

## GLADSTONE

**PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN** 

### **NEWSLETTER**

#### Term 1, Week 11, April 11 2023



#### 14th April

End of Term 1, early dismissal 2.10pm

#### 1st May

Term 2 begins.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> May

GRIP Leadership
Port Augusta

#### 11th May

Student Free Day.

#### 26th May

National Sorry

#### Laura Fair

Wow, what a weekend! As a member of the Laura community, I was amazed at the number of people who attended. Our joint stall with Gladstone High School was a popular stop for biscuits and cakes. A big thank you to Bianca Broome and Beck Crawford who were the conveners representing Gladstone High and Primary Schools.

We had an incredible number of donations and the stall looked fabulous. I know both Bianca and Beck have lots of great ideas for next year! I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way.

#### **Big Boys at Kindy**

Last Wednesday night we had some Dad's attend kindy from 5pm to 7pm to participate in a range of activities and share tea - sausage sizzle (thanks to Jodie Baker who is our BBQ guru) and ice-cream cones. Please see some photos in the newsletter.

#### Student Free Day

Last Thursday was a productive day where staff worked collaboratively to update our literacy agreement, review our behaviour procedure and investigate Essential Assessment (numeracy assessments). These will be shared with the Governing Council next term.

Our *next student free day is Thursday 11 May* and all staff are visiting other sites which link to their professional development plan.

Professional development in education refers to activities that help educators improve their skills, knowledge, and effectiveness in their profession. Professional development activities can take many forms, including workshops, conferences, webinars, mentoring, coaching, and online courses.

The goal of professional development is to help educators stay up-to-date on the latest teaching strategies, technologies, and best practices, as well as to enhance their abilities to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. By engaging in ongoing professional development, educators are better equipped to improve student learning outcomes, support students' social and emotional development, and promote a positive school culture.

#### **ANZAC Day**

In the second week of the holidays, we commemorate ANZAC Day on 25 April. The service is held in the main street of Gladstone at dawn. We hope to have some of our school leaders representing the Gladstone Primary School community.

#### Early dismissal

This Friday 14 April is an early dismissal at 2.10pm. School buses will run at this time

This term has gone very fast. Enjoy the school holiday break – no lunchboxes to pack!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 1 May.

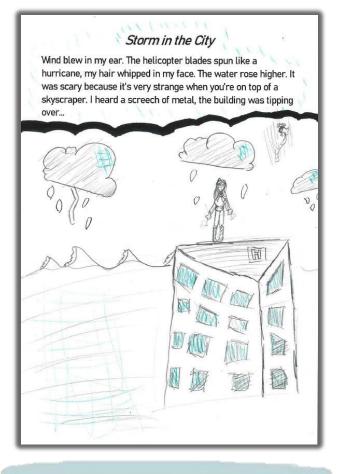
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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country.





# WRITING

## Paragraphs 5/6 Class

A STORM IN THE CITY

Quicksand glared at the trees' branches waving around aimlessly as the storm batted them mercilessly, back and forth, like the ball going over the net in table tennis.

Her tail thumped the ground angrily.

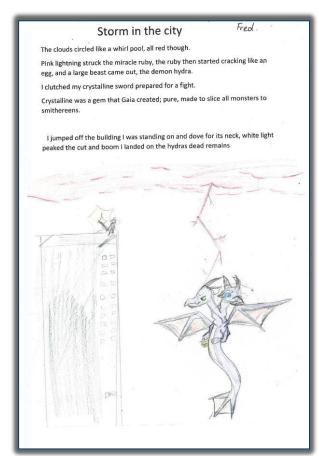
"Y-Quicksand," Gasped a dragon that was flying up to her with agonizing slowness. "Don't you think we should-Well, maybe put some sandbags at the door? The rain is very-"

"Of course you should put sandbags at the door, you festering ball of spit." Quicksand snapped, cutting him off. The messenger shuddered violently. "I thought you'd have done it already."

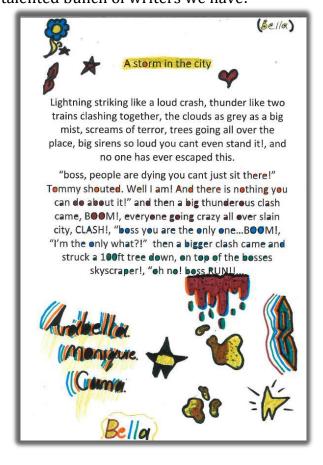
Quicksand flicked her tail, glaring down at her city as she spoke, rather than looking at him.

"But... Why didn't you order us to do it anyway?" The messenger pressed.

Quicksand wrapped her talons around his neck, dangerously tight. "Have some respect for your leader." And she shreds up his wings and threw him off the tall spire. Look at those sharp dragon claws!



The Upper Primary students have been working towards developing accurately formed paragraphs. We have typed out our first drafts and will continue to edit them. Along with paragraphing, our big focus this term has been figurative language. In the attached examples you will notice children using metaphors and similes, along with descriptive language to hook in the reader. We are continuing to work towards forming complex sentences accurately, using a variation of punctuation. What a talented bunch of writers we have!







Registration for Season 2023 is now open for junior and adult futsal. Juniors born in 2017 and older are eligible to register and adults can register by team or individually. Please use the links below to register:

#### **Juniors**

https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?entityid= 75897&id=81380

#### **Adults**

https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/welcomeregplus.aspx?entityid= 75897&id=81381

Juniors play Friday nights, 'The Big Shed', Jamestown, from 5.30pm. Please note the first game of the season will be held on **Sunday, 30th April 2023 at 2pm**. Adults play Monday night, 'The Big Shed', Jamestown, from 6.30pm, commencing date TBA. (\*\*please note Monday night might change if the Rangers team goes ahead\*\*)

**'COME & TRY FUTSAL'** in 'The Big Shed' for juniors will be held on the following dates: • Sunday, 19th March, 10.30am – 12.00pm; and • Friday, 31st March, 4pm to 6.00pm. There is no charge for these sessions, just some basic training and an introduction to playing futsal. The Jamestown Futsal committee will be available to assist with registrations and any questions.

#### **SEASON 2023 FEES**

Juniors - \$75.00 Seniors - \$110.00

Fees are to be paid online when registering unless you are using a Sports Voucher. Please see attached the Sports Voucher, please complete the form and email it to jamestownfutsal@gmail.com provide it to one of the committee members at the Come & Try sessions or at the first game. All players must be registered prior to commencing the season.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 31ST MARCH 2023.

