Dear Parents, Carers and community members,

The term is slipping by very quickly as is the year. I was very pleased to hear of some great sportsmanship from the Bundy Zone Cross Country. Well done to all the students who were selected and went and had a go. You should be hugely proud of your efforts and the sportsmanship you displayed. Well done!

**Reading**

Students are working hard on achieving their first 5 week goal to improve literacy and reading.

To assist reading and goals at home you can:
- practise the goal with your children
- discuss how they are progressing to achieve their goal
- keep reading texts (signs, posters, pamphlets etc.) with your children and questioning what the text means

**Attendance**

If your child is away it is School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Research also shows that poor school attendance is associated with:
- lower academic achievement including literacy and numeracy
- early school leaving
- leaving school with fewer qualifications
- reduced opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources, further limiting achievement
- further absenteeism in higher year levels
- increased alcohol, tobacco, and substance use in adolescents.

Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. When your child is away or if you know your child is going to be away, you must notify the school via note, email, phone call or by seeing class teacher.

Any unexplained absences will be followed up within 3 days by the classroom teacher (note or phone call). Any students who have prolonged or patterned absences, it is an expectation that schools monitor and intervene to comply with the law.
If for some reason your child does not want to come to school, it is vital you come and discuss the matter as attendance is crucial.

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**

Data collection on behaviour shows that students behavioural choices have improved as more students are receiving Kook Cards and fewer students are being recorded for minor and major behavioural choices. Well done! Keep up the great work!

**WARTBURG SS P&C**

**NEXT P&C MEETING – THURSDAY 15th MAY @ 3:15PM**

Please come along and join the meeting. New members are always welcome.

**AFL skill development**

From this Friday until the end of term students will be participating in some AFL skill development. Shaun from AFL Queensland will be engaging students in some gross motor skills, ball skills, and skills and rules involved in the game of AFL.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Playgroup**

When: Tuesdays
Time: 9am – 11am
Where: Wartburg State School

Who: Playgroup is open for children from birth – school age. Bring along a snack and enjoy the company for the morning.

**Kook Card Draw**

and the winner is...

Lillielle Kelly

Congratulations! Enjoy your free tuckshop...

**HEARTMOVES FOOD ROADSHOW**

Visit all Heartmoves classes at their respective Community Halls or Sport and Rec sheds.

EAT SMART FOR HEART HEALTH
PRESENTED BY MARINA CHANG, DIETITIAN
AND THEA ROBERTS, NUTRITIONIST.
GLADSTONE REGIONAL ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

10.30am, Saturday 17 May 2014
50 Years of Gems official exhibition opening - INVITE LINK
Join Mrs Liz Cunningham, Member for Gladstone, at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum as she officially opens this new exhibition on behalf of the Gladstone District Gem, Rock & Mineral Club Inc. celebrating the group’s half-century milestone. The exhibition is currently on display up until 14 June 2013.

Morning tea will be provided at the official launch so please RSVP by 5pm Wednesday 14 May 2014 - phone 4976 6766 or email pragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au

2pm, Saturday 17 May 2014
Gladstone Girls Go AWOL official exhibition opening - INVITE LINK
You’re invited to the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum’s official opening of the new exhibition Gladstone Girls Go-AWOL, by local artists Beryl Wood and Leanne Cole. The exhibition showcases their recent adventures abroad and is on display from 17 May - 21 June 2013.

Afternoon tea will be provided at the official launch so please RSVP by 5pm Wednesday 14 May 2014 - phone 4976 6766 or email pragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au

10pm - 5pm, Saturday 24 May 2014
Last day to see the current display Past Present Future #21stcenturyart-making - EXHIBITION LINK
This exhibition highlights the evolving use of moving images within the art world. From the early 1970s works by cutting edge experimental makers through to the current crop of digital artists, these works push into the realms of moving images, stills, sounds and digital imagery - highlighting making art through to the now common use of film, video and digital, and the manipulation of it.

4pm, Wednesday 28 May 2014
Entries close for Green Scenes: Environmental Short Film Competition - NEWS STORY WITH ENTRY FORM LINK
The annual filmmaking competition is now open with entry forms available to download from Gallery & Museum’s website. Each year, Green Scenes is held in conjunction with Gladstone Regional Council’s annual Ecofest celebrations. The competition is conducted by the Gladstone Arts Council Inc., a volunteer-run group and affiliate of Artslink Queensland. Individuals and groups of all ages and experience are invited to create a 30 second high impact film reflecting the World Environment Day 2014 theme of “Raise Your Voice, Not the Sea Level”. Follow the above link for more information on T’s & C’s as well as the great prizes on offer! - Phone 4976 6766 if you have further inquiries.

10pm - 1pm, Friday 30 May 2014
School children aged Prep to Year 7 are invited to attend the annual free event Saiki Children’s Day 2014 - INVITE LINK
Saiki Children’s Day is a Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee initiative, modeled on Japan’s centuries old annual Children’s Day, offering the Gladstone Region’s children a glimpse of the lives of their peers in Japan through a variety of hands on art activities. Schools need to book into a designated time slot and confirm their group’s booking with the Gallery & Museum no later than 5pm Friday 9 May 2014 - phone 4976 6766 or email pragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au

ASSISTANCE NEEDED:
Currently the Gallery & Museum is calling for works for the annual Arts NAIDOC 2014 exhibition as well as images of local Indigenous service people (both past and present) as an additional exhibition during this celebration. If interested, phone Jo Duke, Curator, Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, on 4976 6766.

With so much happening this month at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, we hope to see you very soon!

Kind regards,
Maddie
Madeleine Cook
Public Programs & Promotions Officer

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Sharon State School P&C Association

The Sharon State School P&C will now be running the monthly cent sales at the South Kolan Hotel which were previously run by the South Kolan Community Kindergarten.

The next Cent Sale will be on Saturday 17 May starting at 1:30pm. There will be a Lucky Door Prize, Raffles and loads of goodies and afternoon tea will be provided.

We are all very excited to be involved in this new venture and would also like to welcome those interested in a fun day out to come along to South Kolan Hotel for our Inaugural Cent Sale.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to
Dylan 8th
Brayden 10th
Allivia 17th
Dakota 18th
Anna 18th
Blake 25th
who are celebrating their birthdays in May.
The communities of Avondale, Winfield and Yandaran are currently under an exploration licence which may result in a coal mine or a gas field. In order to protect themselves, the community has decided to have baseline testing of the air and water undertaken. This will provide a standard against which they can compare their environment should the mine go ahead. These baselines will help both the community and the mining companies ensure that community health is protected at all times. The testing aims to protect our most precious resource, our water, ensuring a healthy natural environment for future generations.

For that reason and to bring this effort to a large audience attention, a magnificent Community fundraising event is being held:

Beats For Baselines
Hosted by Avondale Tavern
Date and Time – May 17th 2014 3 – 11pm
Tickets $10 available from Kountdown Kafe, Targo St and Avondale Tavern.

Live Bands kindly donated their time and their shows will run all afternoon and night 3:00 pm till 11:00pm. Market Stalls 3 – 6 pm / Auction of donated goods from 5pm / Free Camping Courtesy Bus

Featuring local Bands Barakade 5, Crossfire, Jay Tones, Mark Linwood, Peter Knight, Matthew Barker and the Black Snow Band, Undercover, Phantom Fire, Tony Inguanez, TUSKY.

The night will be closed with a special performance by Peter O’Brien and The Dirty Creek Boys.