



GLADSTONE

PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 3, August 10 2022



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**

30th August

- **GHS Transition Day**

2nd September

- **Playgroup 9.30-11.00**

5th September

- **SACA visit R-6 10.15-10.30**

Why are Nursery Rhymes Important?

They teach kids Rhyming, Repetition, & Rhythm. These are all important pre-reading skills. The more Nursery Rhymes kids know, the better readers they'll be.

Student Free Day

Teachers had a variety of sessions during the day – The Science of Reading, investigating the Department for Education's suite of curriculum resources and planning using the documents. This learning was supported by Local Education Team members Kelly Heading and Grant Keheler.

SSO's completed online training through plink (Language in the classroom) and a session with Cindy Dennison (*Technology and Platform Adoption Specialist*) on using Teams. Our next step is to do a face-to-face training with Cindy to further support their learning.

Thank you the Gladstone High School canteen for providing the delicious catering.

Perspective survey

Last week the 2022 Parent Survey opened. Hopefully you have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with the survey link, please contact education.parentsurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email. The survey has been outsourced by the Department for Education and your responses will not identify you or your child. It should take no longer than 10 minutes and we encourage you to complete the survey.

Kindy Working bee

We have a kindy working bee on Monday 19 September at 8.30am to oil the second half of the yard. If you can spare an hour it will make the job quicker.

Governing Council

Governing Council met last night and we discussed updates to our constitution, grounds, finance and fundraising. We have one member of the governing council who coordinates fundraising and we would like to form a group of keen parents/carers who would like to support Bianca. If you're interested in joining the fundraising group please contact the school.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on Thursday 29 September – Week 10. The governing council is currently investigating lunch options as a fundraiser.

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

Jodie Z

NURSERY RHYMES



Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them.
Leave them alone and they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

Little Bo Peep



Mary, Mary Quite Contrary



Mary, Mary quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.



Reconciliation and NAICOC are about celebrating and acknowledging our shared cultures and achievements especially from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We will be celebrating Aboriginal people in our community and how they have contributed and been successful in sharing with us.

DUANE WOODS

Duane is originally from the Northern Territory. He and his family moved to Gladstone over 20 years ago.

He works with Port Pirie Regional Health as an Aboriginal Male Health Worker and also mentors young Aboriginal males.

Duane has a passion for Lawn Bowls and has won the Club Champion at Gladstone Bowling club for 3 consecutive years as well as Champions of Champions for the Northern Areas Association. He encourages the young Aboriginal youth to have a go at the sport.



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BRAVE.
MAKE
CHANGE.**
**NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION**

Being a Dad & My Child and Me

**Families
Growing
Together**

Connecting, understanding, and guiding... everyday parenting

Being a Dad & My Child and Me are **FREE** workshops that look at the special role dads play in a child's life to support their well-being and development. It is for any male caregiver providing care for a child.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each caregiver can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- 📌 The importance of being a dad
- 📌 Building a positive relationship
- 📌 Guiding and setting limits
- 📌 Positive approach to guiding children's behaviour
- 📌 Parenting styles
- 📌 Brain development
- 📌 Taking care of yourself
- 📌 Keeping children safe

Our information sessions are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

Light refreshments and crèche provided
(Bookings essential)



Where: Airdale Primary School

When: Monday 15th August Being a Dad
Monday 22nd August My Child & Me Part 1
Monday 29th August My Child & Me Part 2

Time: 6pm-8:30pm

To book: Contact Mandy Dempsey
Mandy.dempsey@sa.gov.au

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential

Please arrive 10 minutes early to register





THE SECRET IS OUT...

We're opening early bird enrolments just for those on our mailing list!

Don't miss out on this special offer and get ahead of the general public enrolments on September 1st...

IMPORTANT DATES

VACSWIM will be running over four blocks this upcoming season – see below for dates:

Block 1:

19th to 23rd of December

Block 2:

2nd to 6th of January

Block 3:

9th to 13th of January

Block 4:

16th to 20th of January

CLASS TYPES

This season we're offering a variety of classes for children aged 3-15 years. Make sure you read the below to ensure you enrol in the correct level.

Pre School (3-4 years)

These classes are designed to familiarise your little ones with the water in a supportive and controlled environment.

Levels 1 - 7 (5-12 years)

These levels are the traditional VACSWIM levels, to familiarise yourself with these please view [THE PAGE](#).

To find the best level for your child/ren please take our quick and easy quiz:

[BEACH & LAKE LOCATIONS](#)

[POOL LOCATIONS](#)

Intro to VACSWIM (9-12 years)

For those who are new to VACSWIM and have **little** to **no** swimming and water safety experience, VACSWIM are offering an Intro to VACSWIM program.

Children will undertake the learnings of level 1 and 2 with others their own age to help build confidence in and around the water.

Basic Water Rescue (12-13 years)

Community Surf Rescue Certificate / Pool Rescue Certificate (13 years+)

The purpose of these courses are to give you the basic water safety and awareness skills and knowledge required for involvement in lifesaving operations.

All courses are unaccredited, however, those undertaking the CSRC & PRC have the option to attend a training hub to undertake an assessment to become qualified. Once qualified you are on your pathway to becoming a VACSWIM Assistant Instructor.