



# Gladstone South State School Times

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Term 4 Week 7

Dear All

## *Celebrating our Achievements*

Congratulations to a number of our students who have been involved in a number of activities in the last fortnight.

To our Choir who sang recently at K Mart for the launch of their Christmas appeal. Well done to all involved.

Our school leaders for 2010: Jayden Coolwell, Elizabeth Crighton, Savannah Schulz and Aaron Tomlinson (listed in alphabetical order). At our Year 7 Graduation Dinner on Tuesday, 8 December we will announce their positions.

It takes a community to raise a child – we can all help to make our children South S.M.A.R.T?

Truthfulness &  
Trustworthiness



Safe

Motivated

Respect &  
Responsibility

A+ Attitude

Help your child become South S.M.A.R.T?

Yours In Education

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## High School Year 7 Orientation Programs

### General Information:

- Students need to find their own way to and from their respective high school.
- All students must wear their full primary school uniform, appropriate footwear and a hat.
- Bring an exercise book and pen, pencil and ruler.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at the canteen.

**Gladstone State High School** – December 1 and 2 - meet at 8:50 am in the Assembly Hall. Some Year 7 teachers will be at school on the first morning to assist the students. A sausage sizzle will be held on the Wednesday. Booklists and other information will be made available on these days. Jo Dahl HOD of Middle Schooling, Gladstone State High School

**Toolooa State High School** – Thursday, 26 November – The day begins with a bell at 8.45 am and all students are to move to the shelter shed. All students will meet Mr Whitfield, Principal, for a meeting toward the end of lesson 4 in the shelter shed.

Any required medications should be clearly labelled and taken to the school office. Please note students will be given all relevant information and handouts to ensure they are ready for Year 8 in 2010 on Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will be released from the shelter shed at 3pm to go home. Staff will be available on bus duty to assist students.

Any questions can be directed to Bryan Townsend, year 7 to 8 Transition Coordinator on 49714339 or Craig O'Connor, Deputy Principal on 49714341 (Monday to Wednesday) Or 49714344 (Thursday to Friday).

## Cyber Bullying

Parents are increasingly concerned about the effects of cyber bullying on children. Cyber bullying can occur through emails, internet chat rooms, via instant message or mobile phone text messages.

It is important that parents talk to their children about the dangers of cyber bullying, however it is difficult to know where to start. A new campaign, Cyber Bullying Affects Real Lives, aims to educate young internet users about the impact of cyber bullying and ways to prevent it happening to them and their friends.

The campaign is part of the Smart Online Safe Online (SOSO) initiative, an interactive and engaging website which encourages children to be smart and safe online.

There are many resources available on the SOSO website to raise awareness of cyber bullying and allow any cyber bullying to be reported.

The website includes a short You Tube video and a cyber bullying checklist. There is also an interactive online game called Web Warriors where children from across the country take a stand against cyber bullying.

For more information visit the website [www.soso.org.au](http://www.soso.org.au) We are looking to run our own session with students in the upper school with our High Schools School Based Police Officer before the end of term.

## Year 7 Graduation Dinner

This year's Year 7 Graduation Dinner will be held at Rydges Conference Room (Level 4) on Tuesday, 8 December. Invitations and cost of the dinner (\$25) have been forwarded home. Payment must be made by Friday, 4 December.

Invitations to this event are based on behaviour and an invitation can be withdrawn at any time due to disobedience, misconduct or behaviour that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school.

## 2010 School Calendar

You can download the 2010 School calendar from [http://education.qld.gov.au/public\\_media/calendar/holidays.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html) This site will also give you school holidays up to 2013.

## Instrumental Music

**Instrumental Music Information Evening:** Students who have been invited to join the Instrumental Music program in 2010 should have received invitations by the end of this week. An information evening for students new to the program will be held on Thursday 26 November at the Uniting Church in Dixon Drive. If you require any further information about this evening please contact the school office.

## Year 7 Camp 2010

Parents of students currently in Year 6 please note the dates of the year 7 camp in 2010 are from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010. All payment will be required prior to attending the camp. Cost is approximately \$350 - \$380. Start budgeting and saving now for this.

Parents of all students are encouraged to start saving now for when their child is in Year 7. A great way to do this is to save through the School Banking Program. Please contact the office on Fridays, if you wish to open a Bank Account for your child so that they can learn the importance of saving for special things.

