

NEWSLETTER

18 April 2024

Principal's Office

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a fantastic time with family and friends over the Easter Break. We have several new families join us here at Gympie South SS and it is great to see our student population reach the 480 students. I am also pleased our overall attendance rate is sitting at 91.9%. Thanks to the work of Mrs A and all our staff we have been able to encourage children to attend school more.

End of Day Routines

Our ladies in the office have had an influx in the number of parents contacting their students through the school day. In a quest to minimise disruptions to classroom learning and increase student social and self-management skills, so they are best prepared for high school and beyond, please discuss each morning or give you're a child a small note in their lunch box about the agreed plans for the afternoon pick up.

By doing this, it encourages responsibility in your child and helps them grow in confidence and manage themselves in a controlled environment.

If your child ever gets nervous or things do not go to plan, please let them know they should report to the office, so our staff can ring you or another person on the emergency contact list to check in.

It is very rewarding as a parent to watch our children grow as young people, and guide them to make great decisions, setting them up for success as an adult. It's what we do when people are not watching, that makes us great people.

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ANZAC Parade

We will be holding a special parade Wednesday afternoon at 1:40pm to commemorate ANZAC day, with special guest Mr Ming Roberts, a representative of the Gympie RSL Sub Branch. Please feel free to join us Friday Afternoon either on the oval at our new ANZAC Memorial or in the hall if the weather interrupts the service.

Anzac Day Parade

Our school will be participating in the Gympie Anzac Parade. Over the years, we had approximately 100 children attending the march and I would like to maintain that or exceed this number this year. Parents who are able to bring their children to the March on Thursday, April 25, should meet School staff near the Bookstore at 9.00am. The parade leaves the top end of Mary Street at 9.30am and parents can collect their children immediately after the March in Memorial Park between Reef Street and River Road at approximately 9:50am. Students are expected to wear school uniform and wide brimmed hats (we advise students to bring a water bottle).

Term 2 School focus

As educators and students alike know, feedback is an integral part of the learning process. However, not all feedback is created equal. Quality feedback is crucial to helping students improve their skills and reach their full potential. We will be working on students knowing their results particularly in English



and their attendance.

So, what exactly is quality feedback? Simply put, it's feedback that is specific, actionable, and focused on the student's goals. It goes beyond just telling a student what they did wrong and provides guidance on how they can improve.

One important aspect of quality feedback is that it should be timely. Students need feedback while the material is still fresh in their minds so that they can make the necessary adjustments and build on their understanding. Waiting too long to provide feedback can make it difficult for students to connect the feedback to the material they learned.

Another key element of quality feedback is that it should be personalized. Each student has unique strengths and weaknesses, and feedback should be tailored to address those individual needs. A "one size fits all" approach to feedback is not effective.

Quality feedback can also help students develop a growth mindset. When students receive feedback that is specific and actionable, they are better able to see that their efforts can make a difference. Instead of feeling discouraged by criticism, they can use the feedback as a tool to improve their skills.

As educators, it's important to remember that feedback is not just a one-way street. It's essential to encourage students to ask for feedback and engage in a dialogue about their progress. By working together to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement, students can take ownership of their learning and develop the skills they need to succeed.

Please remember, it is not where you start a journey that matters... it is where you finish, that counts. As educators, we can help students develop a growth mindset and foster a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Deputy's Desk

A WARM Term 2 WELCOME BACK to our South Families!

We have had a really positive return to school with some amazing things up and running.

This week (and only yesterday) we had our first HANDS ON LEARNING afternoon, which sees 8, Year 5 learners working alongside Mrs Cole, Clayton and myself on completing various projects within the school and working together to make a difference in our school.

They all proudly received their "tradie" shirts yesterday and will meet at 12pm every Wednesday to work on both individual and group projects to further develop their skills and capabilities outside the classroom.

We have kindly received tools etc from families (but would love any more) and yesterday we were also informed that Bunnings in Gympie kindly donated a gift voucher for us to purchase equipment and materials for our HOL'ers to use.

Not only do we look at how to work together with our projects, but an integral part of the session is the group working together to create a meal, sit and eat it together and to then tidy up.

We look forward to sharing many more moments from our HOL'ers this term.

