PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The past two weeks have been very enjoyable for all the students at Gladstone Public School. We had 100% attendance for our 2nd Gymnastic Day held at the Toormina Gymnastic Centre. We began our day with a morning tea on the waterfront of Urunga. The students were amazed that there were **two** playgrounds, not just one. We continued on to the gymnastics centre and again everyone had an enjoyable time. Thank you to Mrs Pugh for your bus driving.

Mrs Hutley and I visited a K, 1, 2 class at Bellbrook PS and watched a numeracy lesson last Thursday. It was great to engage in professional development with colleagues and to discuss maths strategies and programs. I would also like to thank those parents who gave up their time last Wednesday to attend our mathematics workshop. We are planning to have a literacy workshop next term.

It is with mixed emotions we farewell the Lister family in our last week of term. Zenas and Marcel have been outstanding students who are well liked by their peers. Mr Lister has supported our budding chess players over the past year and Mrs Lister has been a dedicated teacher, P&C President and parent. Nicole in particular, has navigated the P & C through difficult times last year and places her heart and soul into so many creative pursuits around the school. She will be leaving a significant void in the Gladstone Community. Although we are saddened by their departure we are excited for them and wish their family every happiness and success in their adventures in Sydney. A sincere thank you for all your contributions to Gladstone PS.

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over. This term has been very busy and most children, particularly kindergarten, will be feeling quite tired. So enjoy the late sunny afternoon while you can and remember day light savings changes this weekend on the 6 April. We are moving into cooler weather so please ensure your child has a jumper.

Kathryn McNee
Principal

### UPCOMING EVENTS DIARY

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2M News

2M have been very creative over the past two weeks. Students have created giant space craft, designed an international symbol for peace and dabbled in origami.

In literacy, everyone has been working hard on their novel, Truck Dogs. Students are beginning to develop character profiles and plot diagrams. Many students are now completing their homework via email. This has sparked new interest in completing homework. Thank you to those who always get it done.

In numeracy, students are learning about fractions. We have been focusing on this topic for a while. I continued to hear “I don’t get it”, I don’t get it”, from the students. So we tried with fairy bread and MM’s. Guess what? WE GET IT! Students can make fractions, add fractions and understand terms such as numerator and denominator. Some very clever Y 5 & Y6 students can convert improper fractions to mixed numerals.

Our focus in PD.H,PE is basketball. Students have been throwing, dribbling and shooting.

Champions of the week!

Brian – Concentrating very hard in Maths.
Ella L – Working on her spelling.
Bill – 100% committed to his fitness in preparation for cross country next term.

Thank you Mrs Lister for revamping the front of the canteen. Students are very happy to see their ceramic pieces on display.

Aussie Of The Month

2M Zenas Lister

Zenas has applied himself to all tasks this term and has excelled in numeracy

Daniel Meehan is our Student of the Week for his positive attitude and application to all his work
1H News

The term is almost over, it seems like only yesterday the new kindergartens arrived. It has been a very busy term with lots of disruptions to our normal routines but the students have coped admirably.

Our trip to Coffs Harbour on Wednesday was a fantastic day and all students and staff had fun. These are some Recounts of the day.

On Wednesday we went on the bus to Coffs Harbour. Then we eat our recess. Then we played at the park. Then we went to Gymnastics. Then we did the ring and swung on the rope. Then we jumped on the trampolines. My favourite was the trampolines and that was fun. (Dominic)

We went to Gymnastics. We went on the bus to Coffs Harbour. My favourite thing was the trampolines. I liked the big trampolines the best. When we were on the bus we stopped and went for a walk. (Jasmine)

I liked the foam pit, it was colourful. I liked the rings and we had to hang upside down. I liked the ropes. We had to swing across the water. (Brooke H)

I liked swinging on the rings and the rope. (Skyann)

I liked jumping on the trampolines. (Layton)

Super Workers this week:

Neat Handwriting— Brooke S, Skyann, Zachary and Georgia

Maths—Tyson and Billy

Improved Reading—Brooke H

Aussie of The Month

Abbey Gordon for always being polite, friendly and helpful in class.

Mrs Pugh’s News-

Science—

Earth Hour was acknowledged on Friday 29th March by showing the documentary about climate change and the Great Barrier Reef. I hope students remembered to turn off the lights on Saturday night!

Space CRAFT- Thank you to all parents who sent in materials for creating space objects. Some very creative space suits, stations and rockets were built.

Library—

Please try to return all books by the end of term...

Thankyou.

Harmony Day

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. We celebrated Harmony Day by dressing up and enjoying a range of food from countries such as Japan, China, Italy, Greece etc. Student in 2M prepared some of the food available and did a terrific job.
EASTER HAT PARADE

We would like to invite you to attend our Easter Hat Parade. Students can make or design an Easter Hat. Parade will begin at 10:30am under the cola, followed by a Hot Cross Bun and Milo morning tea. All Gladstone families and friends are invited.

COST: $2 (Hot Cross Bun & Milo)

WHEN: Friday 11th of April (Last Day)

EASTER RAFFLE

This is the final week for Easter Egg donations. We still need more eggs for our raffle. Tickets will accompany the newsletter and must be returned to school before

Friday 11 April

1H Student of the Week is
Dominic Rixon
For his fantastic effort in his recount for the Gymnastics Day

Hotdog Day

Wednesday 9th of April will be hotdog day.
Cost $2 place your order at the canteen.

P & C CANTEEN:

Once again, a huge thank you to our wonderful Canteen workers for all the wonderful food they have prepared for us over Term 1. If you would like to become part of this wonderful team—enquire at the school office

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