



# GLADSTONE

PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 6, March 9 2022



### 7<sup>th</sup> March

- Growing with Gratitude, whole school

### 11<sup>th</sup> March

- Gladstone High School sports day yr 6's.

### 14<sup>th</sup> March

- Public holiday

### 25<sup>th</sup> March

- Play group 9.30-11.00

### 30<sup>th</sup> March

- RE seminars whole school

### 4-8<sup>th</sup> April

- Parent Teacher Interviews



The fundraising committee are running an Easter raffle this year and are looking for donations. If you'd like to donate towards the raffle could you please drop your donation off at the front office before next Friday.

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### **Growing with Gratitude**

We had Ash Manual from Growing with Gratitude visit our school on Monday. The purpose of the project is to improve student well-being at our site by creating a consistent whole school approach to teaching and well-being by providing a framework for students, staff and the broader community. Our students were engaged through physical activity while talking about gratitude at the same time.

### **Governing Council**

We still have 2 vacancies on the Governing Council and welcome anyone who would like to join. The role of the Governing Council is to assist in reviewing our school policies and Site Improvement Plan, to monitor the budget and endorse the annual report. The meetings are held twice a term and go for about an hour. If you are interested please contact the school or a member of the Governing Council.

### **Upcoming Student Free Day**

The Governing Council and Education Director have approved a Student Free Day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 (Term 2 Week 1). This day will enable staff to work collaboratively with Lisa Burman to improve our reading strategies and investigate reciprocal reading.

### **Big 6 – Phonics**

How does phonics contribute to reading success?

Phonics builds on to phonemic awareness. It is the ability to connect sound (phonemes) to the letter of the alphabet/groups of letters which represent it (grapheme). So, phonemes are the sounds and graphemes are the written language.

“Some children do begin to read by memorising words by sight, but very quickly the burden on the memory is so great that the reading process stalls and confused parents and teachers wonder what happened to the child who could read last year but cannot this year!” *Phonics, Best Advice paper DECD 2016*

What can you do at home to encourage phonics?

Families can support children in their phonics by:

- Teaching your children to write their name. Use a capital letter at the beginning and lower case for the rest of the letters. Write it for them and let them trace it, copy it, make it from play dough or draw it in sand.
- Pointing out words and letters when reading together. ‘There’s the letter M, it says mmm for Mummy. Can you see the S that says sss for Sam?’
- Encouraging children to find the letters in their name or the names of family members and in other places such as books, signs, product packaging and shop windows.
- Pointing out different fonts, different ways to write the same letter, when reading and in your local environment.

This information is from The Literacy Hub - [Literacy Hub](#)

## Parent-Teacher interviews

Teachers are looking forward to parent-teacher interviews in week 10 this term. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom and discuss your child's learning. Please follow the information to book an interview.

## Illness

Please be aware that there are a few germs going around. This is a reminder that we need to wash our hands regularly and stay home if we are at all unwell so that we do not spread the germs.

**5 STEPS TO CLEAN HANDS**

- WET**  
your hands with running water
- SOAP**  
your hands and lather well
- WASH**  
your hands for 20 seconds, including the front and back of your hands, your wrists, between your fingers and under your finger nails
- RINSE**  
your hands well under running water
- DRY**  
your hands with a disposable paper towel or air dryer

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## School Interviews

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly.

Spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 86622235. If you do not have access to book online please see Bev at the Front Office to make an appointment for you.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

**MAKE A BOOKING** enter the code **a79cy**

- 1** Enter your details
- 2** Select the teachers you wish to see
- 3** Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.  
**DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

## FOUR STEPS TO LICE-FREE LIFE:

- 1: INSPECT**  
If you suspect head lice, check
- 2: TREAT**  
Use lice treatment product as directed.
- 3: REMOVE**  
lice/nits by combing the hair with the comb provided.
- 4: CLEAN**  
home and personal items.

## Head Lice

We have had several reported cases of head lice. We ask families to please check their child/ren's hair regularly and treat when necessary. Combing with a fine tooth comb to remove all eggs and retreating within seven days are two very important strategies that will go a long way towards eradicating head lice completely.

Jodie Zwar

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

At Gladstone  
Primary  
School

The Kindy welcomes 10 eager new students this year. Hannah, Nymeira, Carter, Agnes, Adela, Jacob, Ryan, Hunter, Violet and Emmalyn. We're delighted to be a part of the start of your learning journey.

## Playgroup is Back!

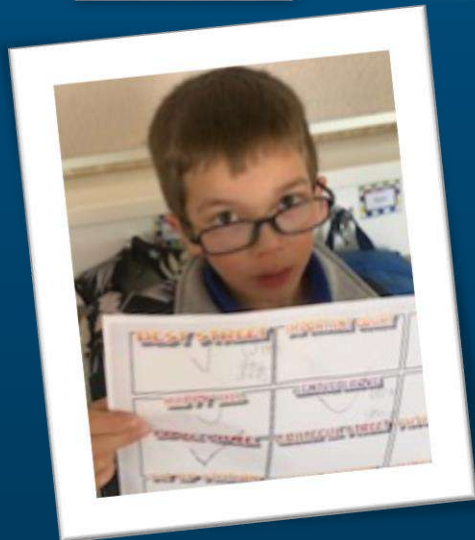
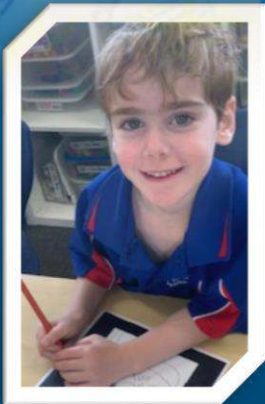
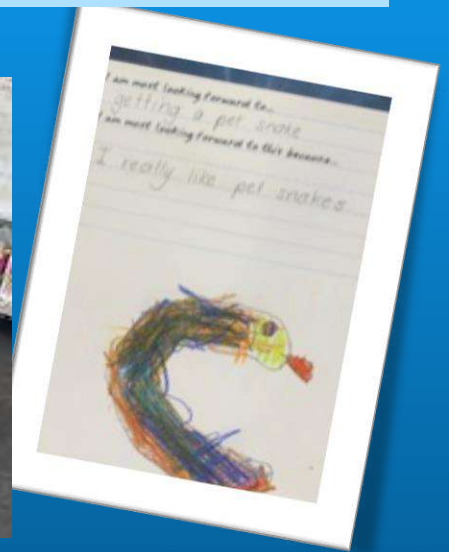
Playgroup will resume this Friday (March 11th), 9:30 to 11:00, at the Gladstone Kindy.

Don't forget to bring a healthy snack, hat and a mask.

Ph. 8662 2235

# GROWING WITH GRATITUDE

On Monday we met Ash Manuel, the founder of Growing with Gratitude. He encouraged us to think about what we are looking forward to if we are feeling sad or upset. We also had fun playing Gratitude Monopoly which had us jumping, moving, high-fiving, and practicing positive reflection!



## GWG AT HOME

Families can get involved with GWG at home by practicing the 5 Habits of Happiness:

1. Attitude of Gratitude
2. Random Acts of Kindness
3. Positive Reflection
4. Wellbeing Warrior
5. Operation Home Service

We'll send home more info throughout the year ©

