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GLADSTONE GAZETTE



Term 1 Week 9

Term 1

Calendar

Thursday 3rd
April

BUPA Nan and
Pops
Intergenerational
reading program
starts for 2025

Kempsey Shire
Library Van

Sunday 6th April

Daylight Savings
Ends

Wednesday 9th
April

P&C Meeting

Everyone is
welcome, please
join us in the
library from 3:15
pm

Wednesday 9th
April

SRC Fundraiser

Friday 11th April

Last day Term 1

Easter Parade and
Activities

Welcome to our Week 9 newsletter! It has been another full and productive fortnight with our school programs in full swing. Last week, we excitedly joined with the Macleay Valley Small Schools to celebrate Harmony Day. It was a fantastic day filled with engaging and diverse activities. Our students represented Gladstone Public School with great pride. We had a wonderful time meeting new people and participating in various activities, including exploring the significance of Harmony Day and appreciating our differences, discovering more about the Solomon Islands, playing Pickle Ball and NRL, creating a collaborative Harmony Day artwork, learning to play the djembe drums and enjoying a delicious lunch while making new friends from across our small schools network. We would like to thank Mr Traynor for volunteering his time and transporting us to and from Willawarrin safely.

As we approach the end of the term, it is important to remember that consistent school attendance is crucial for our students' learning outcomes. If your child cannot attend school due to an unavoidable appointment or illness, please notify us of their absence using the School Bytes app or by calling our office.

Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will hold its first meeting for 2025 on Wednesday, April 9th, starting at 3:15 PM in the Library. We warmly invite all families to join us. The P&C plays a vital role in our school community, dedicated to fostering collaboration among families, the community, and the school. Their goal is to support our students through events, fundraising, and advocating for our school's needs. Our active Gladstone P&C is seeking new members from our parent body and the wider community. We encourage all families to attend the upcoming meeting to share ideas, discuss initiatives, and strengthen our community ties. Your voice matters, and we look forward to seeing you there!

We are excited to be approaching the end of the term and our Easter celebrations! Our Student Representative Council (SRC) is organising a special fundraiser for Wednesday, April 9th, more details will be sent home next week. Additionally, we are excited to extend an invitation to our school community for our annual Easter Hat Parade, scheduled for our final day of the term, Friday, April 11th, at 2 PM. Please refer to our invitation for further information.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school activities!

Warm regards,
Rebecca Smith, Teaching Principal

EVERYDAY COUNTS



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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weeks



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Over **1**

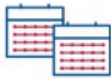
year missed

1 day per week
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8

weeks



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Over **2.5**

years missed

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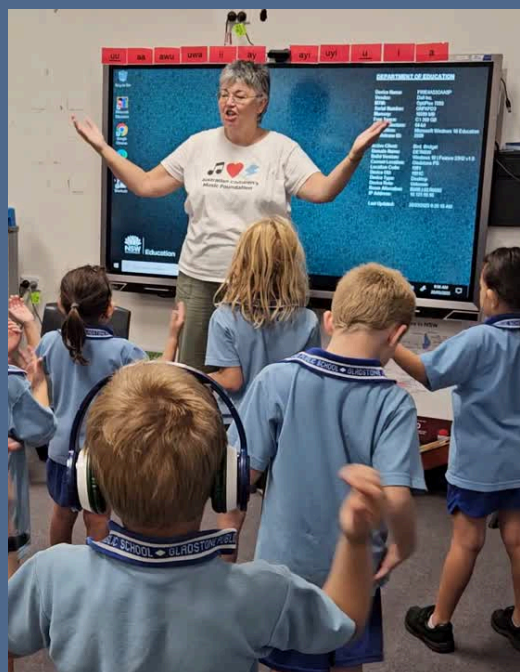
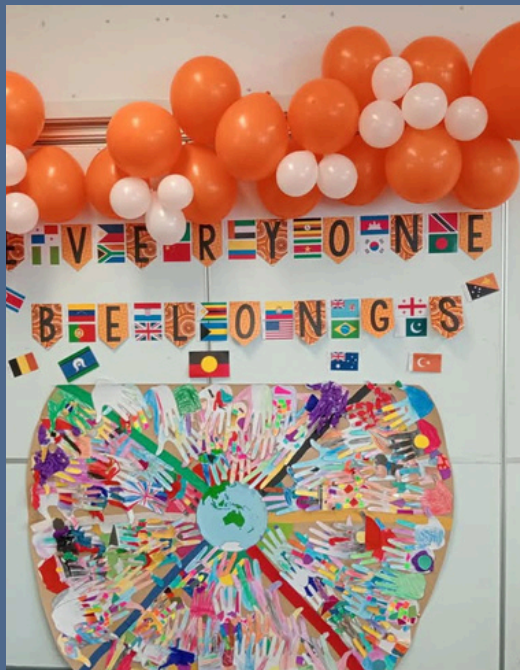
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EASTER HAT PARADE

11 APRIL | 2:00pm

Hat Parade
Easter Activities
Afternoon Tea
P&C Raffle Draw





What is a P&C Association?

