

Parent and community involvement

The Parents and Citizens' Association (P & C) consists of a small group of parents who work closely with the school administration team in planning fundraising events to support the school's teaching and learning directions. They are also invited to be involved in decision-making processes related to school planning and direction.

Parent and community involvement are actively encouraged. Parent supporters are highly visible in school programs. There is very strong support for Parent programs offered within the school community. These include Support-A-Reader, Support-A-Writer, Perceptual Motor program

There is an active Wundumana Parent and Community Group at the school which plans for NAIDOC week celebrations for the whole school, provides human resources, assists indigenous students with learning and assists school administration with planning for expenditure of IESIP funds and teaching and learning of Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum.

The Wundumana Parent and Community Group coordinates parent in-service in a range of identified needs and interests.

A number of committed community members regularly attend the school to run and assist various projects and programs in the school. These include;

- Craft Club – 2 volunteers regularly attend the school each week to teach and run Craft sessions with interested students.
- Art Attack – 1 volunteer regularly attends the school to teach students painting techniques and involves the students in the painting of murals to beautify the school
- Builder – 1 volunteer regularly attends and works with the Integration Teacher and Students with Disabilities in teaching them life skills. This program is also targeted at developing literacy and Numeracy skills for the students and providing them with a feeling of pride in their school
- Music – 2 volunteers regularly attend the school to assist with singing or playing the piano for Choir and Folk Group practices
- Gardeners – a small number of volunteers regularly can be seen weeding gardens around the school

Community Involvement

Gladstone South State School is an active member of its local community with regular predication in many events. These include:

- Student performance in sporting, cultural and academic fields – *participating at a school, district and state level.*
- Comalco Green and Healthy Regional and State Finalist for School Spirit Award 2005 and Regional Finalist 2006 for Protecting our Environment Award – *an outstanding achievement!*
- PASS – the school participated in the PASS (Primary Afternoon School Sport) program with a number of students being involved in this program during Term 3 & Term 4 2005 and Term 1 2006. In 2007, our school will participate again in the Active Afterschools Community Program.
- Community Police Liaison Officers work actively at the school providing a positive role model for all students. Aaron Negus, one of the CPLO committed to the students at Gladstone South by coming every Monday during Term 2 & Term 3 2005 to play and teach the students football.
- Gladstone South State School proudly recognised one of its long-term volunteers in the School Tuckshop – the tireless commitment of “Nana” was recognised with a state award in 2005.

- The school participates in the community event of ‘Australia’s Greatest Morning Tea’ as part of its community commitment. Staff, parents and students popularly support this. This is now a regular feature on Gladstone South State School’s Calendar.

- NAIDOC week celebrations and school involvement in the community event

- ANZAC day service and participation in the Local ANZAC parade and ceremony
- Community and active citizenship through participation in fundraising for Gladstone to Brisbane Leukaemia Walk, Christmas Child and Christmas Family Support