



# GLADSTONE GAZETTE

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Term 1 Week 11



## Term 1

## Calendar

Thursday 11th  
April

PSSA  
Swimming

Friday 12th  
April

PSSA  
Swimming  
Last Day of  
Term 1

Thursday 25th  
April

ANZAC DAY  
Community  
Service  
Gladstone

## Term 2

## Calendar

Monday 29th  
April

Staff  
Development  
Day

Tuesday 30th  
April

Student's  
First Day of  
Term 2

Tuesday 7th  
May

LNC  
Crosscountry

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of term 1. It has been an exciting term with lots to celebrate.

We are all excited to cheer on the swimming team this week as they travel to Sydney to compete on Thursday and Friday. We will be watching the PSSA live streamed event on Thursday afternoon and from 10 am on Friday. Although we don't have a precise time of our students events, we are working from the schedule as published.

We are excited to have our wider community come in and join us for the live stream of the events if you are able.

During term 2 Mrs Pugh will be taking a period of leave. In her absence we will be welcoming Mrs Wendy Taylor. Mrs Taylor has a wealth of teaching experience and has worked extensively in the Macleay Valley. We are excited to welcome Mrs Taylor to our school.

Anzac Day is always a significant date on our calendars, this year it falls in the holidays, for those who are available we are encouraging you to join us at the Gladstone community service. The service will begin with a march at 10.45am followed by a service at the memorial in the park from 11 am. For those joining in the march please come dressed in school uniform and meet on the corner of Memorial Drive and Kinchela Street. We will choose students to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community and will have representatives from our school participate in the community service. Please contact us for further information or visit the [Kempsey RSL 2024 ANZAC DAY](#).

Our staff will be joining with schools from across the Macleay Valley for a Curriculum focused Staff Development Day on Monday 29th April, our school site will be closed on this day. Students return to school on Tuesday 30th April 2024.

Our P&C are meeting on Wednesday 10th April, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing school holiday, ensuring everyone takes time to rest and recover ready for the adventures of term 2!

Regards, Rebecca Smith, Teaching Principal

# Explaining every absence

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



**Let us know**

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing



## Every Day Matters



NSW Department of Education

# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed





V&I S&D

23 Jun - 28 Jun 2024

KEMPSEY  
*Eisteddfod*  
SOCIETY Inc

DRAMA | MUSIC | DANCE

kempseyeisteddfod.wordpress.com

6 - 14 JULY 2024

Dance

The Kempsey Eisteddfod will be held from Sunday 23rd June to Friday 28th June and Saturday 6th July to Sunday 14th July 2024. This year our students will be entering to showcase our musical learning! We will be competing as a small school choir and instrumental band. Mrs Capp will be working with us on these pieces during our weekly music lessons. The Eisteddfod is open to individuals as well as school performances, for anyone who is interested in entering in either Speech and Drama, Music or Dance sections.. For more information please contact us in the office and we will email you the full syllabus with a full scope of events.

## Gladstone Anzac Day Service



10:45 am march  
down Kinchela Street,  
service commences  
11:00 am at  
Memorial Park.

Students are welcome and encouraged to participate in the march please meet at the corner of Memorial Drive and Kinchela Street by 10:40am. For more information please follow the [link](#) to the Kempsey RSL - 2024 Anzac Day



# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE **LIVE STREAM**

of the 2024 NSWPSA Swimming Championships

we will be watching the final races of Thursday's meet in the Library from 2pm. These are individual races. You are welcome to join us for popcorn and hot chocolate!

On Friday morning we will Live Stream the heat of our Relay Team, whilst we are unsure of an exact time we ask that you are here by 10am if you would like to join us. This will be in the classroom. The finals of that race will be after lunch.....fingers crossed we get to ask you back to watch this race as well!

No matter the results, we all are extremely proud of team Gladstone and the effort and sportsmanship shown from them all to get the results they have achieved so far. Well done Tully, Elton, Tilly and Ingrid!