Exciting news from our Gympie South C&K is that recently they were involved in their regulatory assessment and ratings – and following this they received an EXCEEDING outcome in all seven quality areas in which they were assessed against. Many of our learners have come from our C&K and we are so proud to acknowledge their achievement and congratulate them. We love our close relationship with Julie-Anne and the C&K Team and are so proud of them!

Next week we acknowledge a significant day in our society – Anzac Day. If you would like



to be a part of our Anzac Parade (at our new Anzac Memorial) meet us on the School Oval in time for you parade to begin at 1:40pm. Our school will also March on Anzac Day, and we will share final details on Facebook and School Stream next week. School will resume on Friday, 26th April following Anzac Day.

Finally, a warm welcome to our new families and we look forward to another incredible term with you all.

~ Rachael

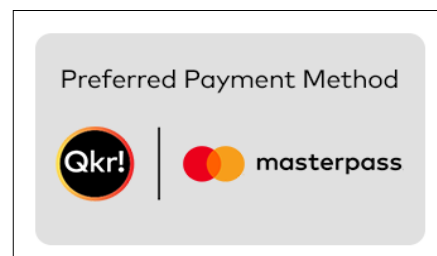


Celebrating Student Success

PREP	Nylah H	Lexi J		
	Adeline			
Year 1	William H			
Year 2	Zayden B	Matthew P-L		
	Georgia L			
Year 3	Tobias N	Scarlett H		
	Stuart W			
Year 4	Coleen J			
	Layla H			
Year 5	Noah H	Shane P		
	Karmin P	Addy C		
Year 6	Kurt F	Luna B		
	Addison M			

Good news!

Our Android users can now download the QKR app from the Google Play Store, making all your payments and orders a whole lot easier.



Welcome to our Classroom

Having Fun Learning in Prep MJ!

We are busy bees in Prep MJ and spend each day doing lots of activities to strengthen our bodies and grow our brains! We LOVE doing the challenging obstacle course daily as well as a big variety of fun learning experiences to learn letter and sounds, numbers and counting and so much more.





Library

Library bags play an important role in protecting our precious library books from damage when travelling to and from school, and help prevent books being misplaced at home. Library bags also promote the development of responsibility and organisation skills in our students.

There are some important features to consider when selecting a library bag. Your library bags durability is important. We prefer library bags made from washable, water resistant materials and that have the ability to be fastened closed. This means that you won't need to be worried about dirt, spills or sticky surprises when your student is borrowing books.

School library bags are available for purchase from the uniform shop in our tuckshop. Alternatively, any bag that offers these features is able to be used as a library bag.



Waterproof Library Bag \$15

What's Next

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Gympie South State School

Day of Photography

23/05/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter this code:
VR5 2GM EQN
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact [advancedlife](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

Prep Vision Screening

Reminder for all Prep parents to complete the Vision Screening permission forms as soon as possible as the nurse will be visiting early June.

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	
DATE	DETAILS
19.04.24	Year 2/3 League Gala Day
01.05.24	Sea Life (Year 2)
03.05.24	Ocean Life (Year 5)
09.05.24	Mothers Day Stall

Office Update

ACTIVITY PAYMENT DUE DATES	
DUE DATE	DETAILS
24.04.24	Sea Life (Year 2)
26.04.24	Ocean Life (Year 5)
03.05.24	Wildlife HQ (Year 4)

Overdue accounts:

Instrumental / String fee's, S.R.S fee's and overdue book invoices are now overdue.

Payment of outstanding invoices must be made in order for your student to attend any extra curricular activities which may include excursions, incursions and camps. Students with outstanding invoices may not be permitted to attend.

Please have all overdue invoices paid by 26th April 2024.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Community



24 APRIL 2024

Plastic Poppy Flowers available

Date: Wednesday 24 April

Time: 8.00am - 8.45am

Where: In the Courtyard

Cost: Donation



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 Tuesday 10-13 yrs, 3.30-5.30pm
 Wednesday 6-9 yrs, 4-5.30pm

Where: 19 Shanks St
 Contact: Leonora 0425850360
 Email: gympiecdfm@guidesqld.org
 Ages: 6years+

Our Unit is welcoming new members and we can't wait to welcome you for fun, friends and adventure!

At Guides, girls expand their world, make new friends, discover more about themselves and what they care about. Girls learn new skills, explore the outdoors and are empowered to realise their full potential.

Specialising in leadership, resilience and confidence development, Girl Guides is the perfect place for your daughter to challenge herself in a safe and positive environment.