31st January, 2017
Principal’s News

Dear Parents,

Our first week of school went very well even though it felt a bit odd for most people I think having a day off and then coming in for the Friday. Hopefully all of our families had a wonderful first week and a brilliant Australia Day.

A reminder that classes are never set in stone until after Day 8 in that year. We have had a number of enrolments so our numbers are looking pretty good and it does look likely at this stage that we should be able to continue with the classes we planned for. If you know of anyone who has yet to enrol please strongly encourage them to do so. Our resourcing depends on the numbers we submit by 12pm on Day 8 (this Thursday) so it is vital that we have everyone enrolled by then.

We tried out our SMS absence program yesterday. The message will be pretty simple usually just stating the date, that your child is away and asking you to make contact with the school. You can do that with a reply SMS we understand so give that a go if you receive a message as we are keen to see that it works. I added a small message prior to the usual one yesterday just because it is our first real go at using the system. It is mandatory that we contact parents if your child has an unexplained absence so if that happens please expect an SMS or phone call from the school. It is important to keep us informed if your child is going to be away.

I have observed the snail’s pace speed at which you have to exit the carpark in the afternoons and again want to thank everyone for their tremendous patience particularly for those of you who don’t have air conditioning. It is much appreciated and as I said last week a great model for your children.

We have some supervised break time swims coming up that are fund raisers. They are as follows:
Tuesday the 7th – Year 5 – first break, Year 3 – second break
Wednesday the 8th – Year 6 – first break
Thursday the 9th – Year 4 - first break
It is a gold coin donation.
As well we have our swimming carnival for the Years 3 to 6 on Friday the 10th of February.

Kind Regards
Doug Wilson (PRINCIPAL)

A reminder to notify the school if your child is going to be, or has been away. If those absences are unexplained then we have certain legal requirements around them that culminate in parents receiving phone calls, letters etc. In the case of any absence please ring the school on 54830460 or email 1221_Admin@eq.edu.au.
**SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons during PE time start this week and will continue through until the end of Week 9. Students will require togs, a sunsafe shirt or rashie, towel, swimming bag, hat, sunscreen and footwear. Students are to provide a note if not participating.

Lesson days are listed below:-

- **Tuesday** - 5MW - PJV - 2JD - 3JJ - 5MM - 2JN - 1JA
- **Wednesday** - SEP - PJE - 1JT - 4ML - 5MN - 3JY - 2JP
- **Thursday** - PJM - PJC - 4MP - 4MV - 1JH - 3JR - 1JL
- **Friday** - 6MD - 6MS

Please Note that Prep swimming will start in Week 2.

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**YEAR 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival**

The Year 3 - 6 Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be on Friday, 10th February (Week 3) starting at approximately 9.00 am. Students will do their nominations during PE lessons so they can choose the events they wish to participate in. Students are encouraged to dress up in their team colours but must remember to wear a sunsafe shirt and hat when not competing. A modified tuckshop will operate from the pool (more details on this in a later newsletter). We will require some parents to assist with timekeeping and also 8 parents to swim in the Relay at the end of the day Vs Staff and selected students from each house.

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**South Tuckerbox News**

We will commence the sausage sizzle next week on Monday the 6th February. On the 10th February we will hold the senior swimming carnival and tuckshop will run normally for Prep to Year 2. Year 3 - Year 6 will be able to access sausage sizzle, bacon and egg burgers, cold drinks and lollies from the swimming carnival but are unable to access normal tuckshop.

Thanks Maree Eaton.

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**Canberra Fundraising News**

Attention: YEAR 5 PARENTS! There will be a Canberra 2018 fundraising meeting on Monday the 6th February at 3.30pm in the conference room.

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**District Sport Selection Trials**

Students turning 10 (born 2007), 11 (born 2006) and 12 (born 2005) are eligible to participate in District Sports Selection Trials. Interested students should play the sport regularly and have an above average skill level in their chosen sport/s. Please see Miss Moy to get a Permission Note if you would like to attend any District Sports Trials as you have to be nominated through the School to participate. Keep an eye on the Date Claimers to know when District Trials are coming up. Please be aware that if you attend District Sport Trials, it is your parents responsibility to transport you to and from the venue.

