Slip, sliding away...that's I how would describe the term, but there is still so much to happen in the last two weeks.

Next week is a week of Transition for our students. On Tuesday and Friday, our Year 7s who will attend Gladstone High School in 2016, will have their full days of transition. These families should have received a letter from the High School explaining the program. Students and their families will enjoy their Graduation dinner next Thursday.

On Tuesday, next year’s Receptions will continue their program with a full day at school. We will take this opportunity to have all students move to their 2016 classrooms between recess and lunch.

Teachers for our 2016 classes are:
- R/1  Mrs Lyn Moore
- 2/3  Mrs Josie Smallacombe
- 4–7  Mrs Robyn Staker: English, Maths and PE
  Mrs Sandra Zander: Maths, Italian and the Arts
  Mrs Prue Hunter: Design & Technology, HASS, Health and Science

Non-instructional time: Mrs Zander

With yesterday's and last week’s weather in my mind, now is the time to remind people of our Bushfire Policy. Please see the policy in this week’s newsletter. I will publish it again at the beginning of next year.

Of course, the last week of term contains our end-of-year Concert and the Big Day Out, which the SRC are organising with Mrs Zander.

Report writing is well underway so the end is nigh (of the term, of course!)

Have a great week

Prue

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**Calendar Dates**

- **Tues 1st Dec.** – Yr. 7 transition GHS
- **Thurs 3rd Dec.** – Yr. 7 Dinner
- **Fri 4th Dec.** – Yr. 7 Transition – Assembly
- **Mon.7th Dec.** – Dress Rehearsal for Concert at Hall
- **Tues 8th Dec.** – School Concert
- **Thurs 10th Dec.** – Big Day Out, Jamestown
- **Fri 11th Dec.** – Last Day, early dismissal 2.30pm

The annual Library stocktake has commenced and could students and parents have a good look for any readers or library books they may have at home and return them to the library a.s.a.p. please. Students are still able to borrow until end of week 8.

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**Attendance Target for Term 4**

- **94%**
- **Week 6 96.5%**
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2016
ADELAIDE FESTIVAL THEATRE
Depart Gladstone 8.30 am
TICKETS AVAILABLE $160pp
(INCLUDES BUS & TICKET)
HANLEY'S PASSENGER SERVICE

SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB:
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All new and existing coaches are welcome. Just a reminder that all coaches need to have a current police check. These can be done through netballsa at the beginning of 2016.

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As a club we need to place an order to the company in January, ready for them to be here for the first game.
May you all have a great Christmas.

YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMPS
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Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or campingsa@ymca.org.au for more details.

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS
GLADSTONE SWIMMING POOL
(formerly known as Vacswim)
DECEMBER 14TH-18TH 2015
Enrolment: Saturday 28th November 10-12pm
At the Gladstone Swimming Pool
For swimmers of all levels
School starters 2016 and older
Jayne Potter: 86622338

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SUMMER CHRISTMAS PARTY
Children Christmas party ideas from OPAL
In December Christmas time excitement flows but please don’t forget about your local South Australian family’s children who may not have a family or friends to celebrate with. A donation of $5 will help make their Christmas a little bit brighter.

Please contact Bern for details on 0439865330

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The STARCLUB Field Officer programme presents a:

**FREE** Planning Workshop

Strategic Planning for Sport/Recreation/Community Clubs and Associations

**Mid North session**
Monday, 14 December 2015
Melrose Memorial Bowling Club
6:30pm start

Planning is the key to the future success and viability of all community clubs no matter their level, activity or size!

RSVP essential – 2 attendees or more per club recommended
Food and refreshments provided complementary
RSVP to MT Smith M: 0488 101 783 or E: starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au
Proudly supported by our partner Councils
Yorke Peninsula and Lower Mid North region:
Wakefield Regional Council, District Council of the Copper Coast, Yorke Peninsula Council and District Council of Barunga West
Mid North region:
Port Pirie Regional Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Peterborough and District Council of Orraroo-Carrieton

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**ZOOcation Care**

A school holiday program for 5-12 year olds

December
Drop the kids at the Zoo and head into the city for some last minute Christmas shopping!

Mon 14th Mon 21st
Tue 15th Tue 22nd
Wed 16th Wed 23rd
Thu 17th Thu 24th
Fri 18th

January
Thu 14th Thu 21st
Fri 15th Fri 22nd
Mon 18th Wed 27th
Tue 19th Thu 28th
Wed 20th Fri 29th

Contact: Adelaide Zoo Learning on 08 8230 1258
Book online @
5 yr olds must have spent 2015 at school

Be one of the first kids to explore our brand new Nature’s Playground

9am — 4pm Spend the day with a qualified conservation educator exploring the Zoo!

$65 per child
$55 for Zoo members
Laura Primary School
BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

State Schools and Preschools rated as having a high fire risk will close on days of forecast Catastrophic (Code Red) fire danger weather.
Laura Primary School is not rated as having a high fire risk and therefore will always be open. However, School bus services, which are managed by Gladstone High School travelling through the affected Fire Ban District / Districts (Catastrophic rating) will not run. With any cancellation or modification of bus services parents/caregivers will need to decide how students will travel to school.
Laura Primary School parents will be advised of bus service cancellations or route modifications the day before forecast Catastrophic weather conditions in the Mid North and or Flinders Fire Ban District. (This notification is given to schools at 4.00pm the day before, the school contact will be via telephone or text message).

The Hanley's Bus Service travels in both the Mid North and Flinders Fire Ban Districts, hence will run on a modified route within Mid North Fire District only, if a Catastrophic rating is issued for the Flinders Fire District, and not the Mid North Fire District.
Parents of the Hanley's Bus Service bus route have been provided with information of this modified route, and will be notified by phone or text message if a Catastrophic Fire Ban is issued for the Flinders District only.

Prue Hunter
Principal
3rd November 2015