

Newsletter

2026 – Term 3 Week 9



Striving for success

IMPORTANT NEWS

P & C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting will be held NEXT **Monday 12th October at 3.30pm.**

All welcome to attend. Children are most welcome to play in the playground during the meeting.

SRS RESOURCE SCHEME

At the October P&C meeting being held Monday 12th October 2026, our school SRS (student resources scheme) will be discussed and decided. If you wish to have an input into this you **MUST** attend the P&C meeting on the above mentioned date.

RioTinto

The RMA is once again running tours to give our community the opportunity to come and see the Residue Management Area and learn about what the team at Rio Tinto are doing to ensure we remain industry leaders in tailings.

The tours will give the community an opportunity to learn more about our tailings system and ask any questions they may have around production, dam construction, mud farming, and Dam Safety.

Below is the RSVP Link where you can register your interest to attend one of the tours being run on **Saturday 26 September 2026**. A bus will pick attendees up from the Yarwun school at the designated time, complete the tour, then return to Yarwun School.

Please rsvp your desired timeslot on this link - [Rio Tinto | Yarwun | Residue Management Area Community Site Visits 2026 - Fill out form](#)

WARNING - SNAKES



The weather has certainly warmed up now that we have entered Spring. All the creepy crawlies, especially snakes, are now coming out. We often get snakes here at school. TEACHERS have had a TALK to the WHOLE SCHOOL this morning about SNAKE AWARENESS and how IMPORTANT it is to NOT TOUCH or PICK UP snakes, or any critters for that matter. If you could please reiterate to your child/ren the importance of being snake aware and not picking up any animals at school, it would be greatly appreciated.

How to contact our school

Phone: 07 49 71 11 11 / Mobile : 0472864432

E-mail: admin@yarwunss.eq.edu.au

www.yarwunss.eq.edu.au



Please contact us by phone, SMS or email to report your child's absence.

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3 & 4



Yarwun's Got Talent & Last day of Term 3



KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



BACK TO SCHOOL

THANK YOU
😊

A huge thank you to Mrs Williams, Mrs Wilson & Ms Wilby for volunteering their time with our reading program next term. It is greatly appreciated. A very special thanks to little Athena who will be joining in too, we know she will enjoy listening to others read stories to her. What a great way to emphasise reading for enjoyment to little people!

REMINDERS

END OF YEAR AWARDS



Mark your calendars: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 at 2PM

This year, on the last Thursday of term 4, we will be holding our end of year awards. Please note the time change to previous years, they will now be held at 2PM.

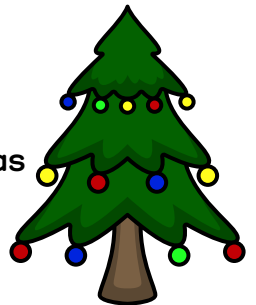


SAVE THE DATE

Mount Larcom Christmas Fair

Our students have been invited to sing carols at the Mount Larcom Xmas Fair this year. Our P&C will be operating the soft drink stall too.

We will be looking for volunteers closer to the date. Its always a great afternoon!



BUSHFIRE SEASON

The HOT, DRY & WINDY weather conditions that we are currently experiencing are not ideal. Especially now that it is bush fire season. Earlier this week a letter was sent home for parents/carers to check their current contact details are up to date incase of emergency. Please make sure you sign the form to show you have seen it and that all information is correct. Or make changes to the information by writing it on the paper and returning or seeing the staff in the office. Thank you.



MOSQUITO SEASON



As we are experiencing dry weather and there isn't much water around, the pesky mosquitos are hanging around our school. If your child is susceptible to bites, your child may wear insect repellent to school. However, if you wish the school to put this spray on your child at school during the day, you will need to leave a labelled bottle of insect repellent at the office. This is outlined in the school prospectus, page 45. The prospectus can be found on our school's website.

This week our school had a visit from Rebecca & Ryan from Surf Lifesaving Queensland. They taught the students all about water safety at the beach. From what uniform the lifeguards wear to the importance of always swimming between the flags to when in trouble in the water you must wave your fist above your head for help. They showed all the different flags that get used at the beach and explained what they mean. They also explained about marine stingers/jellyfish, the different types there are and to swim in the stinger net areas when stingers are about. All of these discussions linked back to their main message that they want everyone to stay safe at the beach and in the water.



