



Glass House Mountains State School



7th December, 2023

Embracing the Future Together – Caring, Learning and Succeeding

Principal Message – Mr Ian Persini

Thank you for a great year, I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer break. If you are travelling, please take care. The year has gone so fast and there are many memories that were created and I hope that they bring a smile when you look back over the year.

To our families that are leaving our school for the final time, thank you for your support and I hope that you leave with many happy memories of your children's time in our school. To the families who are returning or join us for the first-time next year, I look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Staff leaving

We have a number of staff that will be leaving at the end of this year. Some of whom have been here a long time and others who have only been here this year, but all have had an impact on our students and the community. I would like to acknowledge them and say thank you for what you have done for our community and school.

Thank you to:

- Miss Rinaldi
- Mrs Weir
- Ms Rowe
- Miss Barham
- Mrs Norved.

Retiring Staff

On Wednesday's parade we celebrated 2 staff members that have chosen to retire and begin the next step of their life's adventure. It was a great morning and I would like to thank both ladies for their time, effort and dedication to our school. Without them our school would not be what and where it is today.

Thank you, Mrs Lyn Dittmann who has been working at our school since 23 January 1989 as a teacher's aide, please enjoy your retirement.

Thank you, Mrs Alison Edwards who has been working in our office since 19 July 1997, please enjoy your travels in retirement.

Class Emails

Please check you emails later today for information on your child's teacher and class for next year.

Report cards

Report cards have been emailed home, parents should have received them Wednesday afternoon.

School leaders 2024

This year, we started a new process for our student leader selections, I am extremely proud of all the student who put their hands up to be considered for positions. I would like to congratulate the following students on their appointment to the following positions:

School Captains
Sophie Chirgwin and Dayton Jones

Vice School Captains
Zara Payling and Hazel Surplice

Tibro House Captains
Summer Pancari and Xavier Paul

Coonowrin House Captains
Lilli Crossley and Izaac Anderson

Coochin House Captains
Estella O'Day and Indiana Lee

New teachers for 2024

We have 4 new teachers beginning at our school next year, we will officially welcome them next year but they are:

- Nicola Irvine – Prep
- Hannah Trudgett – Year 2
- Teagan Cronk – Year 2
- Natalie Stewart – 3/4

Open classrooms Friday

On Friday 19 January, our classroom teachers will have their classrooms open for parents and student to come and drop off your book packs and school supplies. Rooms will be open from 1.30 -2.30pm.

Interschool swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Coochin for their win in the interschool swimming carnival on Tuesday. There were some great performances and well done to those students who won age champions for their respective age groups.

Yr 6 Graduation

To our year 6 students, it was a pleasure to spend Wednesday night with you at Graduation. I wish all of you the best for the future. Please remember that you always have staff here at Glass House Mountains SS to help you out if you ever need it. Enjoy the next chapter of your learning journey.

Facilities, Grounds & Finance Notices

Please phone school watch if you see anything suspicious in or around the school during the holidays.



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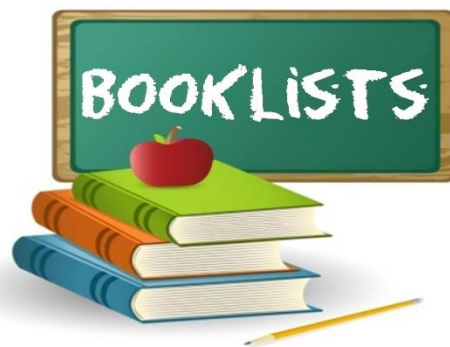


2024 Booklists

2024 Booklists were emailed to families on Tuesday 21st November. This year you are able to place your orders online with Your Office Choice. Instructions on how to order and collection information is all included on the order form. Ordering before Monday 18th December will result in a reduced deliver fee per family (details on the order form).

Booklists are also available on the school website:

<https://glasshousemountainsss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/booklists>



Thank You and Goodbye from Mrs Edwards

As I sit here on the eve of my final day at Glass House Mountains State School, I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to:

Parents: It's been an honor to be a part of your child's life. To see them grow from the tiny little prep student who could barely see over the office counter, to the Year 6 student (some now taller than me) and ready to leave primary school has been a pleasure.

To the many parents who have become beautiful friends – thank you for your friendship and support, my life is richer for having you in it.

Students: Thank you for the hugs, drawings, flowers, unusual shaped leaves, rocks, and bits and pieces that have been left on my desk over the years. They have certainly made my days brighter.

Staff: To the amazing bunch of people I get to work with each day – what a ride it's been! We've welcomed new children and grandchildren to our families and watched them grow, laughed and cried, seen new students come, go and come back with their own children! Thank you for your support and friendship.

