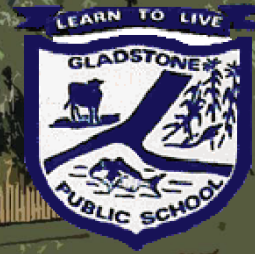


# Gladstone Gazette

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Term 1 - Week 2

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## Principal's Report

Welcome back for the 2019 school year and to our first newsletter for the year. It has been a great start for all of us here at Gladstone we are all looking forward to a fantastic 2019. It is great to see our students settling in to their new look classroom and class routines, and has been great hearing about all of the holiday adventures everyone got up to over the break!

This year we have welcomed new students and families to our school. We extend a warm welcome to our new Kindergarten students, Lincoln, Nathan, Jessie and Poppy, we also welcome new students, Brodie and Blake to our Primary class and Tylah to our Infants class. We welcome you all and your families to our school community and look forward to getting to know you all as the term progresses.

We have already had a number of events on our school calendar, thank you to all of our families for taking the time to read and return the permission notes and back to school information over the past week. Please keep an eye on our calendar for upcoming events, this calendar will be published on our website and can also be accessed on our School Stream App. We are encouraging everyone to download our App as we regularly publish notices, changes to routines and important messages throughout the week. This is a great way for us to share information quickly and to ensure the information reaches the people that it needs to. We are also asking our families to register their app, this will enable us to send individual and group messages and notices directly to your smart phones or computer. If you would like assistance or have any questions about our App please don't hesitate to come in and see us in the office.

Over the next few weeks, beginning on Monday, there will be some maintenance and repairs happening around our school including our covered walkway and the soft fall in our fixed equipment area. The areas impacted by this work will be cordoned off for the safety of our students, staff and community. Students are reminded to stay away from these areas during this

time. The contractors are working with us to minimize the disruption to our daily routines.

As many of you are aware our newly formed Year 6 Student Leadership team will be running our Student Representative Council. Our SRC will consist of student representatives from each stage and we are now calling for student nominations. Next Tuesday our students from Stages 1 and 2 are invited to present a speech to their class outlining why they would make a good representative for their stage.

Our newsletter will be published every fortnight, with a school assembly on the alternate weeks. Our first assembly for 2019 will be held in the Infants classroom from 2:15 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, we hope to see many of you there to share in our school successes and celebrate our students learning.

Have a great week,  
Rebecca Smith  
Principal

## Calendar Term 4 2018

Date	Event
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming \$3 entry fee Canteen Macleay Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Assembly 2:15 pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming - \$3 entry Canteen
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mrs Emma Jeffery – DEL visiting Newsletter
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Canteen Swimming - \$3 entry
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Assembly 2:15 pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Photos

## In our classrooms... Infants Class

What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had in the K-2 room! I want to start by thanking you all for making me feel so welcome as I start this journey with you and your children.

We have been working hard to establish routines with the kids and welcomed our new kindy students who have been settling into big school superbly.

We have particularly enjoyed our STEM challenges, where we were put to the test of making a tower using only masking tape and newspaper, it had to be strong enough to hold a basketball for 10 seconds.

We are all looking forward to beginning our home reading program starting on Monday.

*Miss Atkins*

## Primary Class

We have been very busy getting into our routines for this year. The students are enjoying working in our literacy and numeracy rotations to get some very tricky work done.

Our room has been transformed into an underwater sanctuary as we get ready for our studies on all things to do with the Great Barrier Reef. We have been ready about it in reading groups, writing about it during writing time as well as looking at it during Geography and Science. Everywhere we look, we see the sea.

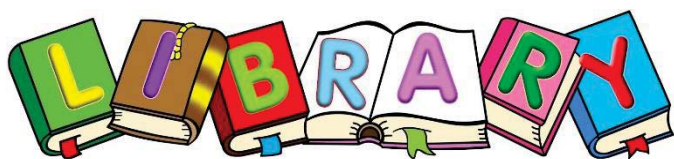
The students have had a fantastic time beginning our unit on People during our Creative Arts study this term. The screams of laughter during our portrait warm-ups were delightful and we hope this enthusiasm continues as we cover our spaces with faces during the term.

