DATES TO REMEMBER

Breakfast
Monday 4\03\2013
Friday 8\03\2013
Monday 11\03\2013

Instrumental Music
Wednesday 6\03\2013
Wednesday 13\03\2013

Friday 5th April
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 19th March
Governing Council at 7pm

Assembly
8/03/2013

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP
WALLAROO
14th—15th March

School News
Continuously improving by focusing on Learning and Collaboration

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Since the last newsletter we have had a number of exciting events. Two of these have involved the local swimming pool. Considering the hot weather we have just endured, this would seem very appropriate.

Gladstone High Swimming Carnival.
Many of our Upper Primary students were invited to participate in the High School Swimming Carnival. This was held after school on a Wednesday night. Students were asked to participate in all the traditional swimming disciplines and take part in some of the lesser known events such as “noodle relay.” It was fantastic to see so many of our students taking part. The Gladstone Primary students participated fully and displayed some amazing skills. It was also wonderful to see so many parents out to support the event. Congratulations to all that took part.

Swimming Lessons.
This week has seen our students take part in the DECD swimming program. As you are aware, this event was held in term 4 last year and has been pushed forward this year to ensure all students are given the maximum amount of time in the pool. This seems to have worked very well with all students stating that the pool temperature is exceptional. The swimming instructor, Karen Meaney, has stated that our students have maintained their skills from last year and in many instances improved their aquatic prowess. Behaviour at the pool has also been very good.

Literacy.
This week has seen the Literacy program take on a different persona due to swimming lessons. Staff are still working with students each day, but having whole school literacy is not possible. Please ensure that your children are still reading at home and changing their reader each day. A little fact “It only takes 4 weeks of continued behaviour for a task to become a habit, but it only takes 5 days of not completing that task to break that habit”. The human mind is an amazing thing.

That is about it for me. I hope all students are looking forward to camp in a couple of weeks. I know from my educational life, camp has created some of the best memories of school that I still hold dear today. I am sure for many of you, this is the same.

Faithfully, Matt Delany
Water is the topic in the 3/4 class and involves learning and exploring everything involving water. They have performed several experiments including creating a mini water cycle and examining the difference between tap and salt water.

The students in the 5/6/7 class have been learning about climates around Australia and the world. Students have performed several experiments where they used the sun’s energy to melt marshmallows and created homemade thermometers. The students have explored the Bureau of Meteorology website looking at weather charts and maps. The class will move on to explore climate change and what they could do to help prevent it.

The R/1/2 class are learning about the weather. They have explored the importance of the sun, the different cloud types and where rain comes from.
Gladstone High School
Swimming Carnival

DECD Swimming Program
Diocese of Willochra
Children’s Ministry Group
announces

A fun day for Children,
(preschool and primary age)
Families and Friends
and absolutely anyone!

Who would like to be part of some fun, interactive learning activities about the Holy week and Easter events from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

Come along to Bishop’s House,
Gladstone
Saturday, 23rd March 2013
begins at 11.00am and finishes at 3.00pm

Cost of the day, including morning and afternoon tea and lunch:
$6.00 per person (to cover food and resources)

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