To those staff members moving on to new schools or on extended leave, enjoy your new adventures.

To Mrs Dittmann, I wish you all the very best for your well-deserved retirement. There is certainly a lot of Glass House Mountains State School history leaving with you.

Year 6: Like all of you, I am finally graduating primary school. It's taken me a lot longer to get there though! I wish you all the very best for high school and beyond.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 - 2024

8 December	Last Day of Term 4
19 January	Open Classrooms – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
22 January 2024	First Day of Term 1
26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
29 March	Good Friday
30 March	Easter Saturday
31 March	Easter Sunday
1 April	Easter Monday
30 March to 14 April	School Holidays

TERM 2 - 2024

25 April	ANZAC DAY
6 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
31 May	Maleny Show Public Holiday
22 June to 7 July	School Holidays

TERM 3 - 2024

30 August	Pupil Free Day
14 September to 29 September	School Holidays

TERM 4 - 2024

7 October	King's Birthday Public Holiday
13 December	Last day of school
14 December 2024 to 26 January 2025	School Holidays

STUDENT ABSENCES

Reminder that Student absences can be advised via:

1. QParents
2. Phoning the Absentee Line – **07 5439 3260**
3. Website - www.glasshousemountainsss.eq.edu.au
4. Phoning the Office – 07 5439 3222

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but				
If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing at grade 4

QSchools App

QSchools – A 'free' App to download to keep you up-to-date with information on Glass House Mountains State School!!

Do you know about QSchools a free App the Education Queensland has set up? This is an App that you can download for FREE & is linked to our Glass House Mountains State School Website. Once you download it on your mobile phone, select Glass House Mountains State School as your favourite. All our school news will be at your fingertips.



POINT | Preferred method of payment

At Glass House Mountains State School, our preferred method of payment for all Tax Invoice generated school activities is BPOINT. **BPOINT** is simply paying your invoice by credit/debit card online. It's as simple as opening the invoice, clicking on the link and entering your card details. See the information below. It is best not to use BPoint close to a payment cut-off date. BPoint can take 24-48 hours to process. You may miss the deadline. **NB: The Biller Code to be used is 1002534. This is the Department of Education and Training code that is used by all state schools.**

The screenshot displays the BPOINT online payment interface. It includes a 'TAX INVOICE' section with fields for Invoice Number, Date, and Amount. Below this, there's a 'Biller Code' field with the value 1002534. A prominent message states: 'ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!'. The interface also shows a 'Payment Method' section with options for Visa, Mastercard, and BPOINT. A 'CRN: Customer Reference Number' field is visible at the bottom right.

QParents

It is really important for our families to register and gain access to QParents this year, especially now that we have rolled over to using online consent forms in 2023. QParents is a user-friendly portal which is accessible via app or web browser, providing parents with secure online access to information about their child's schooling.

Using QParents you can

- Update contacts/addresses, enter absences for your child - current, future, early pick-ups, early departures & update unexplained absences.
- access Report Cards past & present
- check your finance & make full/part payments
- receive notifications of any upcoming events & excursion/incursions
- receive and sign online consent forms for excursions, incursions and consents (internet, third party etc)

Invitations to join QParents with family reference numbers were emailed at the end of 2022, however, if you have not registered and would like to join QParents please email admin@glasshousemountainsss.eq.edu.au or telephone 07 5439 3222 for your family's reference number and invitation.

Once you receive the invitation code from the school you just go to the QParents website to register or you can download the QParents app (available from either the Apple app Store or Google app Store, depending on your phone/device).

Click here to Register For QParents - <https://tinyurl.com/2acv87yd>

Click here for more Information about QParents - <http://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

Click here for an Informative Youtube Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDOEufRCR-Q>

Click here for the QParents Fact Sheet -

https://dayboross.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/4835/qparents_factsheet.pdf

A promotional graphic for QParents. At the top, it says 'Department of Education and Training' in small text. Below that is a photo of a man and a young boy sitting together, with the man looking at a laptop. To the right of the photo are three overlapping circles in blue, yellow, and white. Below the photo, the text 'Your child's educational journey in your hands' is written in a yellow font. The word 'QParents' is prominently displayed in a large, white, stylized font. Below this, the text 'Access your child's student information online and stay connected to your school.' is written in a white font. Further down, the phrase 'Anywhere, anytime:' is followed by a list of features, each with a small icon: report cards and assessment, timetables and class times, attendance records, invoice and payment details, and online payments and much more. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text 'Visit qparents.qld.edu.au' and 'Register online for QParents then scan to download the free iPhone app'. The Queensland state crest is in the bottom right corner.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Join us for an unforgettable sports adventure at our Caboolture Softball Holiday Clinic! Open to children under 14, this three-day event is a fantastic opportunity for young athletes to develop their softball skills, learn essential techniques, and foster teamwork in a fun and supportive environment.

