Dear Parents,

Swimming

Swimming week is always a little chaotic but the upside is that children get to experience water activities and learn about the safe ways you can have fun in the water. It is also a valuable opportunity for children that may not shine in other academic pursuits to realise there are other ways to demonstrate your talents. I would like to thank the swimming instructors, Karen Meaney and Alicia Piggott for their enthusiasm and patience in taking the students.

Instrumental Music Program

For enrolment into the Instrumental Music Program for 2015, students need to be registered. The Year 7’s will have a form to fill out and return that will be given to Gladstone HS. The existing students (4-6) will have a form for continuation in the instrumental program and the new students (Yr 3) will also have a form to return. The year 3 form will be sent home with a letter from the instrumental music teachers – it may be early next week.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 21st November

On the Pupil Free Day, individual student programs and progress was discussed with a handover to the new teacher for 2015. The Site Improvement Plan was put together for each class together with an overall school plan. The previous three year plan was also reviewed against the targets set. Outcomes of the day will be part of the Annual Report for 2014.

Senior Citizens

On Wednesday the upper primary students met with the senior citizens at the RSL hall. The students and the senior citizens enjoyed the discussion and story-telling, comparing the old days with today. Many thanks to the senior citizens for taking the time to meet with our students.

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Class Structures

The class structures for 2015 are: R/1 class, 1/2/3 class and a 4/5/6/7 class. Class structures in small schools are dictated by the numbers in each year level. With 24 Receptions in 2014 and only 5 new Receptions in 2015, there was little alternative than to split the year 1’s for 2015. Reception parents of children in the 1/2/3 class have been consulted by the class teacher. Next week I will announce the staffing for classes that was finalised during the planning day.

Mark Shadiac
Principal
Recognition Awards

Week 5

Tess Cleggett and Jed Griffin – for outstanding money maths.
Jessy Faggotter – for trying hard to sound out words.
Eddie McCallum – for his enthusiastic approach to all tasks.
Georgia Wegner – for an outstanding attitude towards English.
Mackenzie Meaney – for consistently applying himself in Science.
George Klemm – for excellent work in English.
Asia Brand – for a great effort doing shared storywriting.
Jez Hartmann – for her enthusiasm in learning how to use new technology.

Week 6

Bella Sargent – for improved reading & spelling.
Rhys Schultz – for amazing spelling.
Hannah Zanker – for trying hard in Physical Education.
Madison Clogg – for trying hard at all tasks & producing work of a high standard.
Georgia Nettle and Nicholas Palmer – for excellent cause and effect writing.
Daisy Wooley – for applying herself well in English.
Samuel Shepherdson – for improved organisational skills.
Miriam Byron – for an excellent job with her money maths.
Tyler Davenport – for a pleasing effort in completing his Remembrance Day Research.
Tate Nettle – for a great job with his ‘time’ maths.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Our uniform supplier has sent us a Navy blue A Line Sport Skirt with attached shorts to trial for our younger girls, next year. General consensus from a few Mums is that they are keen to try. We will have in stock Size 4, 6 & 8 and an updated uniform price list will be sent out Jan 2015.

SWIMMING LESSONS

2014
The Laura Literary Awards

are now accepting entries for the 2015 judging.
Entry forms are available from www.rockyriverriters.webs.com.
Entries close 20th February 2015
This competition is open to entrants from all over Australia but we would particularly like to encourage our many talented local writers to participate. Writings produced during the school year can be entered or work written specifically for the competition.

Prose
- Open - short story up to 1500 words - $200 prize
- Young adult - short story up to 1000 words - $50
- Junior (8-12) - story up to 500 words - $25
- Junior Primary (5-7) - story up to 500 words - $15

Poetry
- All sections - poem up to 60 lines
  - Open - $200
  - Young adult - $50
  - Junior - $25
  - Junior Primary - $15

REMINDER!!!!
Holiday swim lessons enrolment
November 29th 10-12pm at the pool
Also
Swimming lessons available
Gladstone Swimming Pool
Thursdays throughout season 5.30-6.30pm
(5-6pm school holidays)
Extra lessons for beginners
January 5th-9th 2015
Ages 3 ½ plus - beginners to level 3ish!
More information
Jayne Potter 86622338
PORT PIRIE COMBINED SOCCER JUNIOR TRIALS (for 2015 season)

Junior Soccer players are invited to attend trials for the 2015 State and Country trials to be held in Adelaide and Berri respectively next year.
***To be eligible for the relevant Championships players MUST be registered and competing in the PPJSA league in the 2015 season.***

Date Monday 15th December 2014

Times
2004 born 1230-130 p.m.
2003 born 130-230
2002 born 230-330
2001 born 330-430
1999 / 2000 born 430-530

Where Junior Soccer Grounds, Senate Road PORT PIRIE

Enquiries to Phil Amato on 0418 855 587 – Port Pirie Junior Soccer Association.

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