



GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

27 August 2009

Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

My optimism about the flu going away has come back to me times 1000. I am not a good patient however it is well and truly my turn to have it, if I look back across the last couple of years and how lucky I have been health wise.

We have three weeks left of this term. **Tomorrow, August 28** is the Muster Holiday. Staff will be engaging in Professional Development across different venues in Gympie. **STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.**

Today **Year 3 and 4 students** went to Jack Stokes Oval to participate in a **Rugby League Gala Day**. This is the culmination activity of having several lessons on Rugby League by a visiting coach to the school.

Yesterday 5M went to Roadcraft. Roadcraft is a facility just outside of town that teaches Road Safety and common sense decision making to students.

Thank you to those who continue to find time to come in and support our teachers in the classrooms. It makes a big difference to what can occur in classrooms and the support provided to teachers is very much appreciated.

A reminder about the **Tuckshop** and the fact the it is **closed at second break**. Students are welcome to purchase additional foods in the first break to compensate for the second break closure.

Last Friday, we held a **Free Dress Day** in aid of the Fete. We raised a total of \$167.10. A great effort everybody. Well Done!!

Thank you for your continuing support.
Warmest Wishes, Sandra

Enjoy the rest of your week!!

LIBRARY NEWS



BOOK WEEK PARADE 9am Thursday 3 September

To celebrate book week we are planning a **Book Week Parade**. Students and teachers are encouraged to come dressed as a character from their favourite short listed book. We have been reading these books during our library sessions over the last 4 weeks. The library is open Tuesday and Thursday of every week and these books are on display, so please come in and have a browse.

Happy reading!! Mrs Kate Cartwright

PUPIL FREE DAY
Tomorrow
Friday, 28 August

INDIGENOUS PERFORMANCE

Lewis Parter is coming to Central on Monday 7 September at 9.00am. Please return the permission slip and the \$3.50 per child to the office at your earliest convenience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 27	Rugby League Day Years 3 & 4
Thursday, August 27	Wide Bay Athletics
Thursday, August 27	Yr 5M Art Gallery Excursion
Fridays, September 4, 11	Interschool Sport
Friday, August 28	Muster Holiday (Pupil Free Day)
Wednesday, Sept 16	Valley Rattler Trip Year 5M
Wednesday, Sept 16	Yr 6 Broncos Challenge Day
Friday, Sept 18	Last Day of School for Term 3

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

There is a lot of numbers that we have tried to call that are either disconnected or the wrong number. Please make sure that we have all of your up-to-date details, so that we can contact you in an emergency.

PREP ENROLMENT ELIGIBILITY

Children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 are eligible to attend Prep in 2010. If you have any concerns about your child starting the Preparatory Year, please come and discuss your options with the principal. A Prep Orientation Day will be held in Term 4. We will inform you of the date and other details regarding this soon.

YOUR CHILD & STARTING SCHOOL

Your child's first year at school: A book for parents (by Jenni Connor and Pam Linke, 2008) discusses important issues that may concern parents when their children are starting school. These issues include children with special needs, parents providing a safe base and supporting independence.

Starting school is a big step for children and is something they should look forward to, as it creates opportunities for children to make more friends, learn exciting new things and opens up different ways of learning. Children are not expected to learn everything straight away, as it takes time and parents need to remind them of this, encouraging them to think positively. Parents and teachers should work together to make the children's first year a great start to their future in schooling.

Parents of children with special needs need to be well prepared, in that they need to keep in contact with their preferred school, making sure that the child's needs will be met. This may involve going into the school and meeting with the appropriate people so that they can also be organised for the child's transition.

Parents need to provide a safe base for their child so that the child feels like he/she can come home and talk to their parents about their day. Your child will want to share with you what he/she has learnt at school and what is happening with their friendships. It is important to keep this connection with your child, as they will in turn come to you if there are any problems as well, which then the parent can reassure them things will be ok and discuss any issues that arise with the teacher.

When children start school, they need to learn how to be independent in ways that they may not have already been, so parents need to help them to practice taking care of themselves and their belongings, so it isn't such a big step. It is also important for parents to support children in feeling happy and confident at school.

WANTED

Do you have any **wire coat hangers**? We'd like to collect some for Christmas art activities, along with some **shopping bags** (any colour)! If anybody has a **recorder** at home that is not being used, please think of donating it to the school, as we could always make use of them. Thank you!

P&C TREASURER POSITION VACANT

Please contact the Principal if you are interested in taking on this role.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday
9 September at 7.30pm**

* **SPRING FAIR** *
* **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14** *
* Please continue to send in donations, e.g. bot- *
* tles filled with lollies, novelties, etc. and craft *
* items. Please mark this new date on your *
* calendar! If there is any way you can help out, *
* please contact Stephanie Butler on 5483 7193. *

HEAD LICE

Head lice have been reported at the school. It is important that all parents regularly check their child's hair and apply treatment if needed. Thank you for your support!

ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY

Join us at Australia Zoo during our spring feeding frenzy! Now that the days are getting warmer, all of our animals are getting a little more active, and needing a little more energy. If you are aged between 7 and 12 you can join the zoo crew to help feed these hungry animals, as well as clean enclosures, produce enrichment and help out with training. It's all exclusive access and hands-on action, and a day you won't forget!

Places are limited so call **07 5436 2025** to make a booking.
Ages: 7 - 12 years **Price:** \$79 **Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap, lunch, photo with one of our animals **Duration:** 5 hours **Location:** Australia Zoo **Dates:** Saturday 19 September to 4 October 2009. Further details are available on our website <http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day>



TUCKSHOP TALK



Hello Everyone,

*The Year 5's had a lovely day at Roadcraft yesterday.
If you are heading off to the Muster, enjoy and stay safe.
If not, enjoy a quiet weekend - I know I am going to.*

Bye 'til next week... Lesley



ROSTER

FRIDAY, 28 August

**MUSTER HOLIDAY
YIPEE!**

MONDAY, 31 August

Shelley Carswell

GROCERIES

Gayle Nissen

WEDNESDAY, 2 September

Tracy Phelan

GROCERIES

Therese Coyne

Lee Tompkins

FRIDAY, 4 September

Vicki Hutley

Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES

Lynette Schofield

Sharon Collins

Grocery Ideas

Fruit / Jatz
2 Minute Noodles
Tinned Beetroot / Corn
Lettuce / Tomatoes
Cordial
Muffins



**REMINDER! Tuckshop
only open First Break**

**Please order all you need
at First Break.**

