UPCOMING EVENTS DIARY

24th of February – 7th of March
Intensive Swimming Scheme

26th of February
Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival

28th of February
Clean Up Our School Day

4th of March
Pancake Day

13th of March
Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3-6

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Gladstone students have again demonstrated why they rule the pool. Gladstone Public School won the small schools handicap competition and were just announced as the Macleay’s Small Schools Champions for 2014. All of our students, who competed, swam to the best of their ability and were very successful in their respective divisions. We were also very fortunate to have won the PP5 relay and these students will represent Gladstone at the North Coast Carnival.

Active After School Sport has commenced. Dance will be held on Monday afternoons between 3pm and 4pm and Touch Football will be held on Tuesday afternoons between 3pm and 4pm. Students will be provided with afternoon tea. Most students have returned their permission slips to start on Monday. Parents please ensure you collect your children promptly at 4pm.

Intensive Swim School will commence on Monday and all of Gladstone students will be participating in this two week program. Usual swimming for sport will be cancelled until the completion of intensive swimming.

Kathryn McNee
Principal

Junior Girls Champion – Ella Laverty
11Yrs Champion – Jess Hensler

1H CLASS NEWS

Week 4 is over and we are already approaching the halfway mark of this term. In class we have been looking at and talking about “Places We
“Know”. We have talked about our homes and our favourite places at school. In literacy we have been looking at different versions of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” and comparing their similarities and differences.

Intensive swimming begins next week so remember to pack those swimmers every day. I am pleased with the way the students of 1H have adopted their homework duties. Please remind your child to return all homework by Friday.

**Super Workers**
Maths- Billy, Zachary, Skyann and Georgia.
Spelling - Taite.
Storywriting- Dominic.
Handwriting- Abbey.

**Taite Davis** – 1st in 8 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Macleay Carnival!

**2M CLASS NEWS**
On Thursday 20th of February students participated in a diabetes prevention presentation by Janice Smith. Students engaged in discussions about the importance of healthy eating and exercise.

In literacy students are studying the novel Truck Dogs. Our focus includes analysis of why authors choose the words that they do. We are also learning about some devices like onomatopoeia, descriptive phrases, idioms, similes and proverbs.

In numeracy we are continuing our work on polygons and whole number. Students are also revising addition strategies and 2 X.

**Owen and Rebecca – Awesome swimming!**
Owen came 1st in all events in his division at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

**Champions of the week!**
Ella G Marcel L and Owen M – Mathematics Magicians
Marcel – Creative writing.
Brian – Trying his best in literacy.

**Library News with Mrs Pugh**
Library- Congratulations students and parents who are remembering to return library books IN BAGS each week. Just a reminder that 2M borrow on WEDNESDAYS and 1H on THURSDAYS.

Science- Over the past 2 weeks we have been exploring shadows and how they relate to day and night and our place in the solar system.
Garden: Thankyou to Loma for organizing some pallets for some compost bins. All we need are some star pickets and we can assemble them and start turning grass clippings, cardboard etc. into compost for our garden. Manure in any quantity would be greatly appreciated to fertilise the soil. Soon it will be time to prepare the beds for new crops such as the beans Neville has given us. Thanks Neville and Loma.

Happy days,
Mrs J. Pugh

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

**1H Brooke Harper**
For always trying to do her best and always willing to have a go.

**2M Ella Gordon**
For her hard work and listening skills

**Helping with homework**

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake,
should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


Thank you to Loma, Lauren and Shelly for all your support in catering for the Macleay Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

Cooperative Learning Groups
Mrs Pugh and Sarah Dowe are running an innovative program targeting cooperative learning, resilience and leadership. Students have already engaged in these groups and are demonstrating many of the target skills.

Canteen
24th Feb – L. Somerhayes
28th Feb - L. Baker
3rd Mar – L. Somerhayes
7th Mar – L.Baker
Any support you can provide would be most appreciated.