## Classroom Capers

**6M** On Friday our boys played Tannum Primary in cricket. We were the first to bat with Sam C. and Sam D. opening. Jamie, Jay and Sam D had the highest batting scores. Our final score was 7-82. Jamie and Nathan had the best bowling scores. Tannum made 4-119 and won by 37 runs.

We play the Tannum team again this Friday. We will be travelling to Tannum for the game. Good Luck! Sam D.

## PREP 2010 Open Day Mornings

We are holding two Open Day mornings for our 2010 Prep students. These days are Friday, 20 November and Thursday, 26 November 2009.

On both days please:

- Arrive at 9:15 am not before, as teachers will be making arrangements for their 2009 class.
- Leave at 10:30 am as teachers will have their 2009 class to look after

- Stay with your child and work with your child on any of the activities offered in the classroom
- Remember there is no smoking on school grounds

We will be conducting interviews with all parents/carers of our incoming Prep students before the end of term.

### P & C News

**President's Piece:** As the year draws to an end, we will be holding our final meeting which will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Carols:** Our Christmas Carols for 2009 will be held on Friday, 27 November here at school. We will be holding a sausage sizzle on the evening as well as a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Donations are sought for our Christmas Hamper.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle:** We have requested in the last couple of newsletters for donations to make a Christmas Hamper for raffling at our Christmas Carols evening. Please send your donations to **your child's classroom** so we can organise the raffle for our Christmas Carols on Friday 27 November. The class with the most donations will be given a **Pizza Party on the last day of school.**

**Poolside Disco:** Our next Poolside disco will be held this Friday, 20 November. Invitations to attend will be extended on Thursday of this week. Further details will be published in next week's newsletter.

**Tuckshop News:** If you are able to lend a hand, even if only for an hour or so, it would be greatly appreciated in the Tuckshop on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. Please contact Di Jones in the Tuckshop if you are able to assist or wish to find out more on how you can help.

Year 7 students who have turned 12 are able to assist in the Tuckshop (serving only). If you are happy for your child to assist in the Tuckshop (before school or lunch breaks) please write a letter to the Principal stating that you are happy for this to occur.

### Second Hand Uniform Stall

The P& C are holding a second hand uniform stall on the last Thursday of term (10/12/09) at 8:15am in the library.

1. You can come and sell uniforms yourself.
2. You can donate uniforms to the P&C.
3. If you would like the P&C to sell the uniforms on your behalf, a gold coin donation will be required. Every item must be pinned with name and price.

### C4C Community Survey

Gladstone Communities for Children is a project funded by the Commonwealth Government to coordinate services supporting the health and well-being of children. In order to make sure that improvements to these services are made in the best possible way, we need to know how the community uses them, whether they meet community needs and what the community thinks about them.

Please tell us about how your family uses the services in Gladstone by joining in our special family survey. It is

completely confidential, will take only 15 minutes and will help improve children's services in the region.

At the end of the survey we ask your (primary school aged) children to give us some ideas. The last few questions are theirs. Please encourage them to tell it exactly as they see it! There are no right and wrong answers here.

The simplest way to do the survey is to use your computer and go online. Connect to the internet and go to :  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dq2gSym7vwfXC\\_hLv2y6pvw\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dq2gSym7vwfXC_hLv2y6pvw_3d)

The survey closes on 30 November.

### Found

An MP3 player. Owner to identify at the office.

### More from the Tuckshop

During the last week of school (week beginning 7/12/09) the tuckshop will be open Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

### Important dates to remember

19 November – Year 7 Indigenous Students Transition day – Island Connections

20 November – Poolside Disco

20 November – Prep Open Day Morning 9.15am-10.30am

25 November – Gladstone school leaders leadership day

26 November – Year 7/8 Transition Day – Toolooa State High School

26 November – Information evening for Parents of children joining the Instrumental Music program in 2010

26 November – Prep Open Day Morning 9.15am-10.30am

27 November – School Christmas Carols and Hamper Raffle

1/2 December – Year 7/8 Transition Day – Gladstone State High School

8 December – Year 7 Graduation Dinner

10 December – Poolside disco

11 December – last day of school for 2009

26 January 2010 – Australia Day

27 January 2010 – School resumes.

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