FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this will be the last newsletter for the year let me take this opportunity to thank all the staff at GVPS for their work throughout the year. Our grade 6 students will complete their graduation on Wednesday and I look forward to the evenings activities and I wish them all well at their new school.

Staffing For 2013
2013 will see considerable changes at Gladstone Views PS. Over recent weeks all staff have been working on the process of establishing a suitable grade and specialist/support structure for 2013. Overall, the grade structure aims to accommodate the academic, social and behavioral needs of all students including those with special learning needs. There also needs to be a balance of males and females.

As our aim is to create the best possible learning environment and teaching teams, teachers also are placed according to their particular skills and strengths and this means that some changes are made regarding teacher placement. Primary school teachers are trained to teach across all grade levels and can also be expected to take up a range of Specialist / Support teaching roles.

To develop a structure that suits everyone (students, staff and parents) is an impossibility. We believe however, that given all of the things that have to be taken into account, the following staff and grade structure will deliver minimum class sizes, maximum learning opportunities for your children and strong and effective staff team work.

Next year we have decided that we will introduce Science and Maths as a specialist area.

Parent Helpers
On Monday 3rd December we held an afternoon tea for our parent helpers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their support throughout the year and look forward to their assistance again next year.

Reports
Reports will go home on the Thursday 20th December. All staff at GVPS decided to write comments about their students for their reports.

Prep/1/2 Celebration
Our Prep/1, 2 had their family celebration and mini concert on last night. Congratulations to all the participants.

Grade structure 2013

Grade Prep A (Room 6) Mrs Matilda Seru
Grade Prep B (Room 5) Mrs Sandra Hurst
Grade Prep C (Room 4) Mrs Alyson Lind/Mrs Penny Mallia

1 /2 A (Room 7) Mrs Meryle Steel
1/2 B (Room 8) Mrs Lucy Torre/Mrs Sylvia Davies (Fri)
1 /2 C (Room 2) Ms Perri Alifragis
STAND TALL AWARDS
Week ending 7 December

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Student</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prep</td>
<td>Shae B.</td>
<td>For the tremendous effort she put into her learning throughout the whole year.</td>
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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Tyler H.</td>
<td>For becoming a great reader, writer and mathematician.</td>
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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Ruby S.</td>
<td>For the great way she has settled into Gladstone Views PS and for quickly becoming a very important person to all of us.</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>All students in grade 1/2A</td>
<td>For improving all of their learning this year and doing a fabulous job of being great students who have learned to follow our values.</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>All students in grade 1/2B</td>
<td>For being a wonderful class of students who have worked really well all year! Good luck in your new grades next year!</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>All students in grade 1/2C</td>
<td>For the fantastic effort they have put into their learning and for the many valuable contributions they have made towards Gladstone Views throughout the year.</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Jake H.</td>
<td>For assisting the class as our student leader on the Junior School Council for 2012 and for attending all the meetings. Well done Jake!</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Rebecca S.</td>
<td>For her excellent reflections about her reading and her helpful feedback to her peers during coaching time. Well done Rebecca.</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Makayla W.</td>
<td>For her bright &amp; bubbly personality, her original thinking during class discussions and her happy, friendly attitude to her classmates.</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Jade W.</td>
<td>For her lovely manners, her kindness to others and for how hard she is trying to improve her spelling. Keep trying hard at your learning Jade. Well done!</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Janny T.</td>
<td>For her dedication to her learning and for following up at home. For her impeccable manners and her generosity to her classmates.</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Joshua F.</td>
<td>For learning to think before he acts and for learning to make wise choices which are in keeping with our school values. Keep aiming high Josh!</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Isaak H.</td>
<td>For improving his organisational skills, for his kind heart and for the effort he is putting in to learn the number facts and multiplication.</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Andre S.</td>
<td>For his lightning speed on his times tables and his accuracy with all addition, subtraction, multiplication and division equations. What a champion you are Andre!</td>
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Have a great holiday break

Michael West

CAITKEN NEWS

Monday Dec 17 to Friday Dec 21

Mon Window Sales Only
Tues Window Sales Only
Wed Window Sales Only
Thurs Window Sales Only
Fri Window Sales Only

Please Note:
There are NO pizza orders tomorrow as they are out of stock
Window sales only – last week of school
NO LUNCH ORDERS

Canteen will re-open for lunch orders on Wednesday 30th January, 2013

12 days until Christmas
Save the Date!!

Views Under the Stars

Friday 15th March, 2013

A movie night for the family and friends of the Gladstone Views School Community

Tickets on sale early in 2013

8 metre Screen
Fun & Games
Sausage Sizzle

Don’t FORGET!

2013
Gladstone Views Primary School office will be open on

Tuesday 29th January, 2013
9.00am – 3.30pm
for collection of books.
Uniform shop will also be open on this day.

First day of school for students is

Wednesday 30th January

Canteen: Will open on Wed. 30th Jan

Before & Aftercare:
Begins on Wed. 30th Jan

Dates to Remember....

Curriculum Days for 2013

Tuesday 29th January, 2013
Wednesday 27th February, 2013
Friday 26th April, 2013
Monday 24th June, 2013
(Three Way Conferences)
No students required at school on these days

3/4C  Andrew W.  For using a pleasant tone of voice, for using excellent manners and for how hard he is trying to lift the quality of his writing and book work. A great year!!
5/6A  The Best Class – 5/6A  Congratulations on a fabulous year. It has been a pleasure to teach you!!
5/6B  Natasha V.  For her willingness to solve difficult Maths problems and share her thinking with the class.
5/6B  Daniel S.  For trying to think for himself and make decisions that support his own learning.
5/6B  Jarrad R.  For sharing his enthusiasm for learning with the class and being a peer coach.
5/6C  The Wonderful Class of 5/6C  Thankyou for a fantastic year full of fun and learning.
5/6D  Kiana L.  For working very hard to complete a beautifully written and illustrated fairytale.

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Returning Sports Uniforms**

Interschool sport has finished for this year. We are now in the process of collecting all sports tops. Many students have already handed in their tops however there are still some tops which need to be returned to school including a few pairs of socks. Could parents please check at home for any tops or socks and have your child return them to school by tomorrow (Fri. 14th Dec.)

Thank you

Richard Jasenia
Phys Ed Coordinator

**Naming Competition**

Science at Gladstone Views Primary School in 2013 is going to be an important and exciting part of our curriculum. Mrs Davies and Mrs Mallia will be teaching all grades science and their headquarters will be the two portable classrooms at the edge of the oval, next to the vegetable gardens.

They would really like a catchy name for this new science centre and so, in the first week of the new school year we will be calling suggestions.

We want all families to put on their science thinking hats over the holidays. Look out for an entry form at the beginning of 2013 in the newsletter.

Mrs Mallia & Mrs Davies

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**Merry Christmas Everyone**

Have a safe and restful holiday break...

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**SCHOOL FINISHES FOR 2012 AT 1.30PM ON FRIDAY 21ST DEC. AFTER CARE STARTS AT 1.30PM**