UPCOMING EVENTS DIARY

11 February – Mobile Library
12 February – Weekly Swimming
19 February – District Swimming Carnival
26 February – Zone Swimming Carnival
28 February – Schools Clean-up Day

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2014 at Gladstone Primary School. It was an absolute delight to welcome back students who have grown so much during the summer holidays and it was a joy to listen to their adventures from over the break. It has been a smooth and calm start to the first week back which is a reflection of the planning and preparation of our staff who have worked throughout January to ensure quality programs are already in place.

Our four new kindergarten students have transitioned easily into Gladstone school-life, however, there were some tears in the eyes of their proud mums and dads. Our school captains have also been demonstrating why they were selected as outstanding leaders for our school.

We have many exciting innovations and events planned for 2014 and we are looking forward to working in partnership with you, to provide your children with leading educational programs and rich experiences.

I would like to officially welcome Nicole Lister who is a qualified visual arts teacher, and an award winning ceramicist, to our team. Students will have the opportunity to be part of an enriched visual arts program.

**Note: Students will need to bring in an art shirt or smock for the Friday lessons.**

Monique Clements our Occupational Therapist will again be supporting students at Gladstone throughout 2014. Sarah Dowe will also be providing additional support to students and leading a program targeting teamwork and leadership skills. Students will also have opportunities to perform in Dance, Drama and Music throughout the year in major events.

We already have two major excursions planned as well as gymnastics and of course Intensive Swimming.
Active After School Sport will commence in week three with AFL and Tennis skills/activities being our sports offered in Term 1.

Jan Dowling our School Administration Manager is taking leave for the next six months. In her absence Maree Hayes will be filling this role. I wish Jan the very best and warmly welcome Maree.

Kathryn McNee
Principal

**1H CLASS NEWS**
Welcome to a new year. We have four kindergarten students this year, Skyann, Layton, Amanda-Lee and Caitlin. They have quickly settled into both our class and school routines and are working very hard.

There are a few changes this year that we are slowly getting used to. Swimming is on Wednesdays in the afternoon. Please send swimming gear each week regardless of the weather. Rain in the morning can often become a sunny afternoon.

Library day is on Thursdays, children need to have their Library bag in order to borrow. Readers and homework will get underway from this week. Children are encouraged to read every night. Homework will be sent home on Monday to be returned on Friday.

The children were sent home a timetable for news. They can bring something to show and talk about or just tell the class about something they have or did.

**SUPER WORKERS**
Maths - Taite and Caitlin.
Spelling and Phonics - Amanda-Lee and Brooke S.
Story Writing - Jasmine

**Library News with Mrs Pugh**

**Scholastic Book Club** - Order forms are due in by Friday 14th February. There are some great bargains so get your order in soon.

**Library** - Borrowing is well underway and all students are encouraged to borrow weekly. It would be desirable if all students returned their books in the Library bag provided by the school.

1H borrow on WEDNESDAY and 2M on THURSDAY.

**2M CLASS NEWS**
Students in 2M have settled easily into their new routine. The standard of work is already very high and the early weeks are primarily about developing high expectations, taking pride in their own work and developing organisational skills.

In Term 1 students are studying the units Global Connections and Space. In PD.H.PE there is an emphasis on fundamental movement skills and fitness. In maths students are focusing on whole number, addition and subtraction, time and 2D shapes. Parents can support their child’s development by referring to time as much as possible. If students continually practice telling the time it becomes an embedded skill.

Student’s have received a home reading diary this year to track their own progress. This is a great resource with many tips and supports to promote reading.

**Champions of the week!**
Rebecca – Amazing handwriting.
Reece and Zenas – Super effort in numeracy.
Angus and Jess – A+ for effort and application in all areas.
Science – This term all students will be learning about Earth and Space.

Garden- We have a bumper crop of Lebanese cucumbers and several varieties of tomatoes. Check your child’s bags as some have been sent home. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with watering during dry times. Soon we will need some manure to prepare the beds for the new crops so a few bags or a trailer load would be greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
The following 2 students are recognised with our Academic Award for great work in both classes:

1H Jasmine Daniel
For a fantastic effort in story writing activities.

2M Ella Laverity
Setting a high standard of effort in her work and for displaying outstanding citizenship qualities.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH
1H Georgia Meehan
Georgia always displays lovely manners and is helpful and considerate with other students.

2M Jess Hensler
Displaying exceptional qualities as a school leader.

Canteen
10 February – L. Somerhayes
14 February - L. Baker
17 February – L. Somerhayes

Any support you can provide would be most appreciated.