

NEWSLETTER

12 March 2026

Principal's Office

Thank you once again for your calm and supportive response during the recent weather event. Our school community managed the situation exceptionally well, and your cooperation helped keep everyone safe. We are also grateful for the clear guidance provided by the North Coast Regional Office and the Gympie Regional Council.

If you did not receive Monday morning's updates via email, please ensure your contact details are current by contacting our admin team at admin@gympiesouthss.eq.edu.au. Staying connected ensures you receive important information when it is needed most.

Supporting Conversations at Home

As we head into the final three weeks of Term 1, we encourage families to take time to talk together about each day. Regular family conversations help children express themselves, work through small challenges, and settle into a positive mindset.

Here are two simple questions that our family uses and that you may find helpful:

1. What was the best thing that happened today?

Encourages a positive outlook and helps children reflect on their successes.

2. What is one thing you would change if you could?

Builds problem-solving skills and helps children work through small issues in a supportive way.

These conversations can make a world of difference to your child's wellbeing and resilience.

Positive Behaviour Focus

We continue to monitor and support positive student behaviour across the school. By

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reinforcing our expectations and recognising the behaviours we want to see, we help students feel secure and ready to learn. When these messages are echoed at home, students receive a strong and consistent message about respect, responsibility and being positive members of our school community. Working together ensures the best outcomes for all our students.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting, which will also be our Annual General Meeting, will be held on Monday, 31 March at 5:30 PM in the Staffroom (Main Administration Building).

We warmly encourage as many parents and carers as possible to attend. Your involvement plays an important role in supporting our school and helping us continue to provide the best opportunities for our students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

NAPLAN Update

Our students have now completed their Writing and Reading tests in the online format. Testing is being conducted in our Library Computer Lab and Mobile Laptop banks, with sessions running at approximately 9:20 AM and 11:50 AM.

We kindly ask that students arrive on time on their testing days to ensure they are well-prepared and set up for success in their assessments.



NAPLAN Testing Schedule

Year 3

Wednesday March 11—Writing (Paper) 40 min

Thursday March 12—Reading 45 min

Tuesday March 17—Language Conventions 45 min

Thursday March 19—Numeracy 45 min

Year 5

Wednesday March 11—Writing 42 min

Thursday March 12—Reading 50 min

Tuesday March 17—Language Conventions 45 min

Wednesday March 18—Numeracy 50 min

Deputy's Desk

Valuing Education in 2026 (and always)

Valuing education is all about being 'ready to learn'. This term we are now at a place where our routines are set and with our learning we are setting goals to reach and tick off. And with each new year it is about building on our previous positive learning habits.

Being 'ready to learn' is about arriving on time, listening, having a go and being prepared to learn each and every day.

So we are all about - being ready; being respectful and being a learner.

Think You Know Program

South always seeks external support to assist our learners in real-life learning and decision making as they get older and out into the world – one world is the digital/social media world. Qld Police will be sharing the “Think You Know” program to all Year 5 and 6 students next Tuesday morning. This program is about providing an awareness of our engaging with social media and being aware of what can happen and what is out there. We appreciate QPS providing this program to our school along with many other primary schools.

Chappy BBQ at Bunnings

Chappy does soooo much for our school and giving back to her and her fellow Chappy's is something important to us. If you are free on Saturday, 21st March – head out

to Bunnings and buy a few sausages on bread and a drink from them!

CGen Excursion – Brisbane

We have nearly filled up our bus and have just a few spaces left so pop into the office if you would like to attend this event with us in Brisbane. We have a bus trip, City Cat trip, Southbank play and CGen performance – it will be amazing! Open to all in Year 3 to Year 6 – and to siblings of performers if they are in Year 2.

Uniform Policy

This was shared at the start of the term – and we are sharing again with the months (hopefully) becoming cooler. Please see the information relating to jumpers and pants etc. The policy is attached – so please make yourself and your children aware of the expectations re uniforms which have been endorsed by our P&C.

Uniform Policy

Do	Don't Do
Wear our school uniform with pride and properly	No tying up or folded up sleeves
School Shirt ➢ Gympie South shirt/Zone Shirt/Senior Shirt/SEC shirt etc	
School Shorts ➢ Navy or Black ➢ Mid-thigh in length (tips of fingers to touch the bottom of the shorts/skirts etc)	No Denim No tights (unless under uniform) No bike pants (unless under uniform)
Jumpers/Jackets ➢ Plain ➢ Navy blue or black ➢ Fits student - band sits at waist	No bright colours No large logos Not too baggy Not tied around waist
Socks ➢ White / Black / Navy ➢ Ankle length	We have numerous 'Funky Sock Days' for students to wear their happy loud socks.
Shoes ➢ Sneakers ➢ Closed in sandals	No thongs unless at the pool for swimming events.
Hats ➢ Bucket hat only (preferably the school hat)	No caps No adding things to hats No beanies
Free Dress Days ➢ Sun Safe ➢ Same length as uniform expectations	No sleeveless tops/dresses No short skirts or shorts No profanities on clothing
Badges ➢ Worn on the opposite side to school logo	Not worn in the centre or elsewhere
Watch ➢ Analogue or digital	No smart watches (unless otherwise discussed with Administration).
Jewellery ➢ Earrings – Studs or sleepers in ears only ➢ Rings – One Signiant ring only ➢ Bangles/Bracelets – Nil ➢ Necklaces – a small religious cross worn inside the shirt only ➢ Anklets - Nil	No dangle earrings or additions to sleepers No bangles or Bracelets No bulky chains or other necklaces No anklets No nose piercings (to be covered with a "nude" bandaid if pierced) unless culturally appropriate
Hair Accessories ➢ Small and in school colours	No big bright colourful hairbands or bows
Hair – for boys and girls ➢ Tidy and off face to allow learning	No wearing long hair out and down around our face that it impacts our learning. Shoulder length hair is to be tied up for both boys and girls.
Finger Nails ➢ Not too long ➢ Clear or neutral colours nail polish only	No false nails (keep that for school holidays) No bright coloured nail polish
Make-up ➢ No make-up	No mascara, foundation or other
Body ➢ Clean skin ➢ Good hygiene	No fake tattoos or lash extensions No drawing on body