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Associations are vital not-for-profit organisations supporting public schools in New South Wales.

They are a group consisting of parents and citizens in a school community, whose purpose is to assist the school and promote the interests of the entire school community.

The Education Act 1990 lays out the objectives of a P&C Association:

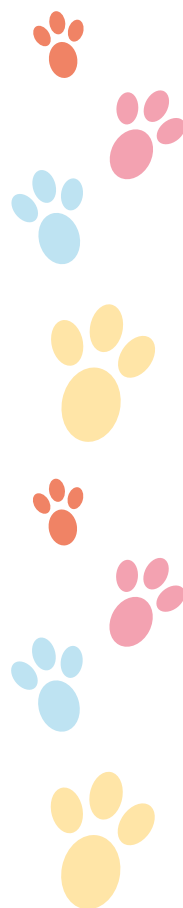
1. to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation, and
2. to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school, and
3. to encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other education issues in schools where there is no school council.

What do P&C Associations do?

P&C Associations work in close partnership with their school to achieve the best possible outcomes for students and other stakeholders in the school community. P&C Associations typically consult with the parent community, students, and school staff to identify the main needs of the school, and plan accordingly how best to meet those needs.

Some common things P&C Associations do to support their school may include:

- Operating the school canteen, school uniform shop, outside school hours care, or school band program.
- Providing equipment, resources and facilities to the school.
- Applying for grants or fundraising to cover the costs of a project at the school.
- Hosting events ranging from fetes, market days, discos, and many more.
- Running a school building fund for the construction or maintenance of a school building.
- Supplying a parent representative on merit selection panels for vacant jobs at the school, or sitting on tender panels to select a provider or business to operate on school grounds.



Community News

FREE!

Thursday 17th April 2025
FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 12-24YRS
10am - 2PM
@ 30 HARRY BOYES AVE, SOUTH KEMPSEY

FREE snacks, drinks, lunch & workshops


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The Happy Little Library App

Download the Mid North Coast Library app to search the library's catalogue, reserve the items that catch your eye, and see when things are due back. This app also stores a digital copy of your library card that we can quickly scan to make borrowing a breeze (no need to search endlessly through piles of membership and reward cards or receipts that quickly clog your wallet).

Simply download the Mid North Coast Library App via the [App Store](#) or [Play Store](#), then add your library membership number and password (ddmmyy) to get started.

A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY IN PORT MACQUARIE

 **At the Library**
mnclibrary.org.au

COSPLAY

Manga Mania art exhibition

Cosplay Parade & photo booth

Face Painting & Cartooning

Tabletop & VR Gaming

Papercrafts, Sausage sizzle, and more!

SUNDAY 13 APRIL
12 NOON - 3PM
@ PORT MACQUARIE LIBRARY

Join us to celebrate Youth Week with Cosplay 2025 at Port Macquarie Library! Dress as your favourite character from pop culture and enter the Cosplay Parade for a chance to win great prizes!

Find more information, and pre-register for the Cosplay parade at mnclibrary.org.au/cosplay

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MANGA MANIA
ART EXHIBITION



Do you like drawing manga or anime characters or pictures?

Showcase your art in the Manga Mania Art Exhibition. The exhibition will launch at our Cosplay event at Port Macquarie Library on **Sunday 13 April**, and will be on display until **Saturday 3 May**, with community members voting for their favourite. All entries will receive a certificate and prize winners will be announced by the end of May.

If you would like to be part of this exhibition, please leave your artwork with your name, age, and telephone number (on the back) at Port Macquarie, Wauchope, or Laurieton library (no framed work please, just on paper or card) by **Thursday 10 April**.

Works will be on display at Port Macquarie Library (**13 to 19 April**), Laurieton Library (**21 to 26 April**), and Wauchope Library (**28 April to 3 May**).

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