Our expert coaching staff will guide participants through a comprehensive program covering the fundamentals of softball, with engaging games and activities to make learning a blast. Register today for an exciting experience that combines skill-building, sportsmanship, and lifelong memories. Don't miss out on the Caboolture Softball Holiday Clinic – where sports and fun come together!


Please visit Softball Qld webpage – Events for further details

For inquiries or more information, please contact Connor on (07) 3391 2447 or email do@softballqld.asn.au

SOFTBALL HOLIDAY CLINICS

**WHERE: CABOOLTURE
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**
WHEN: 16TH JANUARY
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
COST: \$60

EVENT DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER EVENTS



GLASS HOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE COLLECTION: Glass House School currently have a collection bin located in the front office.

The Glass House Mountains Neighbourhood Centre collect non-perishable items to give to community members in need of support.

Every item donated goes towards someone doing it tough. These are particularly appreciated coming up to Christmas.

Anyone in need of support is welcome to pop down to the centre where non-perishable and hygiene products are available. The centre is open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 9-12noon at 1 Ryan Street, Glass House Mountains.

Ian Cowan Tennis

Group & Private Coaching

0405 839 079

Catering for all ability levels | Holiday programs available

[@ianCowanTennis](https://www.facebook.com/ianCowanTennis)
icowan888@gmail.com

GREAT START.

Monday
Afternoons 4-5pm
**FREE COME & TRY
SESSION**
Glasshouse Mtns SS
Contact Ian by mobile
or email



Tennis Australia
Club Professional



summer holiday


CALOUNDRA BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL

little legend & super hooper sessions

- AGES: 5 - 12 years
- 2 SESSIONS: Tuesday December 19th & Wednesday January 17th.
- TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm both days
- LOCATION: Sunshine Coast Recreation Precinct
- COST: \$30 for one day, \$50 for both

BEGINNERS TO INTERMEDIATE FUN & SKILLS PROGRAM



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summer holiday

CALOUNDRA BASKETBALL

ACADEMY

basketball sessions

- AGES: 11-17 years
- 2 SESSIONS: Tuesday December 19th & Wednesday January 17th.
- TIME: 1pm to 3pm both days
- LOCATION: Sunshine Coast Recreation Precinct
- COST: \$30 for one day, \$50 for both



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 **MF MATT FIDDES** MARTIAL ARTS 

MF HINTERLAND NINJA CAMP

Open for anyone 4 - 14 years old
No experience necessary

Come and join us for a day of fun!!!!

INCLUDING MARTIAL ARTS, NERF WARS, ARTS & CRAFT, BALL GAMES, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LOADS MORE!

 **When:** 9:30am - 2pm
13/12/2023
10/01/2024
17/01/2024
Where:
Landsborough Sports Complex Hall, 15 Tunnel Ridge Rd, Landsborough
Cost:
\$60 for 1 child, \$100 for 2 Children
What to bring:
Comfortable clothes, water bottle, snacks & lunch, hat, shoes and your nerf guns!!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!!!

Call or SMS your booking details to
Ms Nicole McDermott on 0458 116 608 or
Mr Nathan Fletcher on 0417 790 140

Glass House Mountains Community Christmas Party

Glasshouse Community Hall 8 Coonowrin Road

 **16 December**
4 - 8 pm
ENTER OUR DRAWING COMPETITION 

All paper and colouring in pencils and crayons provided on the day.



GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!



 **CALOUNDRA BASKETBALL**

**GIRLS
BASKETBALL
2024**

Expression of Interest

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN JOINING THE
CALOUNDRA BASKETBALL GIRLS LEAGUE
SEASON 1, 2024!**

We are currently seeking players to be part
of the following divisions in our Tuesday evening
competition:

U10, U12, U14, U16

Expressions of interest
closing 31.12.23

*Lets bring girls basketball
to Caloundra!!!!*

www.caloundrabasketball.com.au

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**Glass House Mountains
Community Christmas Party**

**Glasshouse Community Hall
8 Coonowrin Road**

**16 December
4 - 8 pm**

**ENTER OUR
BEST DECORATED BICYCLE/SCOOTER
COMPETITION**

CATEGORIES: Prep, Primary, Teens, Family/Group

**GREAT PRIZES
TO BE WON!!**

