UPCOMING EVENTS DIARY

11th of March
Dorrigo PS Interschool Visit
Gymnastics Centre

12th of March
North Coast Swimming Carnival

13th of March
Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3-6

14th of March
School Assembly and P&C meeting.

19th of March
Waterwise Visit
Fun Swim P&C BBQ

21st of March
Harmony Day

25th of March
Mobile Library Visit

26th of March
Mathematics Parent Workshop (5pm – 6pm)

27th of March
Professional Learning Day for
Kazan Hutley and Kathryn McNe
Mrs Pugh and Miss Fulmer will be teaching 1H
and 2M.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Gladstone Public School – Lower North Coast
Champion School in the handicap division!
Again our students have displayed commitment
and application to their swimming and they
were competitive against schools across the
Hastings and Macleay districts. We have 3
students who have progressed in individual
races through to the North Coast Carnival as
well as our PPS relay team who have some very
young swimmers. They performed to perfection.
Sensational effort!

I received a delightful email last week regarding
our students at Gladstone.

’I would just like to take this opportunity to thank
the students yesterday for the way they conducted
themselves during our sports session, I can honestly
say that in all the years I have been coaching in
schools they are by far the best behaved students I
have had the pleasure of coaching, they are a credit
to the school and also themselves I look forward very
much to next weeks session.’

This email was in relation to our Active After School’s
Sports Sessions.
Pancake day was very successful and students thoroughly enjoyed their pancakes, yogurt and berries. I would like to thank those members of the P&C who volunteered their time as well as thank the Gladstone Fruit Shop for their donations.

Painting of the school office will occur over the coming weeks. We will try to minimise disruptions to school operations, however, Maree will be working out of the staffroom for a short time. This week our toilets will be switched to run off tank water. This will be more economical for our school and assist the environment. A management plan has been implemented, again to minimise disruptions.

Kathryn McNee
Principal

**1H CLASS NEWS**

We have just finished a very busy two weeks of swimming. As always it has been great to watch the students improve their various skills and develop their water confidence. In class we have been looking at factual texts about Bears and have almost finished writing individual reports about Bears.

Kindergarten had their first homework assignment this week and showed great enthusiasm and application to the task. Well done Kinders. It is pleasing to see the consistancy in home reading as students approach their first sticker for 25 nights. Keep up the good work.

A reminder for art shirts, if your child has not already brought one in. Also a reminder for our assembly next Friday afternoon. The students are looking forward to showing off some of their work.

As always it is difficult to single out individuals for good work as I am lucky to have 14 enthusiastic and hard working students in my class. This week there has been a few special efforts that need to be recognised as follows.

**Super Workers**

Maths- Brooke S and Brooke H.
Spelling - Zachary, Dominic and Billy
Swimming- Dominic and Abbey.

**2M CLASS NEWS**

Swim school has dominated the classroom this week. Students are improving in their strokes and diving has been a focus area. Over the past 2 days students have been learning about water safety and what to do in an emergency situation.
In literacy we are continuing our study on Truck Dogs and have focused on deeper discussions about literacy devices. Many students are working hard on their handwriting in hope of a future pen licence.

In numeracy students are learning about rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand. This concept is quite difficult and Year 3 and 4 students in particular will need to consolidate this skill. Telling the time is also a continuing topic this week.

Champions of the week!

Reece – Attention to punctuation in written tasks.
Angus – Using technical language in his writing.
Ella G - 100% effort applied in all tasks.

Library News with Mrs Pugh

Mrs Pugh’s News

Library: We are creating a student friendly ‘Reading Corner’ in the Library and really need some more cushions and beanbags so if you have a spare lying about please send it in. Just a reminder that:
   2M borrow on WEDNESDAYS
   1H borrow on THURSDAYS.
Please remember to return your book and bring your library bags.

Garden: Would there be a parent who would mind volunteering for 30 mins. We would love some help preparing the garden beds for new crops. Please let us know if you can help.

Science: The students have expressed interest in the construction of rockets. If we could collect any small boxes, cylinders, foil, bubble wrap….. anything clean and re-usable, we will store them and arrange some time to construct these rockets towards the end of Term 1.

Clean-up Australia Day – Gladstone Public School participated in the Schools Clean-up Australia Day by making sure our grounds were rubbish free. Thank you to all students who participated.

Garden: Thank you 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
Easter Raffle

We are beginning to collect donations for the Easter Raffle. If you can contribute some eggs, bunnies or Easter Goodies please bring them to the front office.

Parent Workshop
On the 26th of March we invite all parents to attend a workshop in the area of Mathematics. This workshop will explain the development of mathematical skills and concepts from Kindergarten to Year 6. The Numeracy Continuum will be explained as well as the impact of the new NSW Australian Curriculum. We are also including many tips and strategies to assist you in supporting your children at home. We look forward to seeing you and we promise you won’t have to do any long division.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

1H - Caitlin McKenzie
For always displaying good manners and excellent behaviour

2M Angus Robinson-Sangster
Improvement and application to all areas of school as well as being an outstanding citizen.

Student of the Week

Tyson is our Student of the week for his positive attitude and application to all his work.

2M - Rebecca McKenzie
Always doing her best and assisting her peers.
Visual Arts

2M and 1H have been engaged in a range of art making activities as part of an enriched Visual Arts program. Our theme for this term is “Places and Spaces”. Initial art lessons have linked in with the students Science unit about Space. 1H have made a series of artworks involving rockets: a science book cover, rocket sculptures, oil pastel drawings and this week they are making works inspired by the Wallace and Grommit animation “A Grand Day Out.” 2M created a science book cover using printmaking, texture rubbings and collage. They have been learning how to create the illusion of solid form when drawing 3-d objects like Planets. They have used clay to form textured spheres and made a clay bowl based on the concept of the gas planets with their distinctive rings. The students have made observational drawings using charcoal and chalk pastels in and around the fixed equipment area. This week 2M is working with me on a P&C “commission” to enhance the look of the school canteen. Watch this space.

And a reminder...
Please ensure that your child brings in their own art shirt labelled with their name. This should be an old shirt that they can easily slip over their school shirt and feel comfortable in. The shirt can be left at school. Each class has an art shirt tub.

Nicole Lister

Parent Helpers

1H and 2M are both seeking parent helpers for classroom activities and listening to students read. We value any time you can spare, this can be regularly or even if you have one day a month for example. Please advise your classroom teacher if you are available. We also still have many readers that require covering so if you are available to assist it would be most appreciated.

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.
The canteen will be needing extra help in Term 2 so if you think you could spare a couple of hours on canteen days – please let us know.

Don’t forget Student Banking is every Tuesday, we are hoping to get the dollarmite people in to the school sometime this term.

The elephant ear plants in the garden will be being pulled out next week to make way for our new water tank – if anyone would like some please take them before they are thrown out.
Community News

SWR Netball Club.
Robyn Mugridge

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2014 Season.
Final week for payment.
The final day to pay your rego fees for the early bird discount is this Wednesday, 12/03.
After this date your fees are $20 extra.
You must have your fees paid in full before you can take the court on Sat 22/03.
If you have a uniform in good condition you would like to try and sell for $20, please get in touch with Leonie Ward or Kellie Duff and they will try to help you find another player to sell to.

Sponsorship
Thank you to the Seabreeze Beach Hotel and the SWR Lions Club for their generous sponsorship for our club.