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**HOT SHOTS TENNIS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches Brett Cottrill & Matt Watkins will commence the HotShots Tennis program on **Thursday 9th February** at Gympie South State School. Lessons will be held **Thursday Lunchtimes** from 11.00am to 11.40am for grades 4 to 6 and 1.10pm to 1.40pm for grades Prep to 3 for a **minimum block of 7 weeks**. Costs will be $75.00/pupil, $140.00 for 2 children or $190.00 for 3 children in the same family. To register for the program please contact Brett Cottrill on 0417746795 or return the completed form back to the office by Thursday 9th February.

Name.................................................................................................................  Age...............  Grade/Class.........................

Contact Phone/s...................................................................................................... Email.............................................

Parent or Guardian Signature...........................................................................................

We accept the Get Started Sporting Vouchers. Cash or Cheques made payable to Brett Cottrill please. **Direct Deposit** B A COTTRILL BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786 students name as reference please. **Join our Excellence Program and our weekly Hot Shots Competition**

For 1 child $140, 2 children $200 or 3 children $250 per term. Our Hot Shots Competitions start Thursday 2nd February at The Reg English Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd from 3.30pm. Every player who registers receives FREE Gympie Junior Tennis Membership and Tennis Australia Membership.
**Life Education Van**

In today’s society it is essential that all children have the necessary knowledge and skills to stay healthy and avoid dangerous situations by making smarter choices. It is important that your child participates each year and receives a workbook so the classroom teacher can do follow up work to reinforce what has been presented to your child. All Children from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in the Life Education visits.

**Cost:** $7.00 per child

Payment due the day prior to class attending.

First commenced on Monday, 30th January.

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**FROM THE MUSIC ROOM**

**MATILDA** is this Wednesday. Very exciting! Please remember to wear school uniform and bring water bottles and enough food/money to last you the day. Meet at 8.20am under A block. Please remember to bring medical forms back if you have not already.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

- Recorder ensemble - Monday 2nd break
- Drum Corps - Monday 3.10 - 4.10pm
- Marimba Ensemble - Wednesday 8.00am
- Choir - Thursday 2nd break
- Small Voice Choir - 1st break until 12.20 Fridays
- Beginner Band - Monday 8.00am
- Junior Band - Thursday 8.00am
- Senior Band - Friday 8.00

Drum Corps and Marimbas will begin next week and all other groups this week.

Thanks Mrs Tollner

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome back to the library....

Your child will be bringing book/s home from your school library during the year. Prep may borrow ONE book. Years 1 to 6 may borrow two books at a time for ONE week. Renewals are available. Books CAN also be borrowed or returned ANY day in the child’s own time- before or after school. Your child’s class teacher will have informed you of the class library borrowing day. **Borrowing for ALL classes starts this week!**

Some Reminders for your library books:

- Books are taken to and from school in a waterproof library bag to stop damage to books. No Bag No Borrow Policy (Grocery bags are not acceptable as they easily tear)
- Remind your child to have clean hands when reading books, to use a bookmark, and to turn the page from the upper right hand corner.
- Help your child to find a special place at home for his/her library book.
- Keep a calendar with his/her library day circled to help your child remember to return the books on library day.
- If a book is damaged or lost, it will need to be replaced at a cost.
- Please do not mend library books at home. Send damaged books to school for repair.

Details about current library events, bookings, email requests and the Library Policy are accessible through a link on the school website to the **Library’s Edstudio**. Students in Years 3 to 6 have usernames and passwords to access this site and these are needed to log into this site. Prep to Year 2 details are available on request.

**EBOOKS**

Education Queensland has provided access to borrow e-books from Queensland state School Overdrive library. If you are a member of the Gympie Library you may be familiar with this service. Students from last year will have their registrations expire on February 28th 2017 and these will need to be renewed. If you are interested in using this service, please return the form previously sent home by 8th February. This includes students from last year. I will be holding two Library Info Sessions on **WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY** at 3.15pm and again at 5.15 pm so you can learn more about this service, the links to the library.

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**P&C - AGM**

Annual General Meeting has been set for **Tuesday 7th February, 2017**. AGM will commence at 7.00pm in the Conference Room. AGM will be followed by general meeting.
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