Anzac Day Display – Library

In our Library we will be having a space for our families to share photos (copied) and stories of their family and family members who have served in the military or who have served in engagement defending our freedom. This can be any family member, close or distant. So please provide any photos and either typed or handwritten information on this family member to Shelley in the Library for us to proudly display.

What's Next

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Tuesday 31st March 2026. Held in the school hall from 3:15pm.

Please follow the link to book a time.

For any further details or to discuss alternative times, please reach out to your child's Teacher.

<https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70433>

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Please see QParents for further details	
DATE	DETAILS
13th March	Year 2/3 Gala Day
24th March	Student Council Pizza Day
25th March	Messy March
27th March	Cross Country Trials
31st March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
2nd April	Prep Easter Hat Parade
2nd April	Chappy's Colour Fun Run
2nd April	Last day of Term 1

Celebrating Student Success

PREP	Jett	Athena		
	Mia W	Shay M		
Year 1	James O			
Year 2	Lloyd	William Y	Skyla F	Hailee C
	Tomas	Kalais M	Declan S	Harper F
	Kevin L	Soraya R	Tyler B	
Year 3	Hope K	Arielle	Abbie W	Isabelle H
	Mabel O	Valentina	Jonathan	Hamish
	Maya-lee	Harlo W		
Year 4	Lane R	Lincoln F	Chase T	
	Troy S	Noah P	Hunter	
Year 5	Ashton H	Rose D	Imogen	
	Elizabeth	Nate H		
Year 6	Alakai S	Bethany P	Misa B	
	Willow	Cooper G	Seth G	

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Scan to register

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Sign up for a fun day of games, challenges and tournaments!

Tuesday 14th April
9:00 - 11:30am

Gympie South State School
Main Oval

Boys and Girls
Prep - Year 6

- ✓ Suitable for all skill levels
- ✓ Engaging sessions
- ✓ Tournament-style competitions

Total Cost: \$25

Email tristan@kingdomcoaching.com.au
or
call 0412 442 318 for more info



Office Update

ACTIVITY PAYMENT DUE DATES	
Please see QParents for further details	
DUE DATE	DETAILS
17th March	Year 4 Camp Deposit
20th March	Pizza Orders + Cash
2nd April	SRS Fees
22nd April	Year 6 Camp– Payment #1
1st May	Year 4 Wildlife HQ

Student Absence Line: Option #1

When calling to notify the school of your child's absence - please use option #1 and leave a short message to include your name, your child's name and the reason for their absence.

This option has been designed especially for student absences and allows office staff to check the messages at convenient times throughout the day.

Chappy News

Hi all

I am glad to be back at Gympie South this year. It was good to start breaky Club again in week 4 this term. I would like to thank the Sunshine Committee for adapting to the changes to how Breaky Club is being run this term while the Tuck shop is being renovated. I know that students are missing the warm milo in the mornings, unfortunately with the space we are running breaky club out of, offering milo is too difficult at this point.

On the 2nd of April the school is holding a colour run where funds raised are going towards Chaplaincy, with the aim to increase my hours at the school which have had to be reduced this year unfortunately due to funding issues. I would like to thank everyone who is supporting the fundraising.

I would also like to thank Mrs Elisha Tregaskis for being willing to be slimed by any student who raises more than \$300. So far there are 7 students (4 from the lower primary and 3 from the upper primary) who are going to be sliming Mrs T. There are also a number of students who are very close to joining the 7 who have already achieved the \$300 total,

As the school has currently raised more than \$8000 , we are going to have a slime Mrs T and Chappy event in conjunction with Fun Friday activities next Friday 20th March. The students who will get to slime me will be drawn out of year level draws. The students who will go into this draw will be all students who have raised more than \$15 by Wednesday 18th March and drawn at the fun Friday event on the 20th March. Keep an eye out on the school Facebook page for photos.

A shout out to Mr Bonney and Mr Pinney who have agreed to be slimed if the whole school can raise \$20,000. Good luck to the school in reaching that massive target!

If you have time and would be interested in how you might be able to support the Chaplains in the Gympie region there is going to be a Chaplaincy Support Team information meeting up the road at the Gympie Wesleyan Methodist Church at 4pm. Anyone is welcome to join us, afternoon tea will be provided.

If you would like to contact me I am at the school Tuesday through to Thursday from 8am to 1pm. My email address is Sharon.marrington80@suchaplaincy.org.au or you can call the office and leave me a message and I will call you back.

Thankyou for your support

Chappy Sharon

