



GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

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Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This is the last newsletter for term 2. The staff and I wish you a very safe and happy holiday. Watch the roads. It's not so much how good you are at driving but everyone who drives on the roads with you.

Thank you for:

- Your attendance at the Cross Country, Junior Sports Morning & Sports Day
- Your support in our classrooms (it makes such a difference)
- Your openness in communicating (it reduces the number of problems)
- Your efforts in sending your children to school 'in uniform' (it makes us all feel like part of a team!)
- Helping out at the tuckshop
- Coming to our P&C meetings.

Working in partnership with you certainly makes a world of difference!

Staff Changes for Term 3:

- 3/4H - Mrs Sandra Lewis-Hamilton finishes this Friday. She is returning to supply teaching. Miss Jade McCarthy will be teaching 3/4H for the remainder of the year.
- 2F - Mrs Melanie Fitzgibbon finishes her contract on Friday. Ms Emma Green will be teaching 2F for the remainder of the year.
- 3P - Mrs Diane Perrett is taking Long Service Leave for all of term 3. Mrs Bettina Carr is the replacement for 3P.
- 7W - Mr Ken Wilkins will be taking the last six weeks as Long Service Leave in term 3. Mrs Anna-Riitta Ovaska is replacing Ken.
- Library - In Semester 2 the Library will be open Tuesday and Thursday at both breaks. Mrs Cathryn Cartwright will be Teacher Librarian for the remainder of the year.

New Break Times
at Gympie Central
due to the construction of our new building
10.50am-11.50am → Big Lunch
1.20pm-1.40pm → Afternoon Break
Students are expected to eat their big lunch in the first break. Thank you!!

Special Presentation

Today on assembly, a special presentation was made to Mrs Vicki Corbett and Mrs Carol White to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Crossing Supervisor Scheme in Queensland. Both ladies work on the Gympie Central crossing and ensure the safety of our students, parents, teachers and community. We thank them wholeheartedly for this as we are lucky to have this special care and attention. Much appreciated!!!

FREE DRESS DAY
Tomorrow - Friday 26 June
To support the Tuckshop
Fine: A Gold Coin

REMEMBER
NO thongs NO bare tummies
NO inappropriate t-shirts

Monday 13 July
Pupil-Free Day!
Only staff attend school on this day.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Friday, June 26	Free Dress Day & last day of Term 2
Monday, July 13	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday, July 14	School Resumes
Thursday, July 16	Voices on the Coast
Thurs & Frid, July 16 & 17	Gympie Zone Sports

Gone Missing

These Aboriginal artefacts are still missing from the school: didgeridoo, round pointed spear and some books. If you can help us with their whereabouts, we would appreciate it. We are just looking for their return. Your support is appreciated!

Indigenous Performance Coming to Central

Please mark this date on your calendar - Monday 7 September at 9.00am. Lewis Parter was born in Bowen in Queensland. His heritage is of the Central Queensland's Daranbal people whose language is Birri Gubba. During a 12 month education traineeship in Language and Literacy, he found his true vocation in presenting his culture to young people from kindergartens to universities.

Lewis is a fine musician and song writer whose compositions include titles such as Saltwater Dreaming; Walking Together; Wadda Mullie; Kookaburra Ballad; Reflect and Seeing Things With Our Eyes Closed.

The performance includes boomerang throwing, knowledge about didgeridoos and playing them, fun dances, demonstrations of solo guitar and more. Adults are welcome to attend and enjoy with us. Cost for students is \$3.50. If you would like to pay early, please feel free to send your money along and we will book your child/children in. Thank you.

Contributions to the School

Please note that a statement will be sent home with your oldest child regarding payments due for various school matters. Items on your statement may include art levies that were requested on the booklist in January/February.

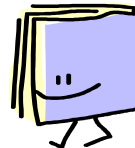
Also included on your statement will be a \$50 P&C voluntary contribution as requested from each family to support P&C initiatives e.g. resources and other items to assist your child's school experiences. This payment is an opportunity for those families who cannot attend P&C meetings or attend school events to contribute. The contribution does remain voluntary. Please ensure all money forwarded to school is contained in an envelope clearly stating the child's name, class, how much money is enclosed and what you are paying for. Envelopes are available from the office if required. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,
Sandra.

PIE DRIVE

Thank you for your orders for the Pie Drive. Your pies will be available for collection from the Tuckshop on Thursday 16 July between 2.00pm-4.00pm. If you are unable to pick up your pies during the allocated time slot, please advise the office to make other arrangements.

LIBRARY NEWS



What a terrific 6 months I have had in the Library getting to know all of the Central students. Central School has a wonderful library filled with excellent books and resources for the students to access. Next Semester Mrs Cathryn Cartwright will be Teacher Librarian on Tuesday and Thursday. I hope that you will make her feel as welcome as I have felt and that the excellent borrowing and reading continues.

I hope that everyone has safe and happy holidays... Keep reading from Ms Emma Green.

ATHLETICS WEEK



What a great week of competition: –

- ❖ Cross Country / Fun Run on Monday morning
- ❖ Junior Sports on Tuesday morning
- ❖ Discus finals on Wednesday afternoon
- ❖ 800m event finals on Thursday afternoon
- ❖ Big Sports Day on Friday.

Thank You to everyone who helped to make the week such a success. Mr Schofield, for his tireless efforts in coordinating events, deserves special mention. As always, he is first at school to set everything up for the day and still there packing up at the end – even on his day off! Thank you also to Mrs Nissen and her band of helpers in the tuckshop. Thanks to Leanne Sullivan who assisted with the recording this year – your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to P&C Executive members who presented trophies to the winners. Thank you to every member of our staff who contributed to making sure the days ran so smoothly. Thank you also to parents for your support and in particular, to the students who participated so willingly and with such enthusiasm. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Winners!

Cross Country: Fisher

Junior Sports: Dunstan

Champion House: Dunstan

Patrons' Trophy - Year 7 Race:

Taylah Johnston & Jacob Despea

Age Champions:

10 year old: Amy Curran & Logan Bayliss-Brow

11 year old: Madeline Austin & Hayden Tompkins

12 year old: Taylah Johnston & Owen Williams

NAIDOC DISCO POSTPONED

The Naidoc disco that was scheduled for tonight has now been postponed. The new date will be advised next term.

