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What’s happening in …

News in 5B
This term has been very busy for 5B!

We have been analysing and writing fantasy stories, writing Australian colonial historical narratives, creating our own creatures with adaptations for different environments, and conducting a Mathematical Guided Inquiry about chance.

Our Mathematical Guided Inquiry was a week-long investigation to answer the question: *Is the three-player version of Paper, Scissors, Rock, fair?* We spent days playing both the two-player and three-player versions of the game to collect the data we needed to analyse in order to answer our question. We came to a few different conclusions, but everybody was able to justify their responses using all the chance language and concepts we had learned.

One of our favourite subjects this term has been Science. We have studied the adaptations that plants and animals have in order to survive in their environments. Our assessment piece has been to create our very own creatures that have appropriate adaptations to survive in different environments, then to predict what affect certain changes to the environment might have on our creatures. We have certainly come up with some crazy looking creatures!
Principal’s Piece

Every day is a learning day!

Part of my job as the school Principal is to be an Instructional Leader, which means that I am very hands-on and in classrooms nearly every day. I model lessons for teachers, I observe teachers and provide feedback to help them improve their practice and I visit to talk about expectations and look at bookwork. From time to time I also fill in as the teacher when the class teacher is out of the classroom for short periods of time or for longer periods if we are unable to find a supply teacher, which has been the case a few times recently. I spent last Wednesday teaching 2B, while Miss Norris taught 1B; we were quite short-handed. It's a great opportunity to get to know students and find out how they learn and I really enjoyed my day. There is a system for replacing teachers when they are absent, but there isn’t a huge pool in Gladstone so sometimes there aren't enough to go around and we have to fill the class internally. If your child comes home and says they had three teachers during the day, with one or two of them being Ms Morrison or Miss Norris, this will be the reason. It’s not ideal but sometimes it’s unavoidable.

NAPLAN is held from 13 – 15th May. If your child is in Year 3, 5 or 7 please make sure that you do not schedule holidays on these days. Students who are away due to illness can make up the test they have missed during the week of the testing, but not after, as we need to send the tests away for marking. We provide a breakfast of raisin toast and fruit to the Years 3, 5 and 7 classes on the mornings of the test so that students who skip breakfast or eat early before catching a bus can be doing their best on a full tummy and some brain food. NAPLAN tests ARE important but we tell students to ‘chillax’ so that their best work can come out on the day. The results do not come out until late in term 3 and provide us with information about individual students as well as the cohort as a whole.

This Friday we will be having our next Fantastic Fun Friday, which is a Free Dress Day ONLY for those students with an invitation. There is no gold coin donation required and I think there may be a free ice block in there somewhere as well.

Our School Cross Country is next Wednesday afternoon (2 April), during the afternoon session and on Friday we have our first Principals’ Parade for the year. Make sure you have these dates on your calendar so you don’t miss out.

Regards

Marni Morrison
Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge 2014
The Gladstone Schools Chaplaincy Committee will be holding a Junior Bike Challenge as a fundraising event for School Chaplaincy on Saturday 10th May between 2.00 and 4.30pm. This event allows riders from years 4 to 7 to choose the distance they think they can ride in 2 ½ hours and then challenge themselves to achieve their goal. The venue for the ride will be the Gladstone Showgrounds. Riders fundraise by gaining sponsorship for their personal effort and can win a great prize if they become the rider who raises the most money. Riders will need both permission and support from their parents/caregiver to participate. For more information and registration please email Chappy Sonia soniar@chappy.org.au or see her on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the school.

Prep Photos
This Wednesday 26 March, the Prep photos from all the local schools will be published in the Gladstone Observer. We are looking forward to seeing our four classes in this annual feature.

Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:

Prep – Year 3: Friendly Numbers
Numbers ending in a 0 are called ‘friendly’ because they are very easy to add a single digit number to. It is important that students notice and can explain what happens when a number is added to 10. Work with adding on to friendly lays the foundation for the ‘bridge through 10’ strategy.

Years 4-7: Zigzag for addition
As with chunking and the open number line, the zigzag method allows students to ‘play’ with numbers, splitting them and recording them to explore the most efficient and reliable mental computation strategies for addition. There are many ways to organise numbers for easy computation and the zigzag method allows them to be made visible as they are explained to others and compared with other strategies.

Number Facts Champions
Our term 1 champions are:
P-3: 3C
Years 4-7: 4/5C
Trophies were presented on parade Friday and congratulations to both classes!

Tuckshop Roster
26th March M. Behrendt, C. Nightingale, Trinette Kelly, Ping Carolyn
27th March I. Ninness, Sam Taylor, M.Ingham, Charmaine Murphy.

A huge thank you to all our new tuckshop volunteers! Your time is much appreciated.
If you would like to join our tuckshop volunteer group, please call in and see Amanda at the Tuckshop and introduce yourself.

Uniform Shop
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 -9.00am.
Please remember that Uniform Shop sales are by cash or cheque only. If you are unable to be at the uniform shop on Monday mornings you can fill out an order form and leave it at the office and the P & C will fill the order and deliver it to your child’s classroom the following Monday. If you require an order form you can collect one from the office.

School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
**Gladstone Performing Arts Company Youth Theatre**

GPAC Youth Theatre meets each Tuesday afternoon. Prep-Year 3 from 3:30 to 4:00, Years 4-12 from 4:15 to 5:15 at the Salvation Army Hall in Goondoon St. Annual Membership is $30 and there is a weekly fee to help pay for expenses of $5 a week. Activities include singing, dancing, acting and theatre sports. The group has also started to rehearse for GPAC’s Musical Revue performance in June. Please note, that when numbers for the group increases, there will be a Years 7-12 group commence, 5:30 to 6:30 on the Tuesday.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah: 0408 728594.

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**Peter Pan**

Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre will present the 2014 Combined Schools Musical Peter Pan for TWO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES ONLY, on Friday 28 & Saturday 29 March at 7.30pm. Showcasing the talents of 130 students from 19 different schools, Peter Pan will take you on a magical journey into a world of lost boys, mermaids, the evil Captain Hook and the boy who never grew up. Fabulous sets, amazing dance routines and spine-tingling songs are sure to make for a swash-buckling great time. The students have been rehearsing since October last year, so come along and show them your support. Tickets are on sale now for $20 adults, $12 students and $50 family (2 adults & 2 children). You can book online at www.gladeccc.com.au or phone the box office on 4972 2822.
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching parent Course
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. A three session program for parents and cares at 4680 Child & Family Centre 74 Auckland Street on the 29th April, 6th May & 13th May at 6:30-8:30pm.

Learn the following:
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Cost is $10 for the workbook. Child care is not provided.
Register for this course by calling 4972 1184 or email Debbie.flaherty@gadpl.com.au or 4962 1405 or email yuko.wilton@health.qld.gov.au

Stamping Out Bullying
This week our SWPBS lesson supports last Friday’s National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Calliope State School has adopted the strategy of Stamping Out Bullying.

What is Bullying?
Bullying is when someone:
- Keeps picking on you again and again and tries to make you feel bad
- Says or does lots of mean things that upset you
- Makes fun of you a lot
- Tries to stop you from joining in or make others not like you
- Keeps hurting you such as hitting or punching you.

Bullying can make us feel sad and not enjoy school.

Students are taught to use the following acronym, which may help them to remember what to do if they see someone being a bully or not treating them with respect:
- S Stay away
- T Tell someone
- A Always help
- M Make friends
- P Play nicely

Be a good friend. Let’s STAMP out bullying together!

A great big thank you to Chappy Sonia and our school leaders Connor, Carson and Jake for supporting the day by demonstrating to others how to be a good friend.