Bertie says...
"Bee at school!"*

Term 3

Class Captains





2024 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS UPDATE

We are excited to start our process for the 2024 year 6 students to transition to Gladstone State High School.

Expression of Interest
NOW OPEN!!

Please scan the QR
code to start:



Year 7 Enrolment packs will be ready at the start of Term 3 (Monday 10th of July 2023)



Chappy Chat



Supporting Your Child Through Trauma Part 1

How Traumatic Events Affect Children and Teenagers

Traumatic events are sudden, unexpected and shocking experiences that make children feel scared, distressed or overwhelmed. These events might include bushfires, car accidents, or the sight of someone who's badly hurt, the loss of a pet or family member.

Children can react in various ways to these experiences. The way they react depends on things like:

- how old they are
- whether they've had traumatic experiences in the past
- how they've reacted to past traumatic experiences
- what kind of support they get from family, friends and school, and when they get it.

How children experience and understand an event also affects the distress they feel during and after it and how they recover. For example, 2 children might go through the same car accident. If one child thinks they're going to die, they might experience the event as more traumatic than the other child.

Personality and temperament influence children's reactions too.

Although some children might be very upset following a traumatic event, over time children can cope and recover.

Checking your child's physical wellbeing

- Check for signs of shock. If your child has pale or clammy skin, a weak or rapid pulse or dizziness, or if they can't respond to you, this is shock. Shock is caused by injury or sudden fright.
- If your child has signs of shock and is injured, go to your nearest hospital or call an ambulance on 000.
- If your child has signs of shock but isn't injured, comfort your child and reassure them that they're safe. Shock caused by a sudden fright doesn't need immediate medical treatment. But seek medical attention if the shock doesn't go away.
- Keep your child warm and dry.
- Offer food and drink at usual times. It's OK if your child doesn't want much to eat or drink, but make sure they stay hydrated. It's natural for children to have smaller appetites when they're upset.

Helping your child feel safe

- Spend time with your child. If you can't be with them, make sure they're with someone else who makes them feel safe.
- Show your child affection in ways they like – for example, a hug, a pat on the shoulder or a high five.
- Let your child know that you and other people are there to look after them.
- If your child wants to talk, listen patiently. Gently answer your child's questions as best you can, but be honest. For example, you could say 'I don't know what has happened to our house. But you and I are OK'.
- Find a safe and secure space for yourself and your child, away from the event and reminders of it, if possible. For young children, a supervised area to play games, draw and read might help when they're ready. For older children and teenagers, it could be an area where they can listen to music or just hang out.
- Give older children and teenagers some time and space to talk with their friends if they need to – for example, online or on the phone.

- Chappy K

Adapted from [Traumatic events, children, first response | Raising Children Network](#)

P&C News



We had our Bunnings Sausage sizzle on Sunday July the 9th. Thank you to all of our amazing helpers we greatly appreciate your support! Thank you to Leigh for organising everything. Thank you to the Gladstone Judo Club for helping out as well. We raised approximately \$950

Krispy Kreme forms have been sent home the orders are due back on the 26th of July

Save the date for our Girls night out disco will be on the 26th August more in formation to come it is sure to be a night of fun!

Have a great weekend!





Gladstone South State School

WE ARE HIRING **TUCKSHOP CONVENOR** Temporary Paid Position

HOURS OF WORK:

THU & FRI 8AM TO 1PM WITH ADDITIONAL 2HRS FLEXIBLE WEEKLY DURING SCHOOL TERM ONLY

EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED BUT:

- MUST HOLD A PAID WORKING WITH CHILDREN BLUE CARD OR BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ONE.
- RELEVANT FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATE/S WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.
- A FUN UPBEAT PERSONALITY IS A MUST TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
- BE A MOTIVATED WORKER WHO CAN WORK EFFICIENTLY IN A SMALL TEAM WITH VOLUNTEERS.

WE ARE A FAMILY, NOT JUST A TEAM!

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO: bsm@gladstonesouthss.eq.edu.au

Attention: Sandy Zwisler

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 21ST JULY, 2023



Register in the **Port to Park FunD Run** to raise funds for your school!

Join with your family or a school friend and participate in this year's Port to Park FunD Run! Showcasing GPC's premier waterfront parklands as well as supporting local schools and community groups, the Port to Park FunD Run will see thousands of feet pound the pavement.

There will be two race events for participants to choose from including the 10 kilometre Koongo Dash and the 3 kilometre Yallarm Family Run.



Visit gpcl.com.au or scan the QR code for more information or to register now!

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10AM WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2023



LITTLE SOUTH STARS

PLAYGROUP
WEDNESDAY'S FROM 9AM

play matters



ORANGE SKY IS NOW IN GLADSTONE!

We provide a free laundry service and a safe space for genuine, non-judgemental conversation and connection for people doing it tough.



Philip St Precinct TUE: 9:30am - 11:30am
Salvation Army WED: 9:30am - 11:30am

Everyone is welcome!

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National Tree Day

Community Planting

9am-12pm, Sunday, 30 July
Cashin Park, Tannum Sands



NAIDOC Exhibition 2023

3 June to 5 August

An annual exhibition profiling the art of First Nations People, heritage works, local voices and memories, as well as images and cultural connections from the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum collection.

Korrobol, Patricia Coleman (Byellev, 2021, Acrylic on canvas, 400mm diameter. Image courtesy of the artist.

Connect. **Imagine. Experience.**



4 & 5
AUGUST

Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and Red Chair present

Acoustic Guitar Spectacular

GLADSTONE AND AGNES WATER FREE EVENT | BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Pre-show workshops available
Gladstone & Agnes Water
Tickets \$15pp*



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