

# Gladstone Gazette

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## Principal's Report

This week has been a special week for us all here at school as we are celebrating our School Administrative and Support Staff, for SASS week. It is a great opportunity for us to publically acknowledge the work and support that Margaret, Michelle, Evan and Robert provide to all of our families, teachers and most importantly our students. You all work tirelessly to support our school and are greatly appreciated. On behalf of our entire school community we thank you all for your work and contributions that make Gladstone Public School a wonderful place to work and learn.

We will soon be welcoming Mrs Scullion to our school. Mrs Scullion will be visiting our classrooms early next week to meet our students before she joins us from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Scullion will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays each week. We are all excited to welcome her to our school and our Gladstone community.

We will be hosting a Kindergarten Orientation morning and information session on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, this will be an opportunity for our 2019 Kindergarten students to join in with a classroom activity before having morning tea with our students, parents are invited to come along to an information session and questions time while their children are attending 'big school' for their first visit. This will begin at 10 am. Students are asked to bring along a packed lunch box with a morning tea snack. Morning tea will be provided for our visiting parents.

A reminder to our families our supervision for our students begins at 8:30 am, students are not expected to arrive at school before 8:30am as we do not have adequate supervision prior to this time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact us in the office.

Thank you to our families who have made good use of our school app. School Stream have just released an update to our app that will allow us to contact individual families as well as groups of parents. All you need to do is update your app and register for

an account. This ensures you are getting the most up to date school communication and information. We are hoping to have 100% of our families accessing our school app by the end of the term, if you would like support with updating or downloading the app please come in, phone or email us. We are all more than happy to assist in any way that we can.

Attached to today's newsletter there are a number of permission notes, we have also added these to our school app, please feel free to return your permission notes via our app. We have also attached a book of Raffle tickets for each family. This raffle is part of our Lower Macleay Education Network fundraiser and will be drawn at our combined fete on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We have additional ticket books in our office for anyone requiring more tickets. We are also on the lookout for donations for our fete hampers, these are being collected in the office, all donations will be packed into hampers. Thank you for supporting this great fundraiser.

Have a great week,

*Rebecca Smith*

Principal

## Calendar Term 3 2018

Date	Event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Smith away at PL – Replaced by Mrs Selby
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Smith away – replaced by Mrs Selby
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Soccer Canteen
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Smith and Margaret away Canteen Assembly 2:15 pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Spring Into Art Soccer canteen
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Infants Trip to the Zoo!
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Gazette Canteen
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Canteen Kindergarten Orientation Soccer
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Canteen Assembly 2PM Last Day of Term 3

## In our classrooms...

### Infants Class



**Student of the week:** Cale Reardon-Buckland  
**Academic Award:** Mia Grose in recognition of her clever writing.  
**Behaviour Award:** in recognition of his dedication to following the class rules.

We have had another busy week in our Rock Stars classroom. Our class discussions have been based around the topic of pollution. An interesting fact that we discovered was that there are four types of pollution: air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution and noise pollution. Our focus text has been based around this topic as we have been writing some interesting stories using lots of 'juicy' language.

In maths we explored the different parts that make up 3 dimensional objects. After a lot of discussion we used playdough and straws to create our own objects. We needed to do a great deal of problem solving while using our creativity to produce our 3 dimensional objects and some children even explored more difficult objects than the ones we discussed as a class.

Our Class is heading off to the zoo on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, we are all looking forward to our class excursion and cannot wait to share our adventures with you all!



Ms Miller

## Primary Class



**Student of the week:** Sasha Shipp  
**Academic award:** Darby Barnett for his valuable contributions to science discussions  
**Behaviour award:** Brooke Sutcliffe for being a great role model

This fortnight we have all been working hard on preparing for Spring into Art with some very creative and imaginative artworks in the making. We have all enjoyed looking at different types of art and have explored different styles and methods used by famous artists. We cannot wait to show off some of our creations! We have also been working hard on using our known maths facts in problem solving and real world tasks. Our focus has been on calculating money and giving change as well as adding and subtracting fractions. We are all encouraged to continue practicing these skills at home as well as at school.



Congratulations to our students who were awarded their pen license this week, their book work is outstanding and they should be very proud of their efforts!

Mrs Smith

## Mrs Pugh's News

Well lucky me!! Fresh from the heat of Vietnam then boarding a coach to chilly Canberra. 9 of our lovely Stage 3 students waved goodbye to their parents and snuggled in for a night on the coach. 9 hours later we invaded Macca's for breakfast.

Soon after we visited the Museum of Democracy then the War Memorial. Students really enjoyed the D-Zone where they could experience how it really feels to be at war.

Following that we headed to the National Electoral Education Centre where we learnt the procedure and importance of participating in an election.

Questacon lived up to everyone's expectations and was full of interesting interactive displays and activities. Finally we went back to settle in to our accommodation and have dinner then rugged up for a chilly blast up Telstra Tower.

Everyone slept well as the next day we were off to parliament.

We were lucky to have some excellent tour guides and enjoyed learning how our government works then participating in a role play. We got lost in the National Museum but found some great things to look at.

After dinner we went to the Institute of Sport where we played many types of simulated sports. This was a lot of fun.

Day 3 and another super early start as we were off to the snow!!! It was a perfect day...sunny and no wind. It was lovely listening to the kids as we started seeing the snow... they were so excited. Most managed to throw a few snowballs and ride the tube down the slope a few times. It was a long trip back but we were ready for an early night before the trip back home the following day.

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and was so proud of our Gladstone students. Their behaviour at all times was exemplary.



## Sports news

Congratulations to our Bagley Austin PP5 relay team on their performance at the North Coast Athletics Carnival last Friday. Crystal, Abel, Abbey and Darby all ran well and represented our school with great pride. Thank you to Brad, Trish and Jodie for taking the team to Wauchope.

Last week we enjoyed our sporting school soccer program with Mark from Football NSW. We have enjoyed learning some of the finer points of football /soccer and look forward to his visit each Wednesday until the end of the term.

In week 9 our Primary students will be joining with students from the LMEN for a Cricket Gala day organized by Cricket NSW. We are all looking forward to the day with our friends, sharing and developing our sports skills.

## P&C NEWS

Don't forget our P&C Pie Drive fundraiser, if you have any questions please contact Kathy or Lauren.



## PBL FOCUS

*The focus this week has been being RESPECTFUL and speaking respectfully to each other.*

*Rule: Be Safe, Fair and Respectful*



## Can you help us?

We have had a number of school uniform items go missing. We are asking everyone to check at home and in their school bags in case they have picked up someone else's school jumper or hat by mistake, we appreciate your help.

Thank you for your assistance

**Lower Macleay  
Education Network**  
Gladstone Public School  
Kinchela Public School  
Smithtown Public School  
Lower Macleay Preschool

**Friday 2 November 2018  
4.00 pm – 7.00 pm  
Gladstone Public School**

# F E T E

*A fun filled afternoon of family fun and games*

- Plant Stall
- Train ride
- Jumping castle
- Fairy Floss
- Disco
- Pat a chook
- Lower Macleay School Band
- High School Musicians
- P&C Pasta & milkshakes
- Bookstall
- Cake Stall
- Mini Golf

- Darts
- Face painting
- Chocolate wheel hampers
- BBQ & Drinks
- Mega Raffle –
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize 1 nights' accommodation for 2 adults at Pacific Bay Resort Coffs Harbour
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a massage at Macleay Chiropractic & Massage
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$50.00 voucher from Gladstone Hotel
- And much much more.....

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**All monies raised is divided equally between the**  
**Lower Macleay Education Network**