As I write this week’s comments, I have just returned from the Corridors of Green Appila Springs field day. For so many years I have heard what a great day it is but have never had the chance to attend.

What a fantastic opportunity this is for our children! On behalf of the students and our staff, I would like to sincerely thank the committee for a wonderful day. Our students were fantastic; full of energy and interest. The year three’s recent learning about animals, in readiness for their zoo snooze, was evident in their answers to questions, which the presenters said even most adults would not know. They were also very knowledgeable about the endangered Pygmy Blue Tongue because they had read a book in class about it. The year fours also impressed many of the presenters with their recalled knowledge from last years’ field day. And did I mention that our kids were energetic?!

There are a number of things that I take from this experience.

- Children learn when they are interested and can get their hands on things.
- They have enquiring minds. They want to know what is around them and why it is there.
- The passion of the facilitator can engender interest for an area.
- Every student has a strength; has their ‘thing’. We have to find their ‘thing’.
- Kids and nature; being outside - go together.

I am interested to explore these ideas in our curriculum and our school. Tomorrow is our third student free day for the year. Once again teachers will be working on ways to improve their knowledge, skills and practice – a never ending journey!

Enjoy your long weekend with your children and have a great week.

Prue
Last week eight students from the school’s instrumental music programme performed in the Keith Michell Theatre as a support act for the East of the Ranges Choir. They performed 3 pieces accompanied by Sam Gordon, with percussion provided by Samuel and George’s knees knocking together. Well done to all involved. Your performance was excellent.

We had an excellent time. The zoo was very interesting and we saw lots of things we have never seen before. Bounce was outstanding and great fun. Thankyou to Catherine, Mrs Geddes and Mr Zanker for coming with us and helping us in many ways.

Music, Count us in

We hope that you have heard about this wonderful morning of singing and music making from your children already. But we take this opportunity to thank Gaby Freer, a specialist music teacher from Adelaide, teaching everyone the song ‘Gold’ which we will sing along with thousands of others on Thursday 29th October. Gaby’s enthusiasm for singing had everyone joining in. The drums, boomwhackers and the cheer leader streamers added to the whole scene. This opportunity to have a specialist music teacher for 2 hours was brought to us by the Primary Schools Music Festival Support Service.

CAFÉ

The last group of students served a well prepared menu of pizza pin wheels and chocolate brownies. Students from the 4/5/6/7 class worked well with R/1 students while the 1/2/3 class were on their camp.
SRC NEWS
SRC will be having their next charity day on Tuesday September 22nd. SRC are raising funds for the Cora Barclay Centre. The Centre is located in North Adelaide and it teaches deaf children to speak. The SRC voted to have a Crazy Hair and Crazy Clothes Day for a gold coin donation. We will have a parade at 9am and photos can be taken. Any further queries, please see Sandra Zander.

“Brush with Art”
Once again, the students and Laura Primary will be exhibiting examples of their amazing art work at the annual Gladstone Brush with Art Exhibition. Opening night is Friday 11th September and their work along with many others can be viewed at the Gladstone Town Hall everyday between 10am-4pm through to the 9th of October. I thank the students for their participation. Sandra Zander

INTERVIEWS
Our reporting process includes interviews in Term 3. Parents can request interviews and teachers may be requesting interviews also. Interviews will be available in Week 10. Please contact the school to arrange a suitable time if you require an interview.
Gladstone Swimming Pool/Gladstone Swimming Club
AGM Wednesday 16th September 7:30
RSL rooms Fifth Street, Gladstone

GLADSTONE ART EXHIBITION

You are cordially invited to attend the opening of the Gladstone Art Exhibition at **7.30pm on Friday 11th Sept.**
The Exhibition be formally opened by Carly Archer, Regional Tourism Development Officer and Co-ordinator of the ‘Flinders Ranges - a Brush with Art’ programme.
The award winners will be announced and the judges will offer their comments. Light refreshments will be served. Entry $5.00 per person.

*Colin Raison*
For Gladstone Art Exhibition Committee.