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GLADSTONE GAZETTE

Term 2 Week 3

Term 2	Calendar
Wednesday 29th May	Reconciliation Day
Thursday 30th May	Mid- Term Breakfast 8:15 am and Assembly 9:00 am
Saturday 1st June	Gladstone CWA Biggest Morning Tea
Wednesday 5th June	Glasshouse Excursion The One Who Planted Trees
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 12th June	Pickleball Begins
Thursday 27th June	Small Schools NAIDOC Day

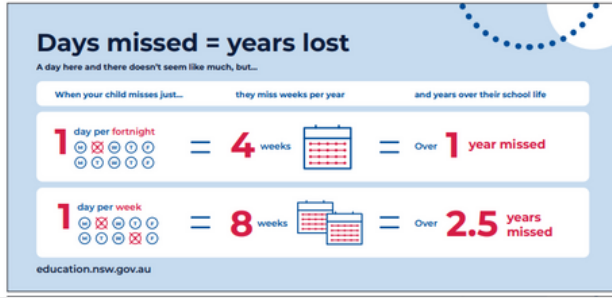
Welcome back to our first newsletter for the term! We have all settled back into our school routines for term 2 and have attached our timetable for this term. We have a productive term ahead and encourage all families to keep a close eye on our School Bytes calendar and our Newsletter for important dates. This term has seen us begin some new and exciting programs and has our calendar full of exciting events and learning opportunities for all of us.

Our friends from the Nursing home have returned for our Thursday afternoon Reading Nannas and Pops, the Kempsey PCYC will be visiting us on Tuesdays to run the resilience program as well as the Kempsey Macleay Aboriginal Education Consultative Group running a small school language program on Wednesdays. We are excited to be part of this pilot program where we are learning alongside our small school friends using online learning as well as face to face tuition of Dunghutti language. Later this term we will be learning how to play Pickle Ball with the newly formed Macleay Pickle Ball Association expert coaches joining us for our sports sessions, this along with an exciting visit to the Glass House in Port Macquarie as well as a few bus trips into Kempsey for NAIDOC Day and the Reconciliation Walk will have us very productive this term!

This term we have taken up the Premier's Reading Challenge and encourage our students to read often and widely, more information is attached to our newsletter including the challenge rules and links to the book lists.

We are excited to host our mid-term assembly in Week 5, following a community breakfast, please keep an eye out for more information closer to the date!

Regards, Rebecca Smith, Teaching Principal



Completing Absentee Notes and Notices

Information for parents and carers

It is important to tell the school if your child has to be absent from school and to provide a reason for the absence.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

Wherever possible, parents and carers are encouraged to provide an explanation for absences before the absences occur.

The Principal of the school has the right to question parents' requests for their child to be absent from school. The Principal also has the right to question an explanation given for a child's absence from school.

To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

Bilingual Absentee Notes

Three bilingual absentee notes are available to assist you to inform the school of your child's absence.

Absentee Note 1 should be used when a child is absent for 1 whole day.

Absentee Note 2 should be used when a child is absent for more than 1 day.

Absentee Note 3 should be used when a child is absent for part of the day.

Absentee Notices

If the school has not received an explanation for a child's absence they may send you an Absentee Notice.

Principals use the Absentee Notice to contact parents within two days of an unexplained absence. The Absentee Notice must be completed in English and returned to the school within seven school days, giving a reason for the absence.

Completing details of absences

Sections of the Absentee Notes and the Absentee Notice ask you to provide details for your child's absence or partial absence.

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For the school to be able to understand the reasons given, these sections should be completed in English. Possible reasons are provided in this leaflet and have been translated into English for you to copy onto the forms, if applicable.

If you have difficulty understanding the Absentee Notes or Absentee Notice or with completing the details you may telephone the school to explain the reason for your child's absence. If you telephone the school you do not need to fill in a written note as well.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact your child's school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Possible reasons for absence

Medical reason:

Flu
Stomach-ache
Diarhoea
Cold
Headache/Migraine
Strong pain
Fever
Broken bone
Vomiting
Infectious illness eg chicken pox
Nose bleed
Asthma
Rash
Injury
Medical appointment
Dental appointment
Optometry appointment
Physiotherapy appointment
Specialist appointment
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

Family reason:

Funeral
Moving residence
Arrival or departure of an immediate relative from overseas
Unavoidable involvement in a serious family incident
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

Other reason:

Misadventure and unforeseen events
eg fire, flood
Participation in special event, eg attendance at a religious ceremony
Family holiday
Transport difficulty
Unavoidable delay



Term 2 Timetable

MONDAY

**Creative and
Performing Arts**

Tuesday

PCYC Resilience
Program

PDH Lessons

WEDNESDAY

Dunghutti Language
Program

Sports Day

THURSDAY

Music with Mrs Cap
Odd Weeks - Library
Van and Reading
Nannas and Pops

Library Books
Odd weeks Library
Van
Even Weeks School
Library

Friday

Science
&
STEM - Cooking

Munch Monster -
Canteen Open





Cancer Council of NSW

Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 1st June

Gladstone Hall

Doors open 9:30am for 10am start



Lucky door prizes, raffles, entertainment, games, delicious food and good company all while raising funds for the Cancer Council of NSW.

Hosted by Gladstone CWA Evening Branch

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again!



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2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens Monday 26 February
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 23 August

Challenge level	Total number of books to be read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books
K-2	30	20	10
3-4	20	10	10
5-6	20	10	10

The challenge is designed to encourage and support students to read more often and more wildly. Students will have the opportunity to read from the booklists at school and are encouraged to read from the book lists as well as personal choice at home.

Students are required to record the books they read to be added to their reading log, parents are asked to support the home reading by listening and verifying using the reading log.

More information can be found by following the link below.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Please come in and see us if you have any questions regarding the challenge.

Cross Country



Congratulations to our students who competed at the Lower North Coast Cross Country Carnival this week. Not only were there a number of Personal Bests this year, but also great sportsmanship and support for each other.



Swimming



Team Gladstone we are so proud of you!

An amazing effort was put in by all our team members to not only get to Sydney, but to qualify for the final of every race! The relay team swam with determination and grit in their qualifying race to better their Casino time by an amazing 5 seconds! They went into the final after qualifying 10th and came 9th, so again improved...what a TEAM!!

A special mention must go to Tilly who not only swam in the relay but qualified for the final of each of her events. She achieved some PB's which were so very well deserved for the time and commitment Tilly puts into her chosen sport. We can't wait to see how far this young lady goes.

And to our supporters, the team couldn't have done this without you ! Thank you to each and everyone of you who made the commitment to the team. To those who made it to Sydney or cheered on from back home....we appreciate you.