Week 7 and 8 have been by far the busiest weeks at Gladstone Public School this year. The week began with an excursion to Dorrigo Public School. Mrs Pugh drove the bus and provided entertaining commentary to all on board. Students loved the views and the waterfalls as the bus meandered up to the Dorrigo Plateau. Once we arrived at Dorrigo Primary, Gladstone students met all the students who we have video conferenced with. Principal Miss Badja gave us a tour of the school and then showcased her drumming group. All students particularly enjoyed the drumming.

By lunchtime, we returned down the mountain and arrived at the Gymnastic Centre at Coffs Harbour. Students enjoyed balancing, tumbling and bouncing. They returned to school tired but happy.

On Wednesday our North Coast Team travelled to Lismore to compete in the North Coast Carnival. Despite our teams best efforts, we didn’t progress to the State Carnival, however, we are happy to report that many of our former students will be attending the State Carnival with their respective high schools.

Thank you to our local pool staff who have coached and supported our school representatives and to our parents who transported students to the carnivals.
By Thursday, our students were very tired but somehow they continued on and participated in a soccer gala day held in Kempsey. All of our Year 3 – Year 6 students participated and demonstrated great soccer skills and sportsmanship. Thanks Glenn for your assistance on the day. A second soccer gala day is scheduled for November this year.

On Wednesday Week 8 all Gladstone students participated in the FUN SWIM hosted by the P & C. The target was set at 10km and students swum in excess of 13km. This is a sensational effort and reflects the progress made during swim school where many of the younger students initially had difficulty swimming 1 lap. Thank you hot dog helpers!

2M News

Most of the students in 2M have been very involved in all of the extra curricula activities during Week 7 so it was a priority to resume usual lessons in Week 8. The highlight for students this week was cooking fried rice and pizzas for Harmony Day.

In numeracy we are progressing from whole number and focusing on decimals. Over the next two weeks, we will be looking at fractions and discussing the relationship fractions have with percentages and decimals. Four times tables will also be a focus. Don’t forget about the Maths workshop next week.

In literacy students have written descriptions and procedures. We are revising using questions marks and exploring the use of adjectives.

Champions of the week.

Reece – Producing work of a high quality.
Marcel – Writing a quality description.
Owen – Super effort in Dance and Swimming!

Creative Arts

Thank you Mrs Lister for revamping the front of the canteen. Students are looking forward to seeing their ceramic pieces on display.

Student of the Week—Owen Macdonald

For Owen’s consistent effort in all subjects resulting in very high achievement.

1H News

The term is flying by at a rapid pace. This week we have been looking at "The Seasons" which ties in with both Maths and Science. The students have been writing and reading about the different aspects of each season.
It is a very exciting time with our Home Reading at the moment as almost all students have reached their first sticker for 25 nights of Reading. Well done and keep up the great work. Congratulations to all students in 1H on both your behaviour and your presentation of your Bear Reports in Assembly last Friday.

Super Workers this week are:
Story Writing- Jasmine, Zachary and Taite.
Maths- Caitlin and Georgia.
Phonics- Skyann and Layton.

Student of the Week

Amanda-Lee
for maintaining a high standard of neatness in all areas of her work.

Mrs Pugh’s News

Science- SPACE DEBRIS NEEDED!!!
The students have expressed interest in the construction of rockets, satellites and space buggies. 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.

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.

Happy Days

Mrs J Pugh
A huge thank you to our Canteen Helpers

Without their tireless efforts the students wouldn’t be eating as well as they do. We are pleased to welcome 2 new helpers which may enable the canteen to be opened on Wednesdays. If you would like to help please see Loma or Lauren on either Mondays or Fridays for training.

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