



GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

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Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

My absence today and tomorrow is due to my attendance at a 2 day conference in Hervey Bay on Social and Emotional Learning.

Welcome once again to Jade McCarthy who replaces Debby Garrett for the last month of this term while Debby is on Long Service Leave.

A very special thank you to the parents who were able to share our open morning with us. Remember if you are keen on being more involved in your child's classroom, check in with the teacher and see what they would like help with. We make great partners when working together.

Thank you too to the parents and grandparents who came to enjoy our instrumental music presentations. I am very proud of our young musicians and expect to see some names in the spotlight in years to come. Now wouldn't that be exciting! I was very impressed!!

Report Cards will be sent home on Monday of Week 10. Please note, as per usual you can request a parent/teacher interview.

GONE MISSING - PLEASE RETURN

I was very sad to hear that some Aboriginal artefacts appear to have been removed from the school.

- ⇒ 1 didgeridoo
- ⇒ 1 round pointed spear
- ⇒ Some books

All these items have strong emotional value and significance to a staff member.

If you can help us with the where abouts, we would appreciate it. We are just looking for their return. Your support is appreciated!

GOT AN ISSUE, PROBLEM, CONCERN?

If you have an issue, problem or concern in relation to your child's progress, classroom activity, behaviour, etc, please **SEE THEIR CLASS TEACHER FIRST**. Jumping in as soon as you

think things aren't okay means concerns are dealt with when they are small. All staff engage in an **"OPEN DOOR POLICY"** and will happily make a time to talk with you.

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINE

Please discuss after school arrangements with your child/ren before school each morning so that it is CLEAR what they are expected to do (e.g. being collected by whom, catching the bus, etc). Students walking home are to leave the school at 3.00pm. It is expected that all children will have left the school by the departure of the last bus at approximately 3.20pm (except for special circumstances). If for any reason, you will be late collecting your child/ren, please advise the office as soon as possible. Some children hang around and play and this has caused unnecessary upset for parents. Thank you for your support.

CONTACT DETAILS

Have your contact details changed? It is important to keep these records up to date. It is also important that the details of your emergency contacts (eg Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, family friends etc) are current. We need to be able to contact you immediately if there is an emergency. Please fill in the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible.

Regards, Sandra

Central SS Sports Day

UPCOMING EVENTS—TERM 2	
Fridays, June 5 & 12	Interschool Sport (5M, 6G, 6/7L, 7W)
Tuesday, June 1-6	Education Week
Monday, June 8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday, June 15	Cross Country Fun Run
Tuesday, June 16	Junior Sports Day
Friday, June 19	Central Sports Day- All Day

**(ALL Students)
Friday, 19 June**



**Junior Sports Day
(Years Prep-3)**



Tuesday, 16 June (morning only)

***Mark it on your calendar!
Everyone Welcome!!***



LIBRARY NEWS

Reading Logs/Readathon

This term, prizes are going to be awarded to one class from the upper school and one from the lower school for the most books read and recorded this term. The race is on and so far, the year one class is doing a brilliant job in the lower school and there is some serious competition between year four and year five for the older classes. Don't forget to hand me your reading logs when you have completed them so I can make sure you receive your certificate.



Your Library

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful library space with lots of terrific resources. Our library belongs to the students of Central and I encourage all of our students to take care of our library, to enjoy what it has to offer and to respect all of our books, puzzles, games and equipment. The library is a great place to visit in lunch breaks for some quiet time, to finish off work and to play games and read. Let's make sure we take care of our library and all of the great stuff in it.

Happy Reading, Emma Green.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Please note that a statement will be sent home soon with your oldest child regarding payments due for various school matters. Items on your statement may include art levies, upcoming excursions/camps you should have received information for already, as well as any interschool sport bus money outstanding.

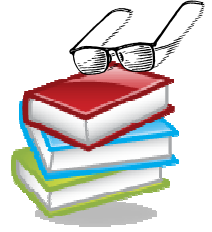
Also included on your statement will be \$50 P&C contribution as requested from each family. This money will go towards resources and other items to assist your child's educational experiences. If you are unable to pay this amount in a lump sum we are happy to accept part payments as you are able.

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.

We thank you for your assistance.

OPERATION SPECS & TEXT

A collection of pre-loved children's books and spectacles that you no longer have use for is requested by The Rotary Club of Gympie Cooloola Inc. Spectacles go out of fashion or the prescription changes and are no longer needed. The purpose of collecting these things is so they can be redistributed to the towns and villages in Papua New Guinea.



These special books that you previously read and enjoyed will undoubtedly provide learning opportunities to children in Papua New Guinea. Collection time is 15 June - 17 July. As of 15 June, please feel free to bring in your donations.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT & CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT: EVIDENCE FOR MEDIATING PROCESSES

Parents' involvement in their children's education has been linked with children's academic success and attitudes toward learning. A recent study was undertaken to determine the ways in which children's own attitudes and their parents' involvement in their learning at home influenced academic achievement.

One hundred and thirty-one Canadian Grade 5 and 6 students of European, middle-class backgrounds completed two surveys relating to their parents' home educational behaviours, and to their own academic and personal self-concept.

Students' teachers reported on students' academic competence, encompassing academic skills and behaviours, and attitudes toward school and learning.

The results indicated that school-focussed parental involvement at home was linked with school achievement, but this association was mediated by children's academic competence.

Mother's involvement in homework and the home learning environment improved academic achievement, as did their emotional support. Fathers' involvement in home learning such as reading and time management likewise produced positive results; however, the additional academic pressure exerted by fathers was negatively associated with academic competence, and therefore achievement, as competence and achievement were found to be directly linked.

TUCKSHOP TALK



Hello Everyone,

We are currently looking into updating our Tuckshop Menu and Prices, as this has not been done since last July. If you have any suggestions or would like to have some input, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the P&C. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Hope you are all escaping the colds and flus. Keep up your fluid intake.

Bye 'til next week...

Lesley



ROSTER

FRIDAY, 5 June

Stephanie Butler
Vicki Hutley

GROCERIES

Vaine Areora
Lynette Schofield
Sharon Collins

MONDAY, 8 June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, 10 June

Tracy Phelan

GROCERIES

Therese Coyne
Lee Tompkins

FRIDAY, 12 June

Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES

Michelle Brook
Cheryl Glover

Grocery Ideas

Mayonnaise
Popping Corn
Tomatoes / Carrots
Jellies / Eggs
Alfoil

SPECIALS

Monday ONLY

Sausage Sizzle \$1.00



Wednesday ONLY

NACHOS

- Small \$1.00
- Large \$3.00

SPECIALS TOMORROW

Macaroni Cheese - \$2.00

Ice Cream & Jelly - 50c

Ice Cream Cone - 50c