OUR FOCUS - SPELLING

Each week this term we will be sharing new rules for phonograms. Our students learn these rules every day during their LEM Phonics lessons, aswell as their everyday learning.

This week, we share the last of the rule references for single phonograms and begin the rule references for multiple phonograms.

Remember they are ordered in frequency of use.



Sound identification	Reading rules	Spelling rules	Voicing
22 v	v 'v' van	A1 The letter v may not end an English word – silent e must be added (give, love). F1 The letter v is never doubled.	The sound 'v' is formed by placing the teeth on the lower lip and releasing air. 'v' is voiced and the vibration can be felt while voicing. The same mouth position is used for the sound 'f', but 'f' is unvoiced.
23 w	w 'w' web	F1 The letter w is never doubled.	Round the lips and press them forward to say the sound 'w'. Keep the jaw still, as air is gently released, while voicing the sound.
24 k	k 'k' king kicking 'k'	A1 k may only represent the sound 'k' if e or ck may not be used: - e may not represent the sound 'k' before e, f or y (king, not cing), and usually not at the end of a word (pack, not pac). - ck may only represent the sound 'k' after a single short vowel (duck). - k represents the sound 'k' in all other places. F1 The letter k is never doubled.	The sound 'k' is unvoiced. The same mouth position is used for the sound 'g', but it is voiced.
25 y	y (vowel) 'y' gym y (vowel) 'igh' try y (vowel) 'ee' any y (cons) 'y' yam	A1 y usually says its first sound 'i' before a consonant in the same syllable (gym). A2 y may say its second sound 'igh' at the end of a syllable (py-thon, ty-rant). A3 y may say its second sound 'igh' if silent e ends the word (type). A4 y always says its fourth (consonant) sound 'y' at the beginning of a base word (yellow). Note: w always accompanies q in English words. w does not act as a vowel when it is next to q.	A1 The letter i may not end an English word. The letter y takes its place (happy, try). A2 y usually represents the sound 'ee' at the end of multi-syllable words (sil-ly, hap-py). A3 Exceptions: money, honey, monkey, donkey. F1 The letter y is never doubled.
26 qu	qu 'kw' quick qu 'k' mosquito	F1 The letter q is never doubled.	The first sound of 'qu' is composed of the unvoiced 'k' and the voiced 'w' sounds. The second sound is the unvoiced 'k' sound.

Rules reference: multiple phonograms

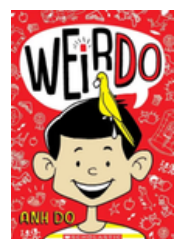
Sound identification	Reading rules	Spelling rules	Voicing
27 er	er 'er' father To identify the five 'er' phonograms the following sentence is used: Father bird returns early with the worm.	A1 er usually represents the sound 'er' at the end of multi-syllable words (moth-er, farm-er, help-er).	
28 ir	ir 'er' bird 'er' of bird	A1 ir always represents the sound 'er' in number words (first, third, thirty).	
29 ur	ur 'er' return 'er' of return		
30 ear	ear 'er' early 'er' of early	A1 ear usually says 'er' when it is used at the beginning or within a word (earn, search, learn). Exceptions: beard, heart, hearth. A2 The pattern ear at the end of a word never says 'er'. In this position it is two phonograms ea and r, not the phonogram ear. ea can say its first sound 'ee' (fear) or its second sound 'e' to make 'air' (bear).	A1 ear never represents the sound 'er' at the end of a word.
31 wor	wor 'wer' worm 'wer' of worm	A1 wor usually says 'wer' at the beginning of a word (work, worth). Exceptions: wore, worn, worry. Note: or can only say 'er' if preceded by w. That is why we say wor as one complete phonogram.	A1 wor usually represents the sound 'wer' at the beginning of a word (worthy). Exception: were.
32 th	th 'th' thank th 'th' them	A1 Silent e at the end of a word makes th say its second sound 'th' (bathe, teethe).	A1 The sound 'th' at the end of a word is represented by th+e (lithe, seethe). Exception: smooth. These two sounds are formed in the same way – releasing air between the tongue and upper teeth – but 'th' is unvoiced and 'th' is voiced. Feel the vibration on the tongue as the sound is voiced.

