



GLADSTONE

PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 1, July 27 2022



4th August

- Student Free Day

5th August

- Playgroup 9.30-11.00

15th-19th August

- Science Week

19th August

- Playgroup 9.30-11.00

22th-26th August

- Book Week

24th August

- Book Week Parade & assembly 5/6 class hosting.

Welcome back to school for term 2. I have heard many stories about what our children did in the school holidays and it was lovely to see the big smiles on their faces as they recalled their adventures.

Student Free Day

Next Thursday 4th August (next week) we have a student free day for all children from kindy to year 6. This day has a focus on curriculum planning using the documents from the SA Department for Education.

COVID -19 update

Here are some recommendations from Professor Nicola Spurrier and Professor Martin Westwell which were sent home in a letter via School Stream on Monday.

- Though it is not mandatory, it is recommended that all students in years 3 to 12 continue to wear face masks when indoors to help reduce the spread of the virus.
- In relation to children who are deemed to be close contacts of cases (where other family members are positive for COVID) it remains mandatory to wear a mask outside of the home, and this includes at school, along with undertaking 5 Rapid Antigen Tests over 7 days.
- We appreciate that some children may find it challenging or awkward to wear a mask, but by wearing one, your child has an additional physical barrier to help stop of the spread of COVID.

SA Health has lots of information on their website to help answer questions, including fact sheets, videos, a book and a range of other resources to help you and your family stay COVID safe

MASKS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Masks are strongly recommended while indoors for:

- all adults (including visitors), except when it impedes ability to teach
- students in year 3 to year 12.

Wash and dry (or sanitise) your hands before you put on your mask.

Make sure your mask completely covers your nose, mouth and chin.

Try not to touch, or adjust, the front of your mask while wearing it.

Do not allow the mask to hang around your neck, or sit under your nose.

Responsibly dispose of single-use masks in the bin. Do not put into recycling.

Wash and dry (or sanitise) your hands after removing the mask.

Masks are not required for anyone who has a medical condition such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition.

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GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country.

Preschool enrolment process in 3 easy steps

In South Australia, 'preschool' and 'kindergarten' are the same. Children can attend preschool the year before they start school. Aboriginal children and children in care can access preschool from 3 years of age.

Government preschools support your child's learning and development to give them a great start in life. Through play-based learning, exploration and experimentation, your child is set up to thrive when they're ready for school.

To start the enrolment process you must complete a preschool registration of interest form. This includes enrolment for our new mid-year intake, which is now open!

To find out more information about enrolment processes please see the link.

[Preschool enrolment \(education.sa.gov.au\)](http://education.sa.gov.au)

If you have any questions please see Beck Crawford or Jodie Zwar.

Round 1 offers for term 1 2023 will be made from 1 August to eligible children in our local catchment area only.

Newsletter format

Newsletters will now be available fortnightly via the School Stream app only unless you return the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter requesting a hard copy of the newsletter be sent home with your child.

2023

We are beginning to look at school structures for 2023. If you know that you are leaving or know someone is moving to Gladstone and are interested in joining our wonderful school community please contact Jodie or Bev in the front office.

Jodie Z



Receiving a Newsletter in Hardcopy

Yes I would like to receive my newsletter as a hard copy.

Family Name _____

Please write family name above, cut off and send back to school only if you wish to receive a newsletter as a hard copy otherwise newsletter will be available on school stream each fortnight.

NAIDOC

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee which is a time to acknowledge and celebrate our First Nations contributions. It's a time to reflect on our shared cultures and appreciate what we all bring. Gladstone Primary School was fortunate enough to have a community Elder, Audrey Stewart come and share stories and show the children how to use their hands to make animal tracks. Also, a big THANK YOU to Kupsch bakery for making some donuts with the colours of the Aboriginal flag on them, these were well received! We will continue to share resources in our learnings and will have an activity afternoon later in the term, so watch this space!

Judy
ACEO



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Things the Year 1/2 students are grateful for:

My mum and dad

My friends

My Nintendo Switch

Having a house

Having food to eat

Going to school

My toys

My pets

Having books

All the things in our classroom

Our teacher

Having a holiday

Electricity

My family

My teddy bear

Having warm clothes

Hot water

Each other

Amber

Fergus

William

Maggie

Indie

Leah

Jasper

Leo

Liam

Jack



The Year 1/2 students practiced having an attitude of gratitude. We played Gratitude Cards, then we brainstormed lots of things we're grateful for, and turned them into a paper chain. It was really long!

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



BOOK WEEK

It's time to dress up as your favourite book character! We'll have a parade and assembly on **Wednesday 24th August at 9.00am**. Parents welcome!

(location will depend on weather)

The theme is:

DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN...

Kindy-Year 6 students are encouraged to dress up without spending a fortune. Have fun being creative!