From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**PREP 2014 INFORMATION NIGHT THIS THURSDAY**

**Venue:** Resource Centre at rear of school
**Time:** 6pm-7pm

**Class Placements 2014**
Parents will be given an opportunity to have input into their children's placements for 2014 **early in Term 4** of this year. Requests should be made on the proforma provided and placed in an envelope marked **CONFIDENTIAL** and to the attention of **THE PRINCIPAL**. All requests must be in writing.

Parents need to understand that:

- It is not always possible to meet all requests
- Only issues that impact on the educational needs of the student will be considered
- Parent requests will close on Friday, 25 October
- Class placements will be posted on school notice boards on Wednesday, 11 December 2013. **Class placements will not be issued before that date.**
- There will be **NO CHANGE** made to class lists posted on that date. Staff take considerable time and effort to ensure that class placements are appropriate.
- If enrolments change significantly in 2014, there may be a need to make minor changes.
- Final class placements will not be confirmed until after Day 8 in 2014 when all state school enrolment numbers are downloaded to our Central Office.
- This process is being brought to your attention early so that you may consider this prior to requests being called next term. No requests will be accepted during Term 3 or outside of the timeframe indicated above.

**Instrumental News**
Due to the Gladstone State High School’s Instrumental Tour from Tuesday to Saturday next week, there will be no instrumental string lessons or ensemble this week.
Staff Matters
As you know, Mrs Whitfield has now retired. Mrs Greer will be the Acting Head of Curriculum for the remainder of the year. The permanent Head of Curriculum position will be filled through a regional merit process in 2014. Ms Brianne Lester will now teach 2A full time.

Mrs Reinbach is on leave for the remainder of the term. Mrs Norwood will teach this class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Belinda Waterston will teach them on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mr Leong will be on leave for the remainder of the year from the end of next week. Mrs Hargreaves will take 5C for the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to Mrs Ord (LOTE teacher) on the arrival of Theodore last Thursday.

Cyberbullying – A Series of Helpful Hints from the Department of Education
The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for you to network and socialise online. While these technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas, they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Just as you would discourage your child from behaving inappropriately online, it's important to remember that sometimes negative comments that parents and caregivers post about their school community have a greater impact than expected.

Reputations of teachers, schools, principals and even parents can be permanently damaged – and in some cases, serious instances of inappropriate online behaviour are dealt with by police and the court system.

B2B
Congratulations to the many participants in Sunday's B2B event. We thank you for raising much needed funds for our school. Congratulations to Ainsley Downie who placed first in the Primary School Girls 3km division in a time of 13.26 minutes. Thanks also for your tremendous support of our recent Skip-a-thon.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

GSHS Year 8 Laptop Class 2014
Gladstone State High School has successfully operated a laptop program since 2000. It is the intention of the school to run two classes in Year 8 in 2014. The philosophy behind the class is to integrate the use of Information and Communication Technologies, through the student laptops, into all areas of learning.

Online applications will open for the 2014 Year 8 Laptop program on Mon 2nd of September at 8.15am and will close on Fri September 6th of September at 3.15pm through the school website - www.gladstonshs.eq.edu.au. If you are wishing to find out more about the program prior to this date you can find information on the website though - Our Facilities-Junior Secondary-Laptop Program 2014.

On the 2nd of September there will be a direct link from the “In Brief” section of the webpage listed above. It is simply a register of interest with contact details. It is important that the details are accurate. Those successful in getting into the program will be invited to attend a further information evening, where formal paperwork will be filled out. It is important to ensure that all the other enrolment information is completed as well.

Please note. The link will not be present until the applications open.

If you would like further information, please contact Danie Player dplay1@eq.edu.au or 49766123 or Jo Dahl jdahl14@eq.edu.au or 49766155.

BOOKFAIR
Yes! It's August and that means it's time for Bookfair! From Monday 26 to Friday 30 August, the Resource Centre will be turned into a Bookshop which will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each of the 5 days. Most children at school will visit the Fair during school time or lunch time while adults may visit at any time between the hours mentioned above. A proportion of the money from sales is kept to benefit our school. Buy those Christmas presents early or just treat yourself. Hope to see you there!
### Classroom Round-Up

3A & 3B have been learning about heat in a unit of work called "Hot Stuff". As part of this unit, we all had a very enjoyable and informative day at the Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre. We had to design a water bottle cover, make damper and cook on a fire we helped make. What an awesome day! Both 3C & 3D really enjoyed our trip to Boyne Island and learnt a lot about heat and energy while making Stick Damper and used sun ovens to cook S’mores. In history, we have been learning about the aboriginal people of Queensland and the first European settlers. In English, we have just finished reading and writing about a story called 'The Lorax.'

### Tuckshop

The new online ordering system called Flexischools is up and running. The new menu is available on our KKSS website, note there have been some price rises.

**Easy online registration for Flexischools**
- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER, enter your email. You will be emailed a link to an online form – follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form. Add each child and their class/es
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred

### Tuckshop Helpers Roster

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### P&C News

**Picture Products**

Prep is once again organising Picture products. They are a unique way to preserve and remember this time in your child’s life. These items make wonderful Christmas presents for Grandparents or treasured mementos to keep. Please see Liz at Prep A for more details or ring 49715131.

**CENT SALE**

We still need 5 people to canvas local businesses to seek prizes. You would be given a list of businesses (in one area of town), letters to give to businesses seeking a donation and thank you certificates to give out when businesses donate. Without coordinators, this event will not be able to run. Please contact me on Ifall14@eq.edu or phone me Liz Fallon (Prep A) on 49715131.
FATHERS DAY STALL
We are wrapping in the Resource Centre this Friday between 9am and 10am. Helpers needed please. On Friday 30th August, our Kin Kora Fathers’ Day Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Dad or Grandad. Gifts range in price from $1 to $10. Donations of ‘ready to sell’ items, home cooking and wrapped lollies/chocolates for the stall are most welcome. We are still seeking a raffle prize for the day, so if you can help please contact the office.

Bazza Awards

Nude Food