READING WITH CHILDREN

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/literacy-reading-stories/reading-activities-children-2-4-years>

Story and book ideas for your child

- Simple stories with a beginning, middle and end (e.g. The 3 little Pigs).
- Books that have good rhyme, rhythm and repetition (e.g. Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site).
- Books about a favourite topic, like cars, fairies, insects or pirates.
- Books about playtime that relate to your child's experiences.
- Lift-the-flap, pop-up, alphabet, shape, size and counting books.
- Books that use humour and have a sense of fun – for example, a character who uses a funny word or who is silly or even 'naughty'. (e.g. Weido or The Nerd Herd).



If your child is reading more than 5 minutes a day, don't forget to sign their reading log in their communication book!

COMMUNICATION BOOKS

Please return these daily, as often there is important information to be sent home.



HOMEWORK

Due every Friday! Completing & handing in = eligibility for the Homework award.

LUNCHBOXES

Monday = Healthy Lunchbox
Tuesday = Nude Food Lunchbox.



TUCKSHOP DATES TERM 3

Next tuckshop day is Week 10 - 18th September

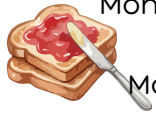
All orders are to be in the order box no later than 9am Wednesday week of tuckshop.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Mondays & Wednesdays 8:20-8:40am

Week 10 roster:

Monday: Chiara, Cameron, Melody
Wednesday: Sophie, Lucinda, Tommie



READING CLUB

Every morning in the covered area from 8:30am - 8:50am. Parents/carers and little siblings are welcome to stay during this time and read with their child/ren.



PARADE

Every even week FRIDAY of Term in the Crocodile Room at 2:40PM.

Out and About Library

Out & About Library visits our school fortnightly on Fridays from 2:45PM-3:15PM- see dates below. You can join the library during your visit or join online via their website www.gladstonelibraries.qld.gov.au Phone: 4976 6400

September	11th
October	9th & 23rd
November	6th & 20th
December	4th



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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 = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 92.02%

School session times

REMINDER that our school day begins at 8:50AM.

1st session - 8:50AM - 11AM

BREAK - 11AM-11:40AM

2nd session - 11:40AM- 1:40PM

BREAK - 1:40PM - 2PM

3rd session - 2PM - 3PM



Please note: Our staff will call you if your child is absent from school and you have not notified us by 9am. It is our duty of care to do this; we care about safety and wellbeing. Our contact details are on the front page of the newsletter.



GLADSTONE Gymnastics

VACATION PROGRAM

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES

OPEN TO ALL - NO NEED TO BE A GGC MEMBER

WEEK 1

**MON 21TH,
WED 23RD
& THUR 24TH
SEPT 2026**

Half Day
9am - 12pm
\$40



WEEK 2

**MON 28TH,
WED 30TH,
SEPT
& THUR 1ST
OCT 2026**

Full Day
9am - 3pm
\$65



**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**



Includes Morning Tea
Full day program does
not include lunch

(07) 4972 0300

office@gladstonegymnastics.org.au



**SCHOOL
WATCH**

LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT

PHONE

13 17 88

The School Watch program encourages everyone to look out for and report any after-hours crime in our schools. Empty schools can become targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage, especially during school holiday periods. This comes at a cost to the whole community and not just the financial cost of repairs.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Protective Services Group, Queensland Police Service, providing a way for members of the community to report anything they see that is suspicious, even if it seems minor.

On average, more than 700 calls are made to School Watch every year, helping to keep our schools safe.

Look, Listen, Report. Call School Watch on 13 17 88. If you see a crime in progress, call Triple Zero (000).

From 31 August, new age and licencing requirements apply to e-bike and e-scooter riders in Queensland.

Riders must be aged 16 or older and hold at least a learner driver licence to ride unsupervised. Children aged 12-15, and 16-17-year-olds without a driver licence, must be supervised by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian or carer.

Parents can be fined \$518 if a child under 16 is caught riding illegally. Some other exemptions apply, including for certain off-road facilities and eligible riders aged 16 and over who are unable to hold a driver licence due to a medical condition.

For more information visit the StreetSmarts website - <https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/e-bikes-e-scooters/>

16+ Age & licence
from 31 August



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SATURDAY
19
SEPTEMBER

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CQUniversity - Gladstone Marina

Monday 21st September 2026 to Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Eligibility	Date	Time	Fee	No. of Days	Book online*
Yr 1 - 9	21-22 September	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$182		www.trybooking.com/DPAVX

*Always consult the booking link for any changes. Every effort is made to ensure this brochure is accurate but all changes are reflected online.