*Mrs Scullion*



This week we have been treated to a very kind donation of school supplies from the South West Rocks View Club. This is a generous and kind donation to the students and families at our school, the view club work in conjunction with the Smith Family "Learning for Life Program" All students have been given a new library bag and we have also given out the school supplies to our students to use at home and at school. This donation is greatly appreciated by all of us, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

## Library News



Library will be held on Thursday for both classes this year. The Kempsey Library Van will be visiting us every second Thursday, anyone wishing to join the Kempsey Library is welcome to contact the Kempsey Shire Library

### *Kempsey Library*

Monday-Friday

10am-5:30pm

Saturday

9am-12 noon

Civic Center

Corner of Elbow & Tozer streets

West Kempsey, NSW 2440

Ph: 6566 3210

Fax: 6562 1852

Email: [kempsey.library@kempsey.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kempsey.library@kempsey.nsw.gov.au)

## Sports News

Our Weekly Swimming for sport has started, thank you to everyone for remembering their swimming gear and pool entry for Wednesdays.



Congratulations to all of our students who attended the Small Schools Swimming Carnival Today in Kempsey, it was great to see our students displaying great sportsmanship and putting in their best efforts in the pool! We will publish more photos on our App.

For more information about this fantastic program please visit [www.View.org.au](http://www.View.org.au)



## Canteen News

Our Canteen will again be operating on Wednesday, Thank you to Jo for organizing and preparing the canteen including a stock take and clean ready for a fresh start in 2019. Thank you to Jo and Juanita for taking time to look over our canteen menu in the holidays, we now have a new look canteen menu with a few changes to some of our products and prices, please check it carefully before writing out orders. Students are asked to place their orders in the order box before the bell goes on Wednesday morning. We are looking for canteen volunteers to help out throughout the week, if you have time to spare and would like to join us in the canteen please come in and see us at school.



Go Team Gladstone!



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

This year, Gladstone Public School has a few changes with some of our classroom and playground expectations and organisation. It may all seem like a lot but our students have adapted to our new systems very quickly and are so ready for it all to carry on during the year.

### Behaviour Tracking

Both classes have introduced the same classroom behaviour tracking systems. You may have heard the students referring to them as “peg charts”. Using these charts, teachers and students can work together to reward and correct behaviour during the day. All students start on the “ready to learn” section.

If a student displays a behaviour learning error, students are first given a verbal warning. This is followed by their peg moving to the “think about it” level if the learning error continues or a different error is shown. The next level is an in-class timeout where the student is given the opportunity to have some time away from the class while still inside the classroom to think about their behaviour and how they can change it. If another, or the same, behaviour learning error is shown, the student will attend the buddy class (the opposite classroom). If this occurs, you, as their parents or caregivers, will be contacted. This will mean that the student has displayed a behaviour learning error four times and been given three chances to become aware of their behaviour and the opportunity to change it.

We, as a school community, need to work together to create a network for our students where learning errors are discussed and corrected.

We also track positive behaviour. If a student is displaying a behaviour learning success they move to the “I am... making wise choices” level. If that behaviour success or a different one is shown, they move to the “I am...flying high” level. On this level students can be rewarded with as many “lucky” tickets as possible to go into the fortnightly draw. (Dawn at our assemblies)

### Merit Levels

Every student now has a reward chart in our classes. If they make it to the “I am...flying high” level of the behaviour tracking chart then they will receive a sticker on their chart at the end of the day.

Once their chart has been filled they have made it to the Bronze Level and will receive their Bronze award at assembly. Notes will be sent home notifying parents when this happen.

Our Merit Levels are as follows:

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold
- Platinum
- Principal’s Award

Our students are very excited about the special rewards and treat days that will come with them attaining each level by the end of term.

Feel free to have a discussion with your students about what level they made it to today!