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Brooke Sutcliffe was presented with a cheque for $500 and a Certificate from the Australian Commonwealth Games for her Artwork which was awarded 3rd best in the state. The presentation took place at Jan Dowling’s retirement morning tea held at the end of last term. Jan officiated and made the presentation to Brooke. The School also received a cheque for $500. Well done Brooke!

Right photo: Jan cuts her farewell cake.
(Read all about it in the next gazette.) Thank you to those parents who offered to take cars as it has saved everyone a lot of money.

On Friday Taite, Jess and Bill represented the school at the Macleay Athletics Carnival.

The Year 5/6 Bathurst Excursion is approaching very quickly, a little over a month away, on September the 8th. Money needs to be paid prior to the excursion. If your child is not going please let the school know.

Kazan Hutley

**Acting Principal**

**1H News**

What miserable weather to come back to school with, low temperatures, wind and rain. We have been very busy practising our play each day. Thank you to parents for organising costumes. In Maths we have been looking at different strategies we can use in addition and symmetry. In spelling we will be focusing on blends this term and in Reading we will be looking at the different text types. This week we started with Persuasive Texts.

Home Reading is up and running and we got back into Homework routines this week.

I will be away next week at a Mandatory Health and Safety Training course in Coffs Harbour. Mrs Pugh will be looking after my class in my absence.

**Super Workers:**

Taite, Jasmine, Amanda-Lee and Skyann- excellent work in reading activities.

Abbey, Billy and Tyson- quick thinking in maths.

**AUSSIE of the Month –July**

Caitlin McKenzie— for her lovely manners and Cooperative nature

**2M Aussie of the Month**

Rebecca McKenzie

**Student of the Week**

Ella Gordon for applying herself well in Maths tasks

**Student of the Week—Zachary Rixon**
On the last day of term 2 a group of excited students from Gladstone Public School went on a fun excursion to the Butterfly House in Coffs Harbour. We travelled up in a minibus driven by Mrs Pugh.

On the way up we played in the park at Urunga while we had morning tea. After we ate we went back on the bus and went straight to the Butterfly House. When we got to the Butterfly House we sat down and talked about butterflies.

After we finished talking 2M went in a glasshouse full of butterflies and 1H did a worksheet.

When 2M and 1H finished we swapped over and then we all went in a big maze. It was easy to get to the middle but there was a sheet you got. You had to find the clues in the maze for the sheet. It was hard.

When we all got back to the spot where we all met up and we had lunch. We bought stuff and then we went back to school. We had 10 minutes on the computers then we all went home.
Mrs Pugh’s News-

Bookfair 15th-22nd August

This year’s theme for Bookfair is “Bookfair Garden”. Attached to the Gazette is information and if you are interested in volunteering please return the slip next week so we can begin our plan of attack.

The more books purchased during the Fair, the more new books we get FREE for our Library.

Library borrowing will be on THURSDAY next week. Some overdue notices have been handed out so please keep an eye out for those books and return them. Thanks.

Playday was fabulous! Many thanks to all parents who helped so much with costumes and transport. Photos of the day will appear in the next Gazette and keep an eye on Facebook.

Happy days,

Mrs J. Pugh
South West Rocks Scouts

Meet at the Scout hall in Short Street
Tuesdays at 5.30pm
Boys and Girls 7½ - 10 years
To learn new skills have lots of fun and adventures.
Come along and find out what we do

For more info:
Ring Kay George 6566 506
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Help Kids to Catch the Reading Bug.
Become a Book Fair Team Member!

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Dates: 14-8-14 to 22-8-14

Volunteer to become a team member at our Book Fair Garden and help create a buzz around reading! We need your help to make this a Book Fair that our students will really dig into!

Become a team member and:

• Bring creative flair to signs and decorations

• Secure community sponsorships

• Help serve food and refreshments

• Organise and put things in place

• Offer a helping hand, set up, or pack up

• Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.
Gladstone Public School

Starting Wednesday 6th August'14

In the school library

10am to 11am

All pre-school children & parents are welcome

Morning tea provided

Great opportunity to meet new people and engage in fun and interesting play for children.

Enquiries: Phone the school

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