From Sustainable farming to self-driving cars, **Advanced Engineering & Robotics** model a range of real-world situations that teach students a complete understanding of how the technology works and used to solve the issue at hand. The engineering lessons engage kids with a hands-on learning environment and immerse them in the applications and possibilities of modern technologies. Through PBL (Project-based learning), students combine hardware, Lego® compatible building blocks, and coding to create a prototype and solve real-world problems. The projects are designed to encourage students to invent other viable solutions to these real-world issues and explore ways to utilize existing technology. The completion of these projects will boost confidence and create problem solving ability in students to overcome any challenge from working in their future jobs to solving our world's current or future problems. All activities are adjusted to the student age and we tackle different challenges on each day.



STEM EDUCATION Limited spots available!
Early bird discounts apply for a short time.

Are you traveling through Central Queensland these holidays? Check out our other locations on our main web page.

For more information please call 0424 985 172

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Engineering & Robotics Program provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

Electronics: Our electronic kits are specifically designed to minimise assembly time which creates more opportunity to explore the learning's behind how each experiment works. Learn to build circuits in the classroom.

Build-Up Program is designed for little children where they start from learning the basics of building Lego Models including improving them and end up building models independently with a friend and enjoying group game.

GLADSTONE Gymnastics

UNDER 5s FUN PLAY FRIDAY

A FUN-FILLED SESSION FOR LITTLE ONES TO PLAY, CLIMB, TUMBLE & GROW!

Designed for children **under 5 years old**, this session gives your little one the chance to explore our equipment, build confidence, develop coordination and have lots of fun in a safe and exciting environment!

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN & MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

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MEMBERS FREE
Gladstone Gymnastics Club Members

NON-MEMBERS \$25
Per session

2 October 2026
10:15AM - 11:00AM
UNDER 5s

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FREEPLAY FRIDAY!

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Let your child explore, move and play in a safe and supervised gymnastics environment. Perfect for burning energy, building confidence and having loads of fun!

AGES 5-12

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11:15AM - 12:15PM

FRIDAY 2nd OCT
11:15AM - 12:15PM

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JUMP, CLIMB, SWING & TUMBLE INTO FUN!

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.

~AESOP

WHAT'S NEW?



The Great Spring Clean Up

Take part in the Great Spring Clean Up this September! Every action contributes to a cleaner, safer and more resilient Gladstone Region.

The Great Spring Clean Up from 1-15 September: community members, organisations, businesses, and schools are encouraged to collect litter (or general rubbish) in our streets, CBD/town areas, parks, bushland, and waterways to help improve our environment. Site registrations required.

Free Green Waste Clean Up from 16-30 September: Council will be offering free green waste disposal at selected Council waste facilities. Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your properties ahead of the upcoming storm, cyclone and wet season.

Head to Council's website for more information on how to:

- Register your Clean Up event and receive Clean Up kits
- Collect and dispose of rubbish and recycling from your event
- Dispose of your residential green waste.

The Great Spring Clean Up Gladstone Region project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government and delivered through Get Ready Queensland.



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Swooping birds are breeding Avoid the swoop

In the Gladstone Region, the Australian magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) is the most common swooping bird.

The magpie is a native bird and protected under State Wildlife Legislation.

- Magpies exhibit swooping behaviour during the breeding season between July and November, with peak activity from August to October
- A small percentage of birds act aggressively by striking or swooping to ward off intruders from their territory and defend their nest
- This behaviour usually occurs within 100 metres of the nest and typically lasts six to eight weeks.

There are ways to avoid or minimise the chance of a swoop:

- Take another route - use a different street or leave the area
- Move in a group - magpies tend to target individuals rather than a group of people walking together
- Hold your glare - keep the bird under constant observation as it is less likely to swoop when being watched
- Wear sunglasses, a hat or helmet and/or carry an umbrella to protect yourself from a swoop
- Dismount from your cycle or e-scooter and walk

If you are swooped upon do not crouch in fear or stop and do not run.



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GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS OFFICIAL ATTEMPT

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SATURDAY 19th SEPT 2026

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Gina's table



Discount Microchipping Day

Thursday, 8 October
9am - 5.45pm, Gladstone Pound Facility

- Pre-appointment and bookings are essential prior to attending your appointment and the payment is non-refundable. No walk ins accepted.
- To book an appointment and make your payment, please call Council on 4970 0700 or visit your nearest Council Office or Rural Transaction Centre (RTC).

Scan QR code for more information



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