

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Board, along with our leadership team, have been looking into the requirements we have to upgrade aspects of our school hall, along with the opportunity to improve this space for our students. After much discussion and working within the budget we have available we have some exciting news to share with you. We concluded the tender process this week and a preferred supplier was selected for the upgrade to this very important facility in our school.

The refurbishment will include the addition of a storeroom, enlargement and upgrade of the kitchen area, which will also include an area for teaching food technology, a complete rebuild of the toilets, increased seating in the mezzanine area, a ventilation system, new entries and joinery, a new lighting and additional sound systems and a new sports surface on the floor. This is a major project for our school, however the result will be another outstanding Gladstone facility.

The project will begin in the next month and will take the remainder of the year to complete. While this means there will be no assemblies over this time we will continue with aspects of our Friday assemblies using Gladstone TV. Class certificates, the awarding of some of the Bears and the House points will continue. Later in the year, we will use the large canopy for assemblies and our Senior Prizegiving and Gladstone's Got Talent event will also be held "under the canopy".

At this point in time we do not have a start date for the project so in the meantime assemblies will continue as usual. As dates firm up, we will communicate these with you.

Have a great weekend

Steve Gough- Board Chair.