



The Wartburg Wire

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2026 School Priority: Strengthen and refine the whole-school pedagogical approach so all staff confidently select and apply pedagogies that reflect the learner, the learning and the curriculum.

GOAL: 100% students achieving A-C in English & Maths and >85% students achieving A-B

Dear Parents, Carers and community members

Thank you to our school support staff

School Support Staff Recognition Week and all that our school support staff do to keep our schools running smoothly. From the office to the classroom, school grounds and beyond, support staff play a vital role in supporting our students.



Absence notification options



Phone - 41 566 134

Text message - 0459 886 552

Please make contact in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school, for safety and so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Attendance 87.58% GOAL: 94%

Wartburg State School P&C Assoc. General Meeting

22 October 2026, 3:30pm



P&C Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 3:30pm

2026 Diary Dates

September

18th

**FRIDAY FREE
DRESS DAY**

Last day of Term 3

21st Sept – 5th Oct

School Holidays

October

5th

Public Holiday

9th

Archery

ARCHERY

Students have the opportunity to participate in a Rotational Incursion Day of Archery activities being held at the school on Friday 9th October. Younger students' focus will be on target accuracy. Older students' focus will be on target arrow tags with building teamwork and strategy. This incursion is being run by Evolution Archery and you will find a permission/waiver form attached to the newsletter for you to complete and return to school by Wednesday 8th October if you wish for your child/ren to participate.

Have a happy and safe holiday

Kook Card Draw

Students –

☆ **Weston** – Wearing school uniform with pride

☆ **Archer** – Wearing school uniform with pride

☆ **Lilliana** – Being a problem solver

☆ **Ryot** – Being in the right place at the right time and following instructions straight away



Wk 8 Parade Community

☆ **Cec Sherwood** – Digging up and moving dirt for Bush Tucker Garden

Staff

☆ **Charlie** – Just for being you



Wk 10 Parade Community

☆ **Michelle W** – for dropping off packs after disaster meeting



Staff

☆ **Aleesha** – making hook racks for our scooter helmets



Department of Education

Positive Behaviour
for Learning (PBL)

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be a Learner



Kook Card Trade In Rewards

20 – Icy Pole

☆ **Richard** ☆ **Hendrix** ☆ **Alex**
☆ **Harriet** ☆ **Rhyan S** ☆ **Archer**
☆ **Kaos** ☆ **Ryan W** ☆ **Bronson**
☆ **Hendrix** ☆ **Sinead** ☆ **Ryot**



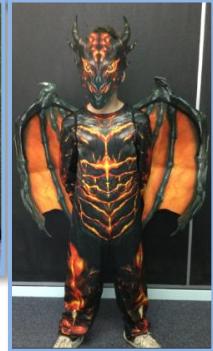
Happy Birthday...

to who are celebrating a birthday in
September

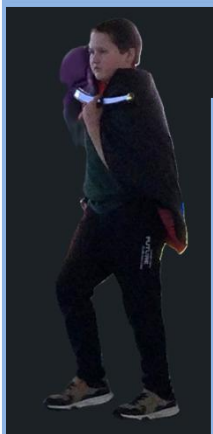


Marlee – 6th
Ryot – 21st

CLASSROOM NEWS



Book week



Aussie Kids Rock

School Performance Tours



School Performance Tours



Super Science Circus Show



Struggling with your child and family's screen time habits?



Researchers from The University of Queensland are evaluating an online seminar sharing some strategies for parents to build healthy screen time habits in their children.

If you have a child between 5 and 12 years, we would love you to join our upcoming seminars. You will need to complete a short survey to enrol. To participate, please visit:



<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/screens>



UQ Human Research Ethics Approval: 2025/HE002529

Interested in Healthy Screen Habits for Your Children and Family?

Researchers from The University of Queensland are evaluating an online seminar for parents that provides information and strategies to build healthy screen time habits for their children and families.

If you are the parent of a child between 5 and 12 years, we would love for you to join our upcoming seminars. You will need to complete a short survey to enrol. To find out more or to participate, please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/screens>

This research has been approved by The University of Queensland's Human Research Ethics Committee (2025/HE002529).

24th August

Reference: EM7.4 BC

Dear Principal,

RE: MAGPIE BREEDING SEASON

Gladstone Regional Council is writing to you to provide information for you to share with students and families to assist with protecting themselves during swooping bird season. Magpie breeding season has commenced, and Council has begun to receive reports of swooping magpies. In the Gladstone Region, Magpies are our most prevalent swooping bird, however, other native bird species such as plovers, butcherbirds and crows are also known to swoop.

As you are likely aware, magpies swoop as a defence mechanism to protect their nests and chicks during breeding season. Breeding season generally occurs between August to December, with swooping usually persisting for six to eight weeks. During this period, we recommend the following precautions:

- Dismount from bicycles or e-scooters – magpies tend to perceive rapid movement as a greater threat, increasing the likelihood of swooping.
- Using an alternate route - view the hotspot map (<https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/Live-Here/Pets-and-Animals/Wildlife/hotspotwebmap>) and avoid these areas where possible.
- Moving in a group - magpies tend to target individuals rather than a group of people walking together.
- Maintain eye contact - if you must enter a nesting area, keep the bird under constant observation as it is less likely to swoop when it is being watched.
- Wearing sunglasses and a hat - sunglasses, a hat or helmet and/or carrying an umbrella can assist in protecting yourself from a swoop.
- Avoid antagonising the birds – attempting to scare, threaten or move the birds will increase the intensity of swooping and increase the likelihood of aggressive behaviour.

If swooped, students should move away from the area as calmly as possible. Students should not run, flail or scream as this will increase the intensity of swooping.

Our Brand and Communications Team will send through an A4 poster that can be utilized in school newsletters. Council is currently reviewing our educational materials and would appreciate any feedback or ideas from yourself or your school community around desired education material. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact environmentandconservation@gladstone.qld.gov.au.

Council will continue to monitor and assess swooping birds in the region where they occur on Council-controlled land but is unable to respond to swooping bird complaints on private or state-controlled land. If your school has a problem with a swooping bird, you may contact a licensed wildlife contractor to assess the bird for relocation.

If you become aware of a swooping bird that is located on Council-controlled land, please contact Gladstone Regional Council on (07) 4970 0700 or submit a Customer Service Request via our Online Services Platform: <https://online.gladstone.qld.gov.au/>. For further information on swooping birds, and to view the swooping bird hotspot map please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/wildlife/swooping.

Kind regards,
BETHANY COX
CONSERVATION OFFICER

Educational program for 4-year-olds

Children aged at least 4 years of age by 30 June in the year before they attend school.

Attending an approved kindy

A government-approved educational program offering free kindy in sessional or long day care.

With a qualified kindy teacher

A kindergarten program is delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher.

15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year

Kindy is 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year and is free.

www.qld.gov.au/FreeKindy

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