



# GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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## THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

5 November 2009

Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Week five sees continued progress happening at our building site. Everything is starting to look really lovely. *Looks unlikely though that we will be fully furnished and ready for occupancy at the start of 2010. We shall just have to keep our fingers crossed and wait and see.* Everyone will be asking for their furnishings at the same time and that may cause some hold-ups.

### School Magazine

This years magazine is well underway. Due to the additional time it took to create last years disc, this years magazine will not have a disc included. *We are asking that all school magazine orders be pre-booked through the office.* The school magazine will cost \$6 which is \$2 cheaper than last year because there is no disc included. Should you wish to order a school magazine, please place your child's name, the number of magazines required and the appropriate amount of money in an envelope to equal the number of magazines ordered. Envelopes to be handed in at the office as soon as possible.

### 2010 School Captains

#### Applications due tomorrow

Friday, 6 November sees the *deadline for Year 6 students who wish to apply for the position of 2010 school captain.* If your child hasn't done that yet and they are unsure as to whether or not they should, then please encourage them to do so. They may surprise themselves with how easy it is to follow through with the process once they get started.

### Bandanna Day

*The final Bandanna Day tally was \$463.80.* Thank you for yet another dynamite effort!! You are a wonderful school community.

### Dental Van

*The Dental Van Staff* are doing a wonderful job looking after everyone. Should you have questions that you would like to discuss with staff please feel free to approach them at the van to experience their care and attention firsthand.

**Makeup, fingernail polish and jewellery are not allowed at school,** except for a watch, ring of personal or religious significance and earrings in the form of sleepers or studs. The opportunity for things to be ripped unintentionally out of ears during sport or playtime / breaktime is always there.

### 2010 Class Teachers

I have much pleasure in announcing the class allocations for the 2010 school year.

Prep : Ms Kay Skinner  
Year 1 : Mrs Diane Perrett  
Year 2 : Ms Jenny Thomas  
Year 3 / 4 : Mrs Ros Wilson  
Year 4 : Mrs Sue Curran  
Year 5 : Mrs Stella Macklin  
Year 5 / 6 : Mrs Debby Garrett  
Year 6 / 7 : Mr Vic Luck  
Year 7 : Mr Ken Wilkins

The classroom locations are:

Prep : where Mrs Curran is now.  
Year 1 : where Mrs Perrett is now  
Year 2 : where Ms Thomas is now  
Year 3 / 4 : where Mrs Wilson is now  
Year 4 : where Mr Luck is now  
Year 5 : where Mrs Macklin is now  
Year 5 / 6 : where Mrs Ovaska is now  
Year 6 / 7 : in the new building  
Year 7 : where Mr Wilkins is now

The underlined classes are the locations that will be different to this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mondays, November 9	Swimming Lesson - Prep
Tuesdays, November 10, 17, 24, December 1	Swimming Lessons - 3/4M, 4W, 5M, 6G, 6/7L, 7W
Friday, November 6	Interschool Sport Years 5-7 Last week
Wednesday, November 18	Prep Information Evening
Monday, December 7	Christmas Concert, Stalls & Raffles
Tuesday, December 8	Prep Orientation Afternoon
Tuesday, December 8	Year 7 Graduation Dinner

### **School Book Pack Order Scheme**

As a service to families, the P&C Association organises a Book & Stationery ordering scheme.

The purpose of this is twofold:

- Convenience for parents; and
- Uniformity for the children and teachers ie. Every parent who buys through this ordering process will have exactly what the teacher wants, and all the children will have the same items.

This scheme is **not compulsory** and if you wish to purchase your child/children's school requirements elsewhere you are welcome to do so.

Then, all that will be left for you to do is cover and name your child's books ready for day one.

The added spin-off for us as a school is that the P & C get a percentage of dollars related to the number of the book packs sold.

Booklists will be sent home as soon as they are finalised, including prices per item for the purposes of the book pack scheme. When they are complete, your child will be told who their 2010 teacher will be by their current teacher from this year.

### **The Christmas Concert - 7 December 2009, 9am**

All classes will have a class performance followed by awards including the announcement of the 2010 captains. Straight after the concert there will be stalls operating at morning tea time to buy Christmas presents for mums, dads and grandparents and a slush puppy machine. We will still have a bottle stall and there will be a multi-draw raffle including grocery buckets. Raffles will be drawn straight after the Christmas Concert. So, please still send in grocery, plant, bottle and craft donations. Many thanks!! We are also looking for volunteers to help with the stalls. If you can help out, please ring Stephanie Butler on 5483 7193. Keep your eye out for more info regarding the concert in future Tidings.

Pre-ordered School Magazines will be ready for collection from the office on the day of the concert.

Please note that we are hoping to get our school concert back on track again for 2010 and back at the Civic Centre. Katherine is scheduled to return in the second half of the year and we hope to have a Music Program up and running from day one too, with an appropriate replacement.

### **P & C Tuckshop Convenor for 2010**

Sadly, Leslie Nissen is finishing up at the end of this year as the P & C Tuckshop Convenor. This means that there is a position available. Please see over for more details regarding the Expression of Interest.

**Expressions of Interest close on December 1 2009.**

## **Updated**

### ***“Responsible Behaviour Plan”***

In this edition I have included the updated version of the Responsible Behaviour Plan (Our Behaviour Management Policy). This is your opportunity to have a careful read and then once again comment on what you think should be excluded, included and/or changed from what is written. Your feedback is valued and will serve to complete the final version that is submitted as our updated policy. Thank you in advance for the time taken to read through and comment on this. It is much appreciated.

Teachers have been presented with the same version and are working through the same process logging their feedback. Many hands make light work and ultimately we end up with a much better product that serves us all well.

### **Bullying Resources**

Throughout the upcoming weeks I will include Bullying Resources. Please take the time to look through them. They may give you some ideas for conversations with your children. The ideas come in the form of lesson notes and may help cue you in as to what to say and do. “Bullying Skill Development” is key to all our students social and emotional learning. “The Bullying Policy” recently completed and shared with parents is the key factor in the update of our “Responsible Behaviour Plan”.

Finally, a reminder that this is a time where much needs to be done to complete the year well and then to ready ourselves for 2010. As always you are invited to come in and have your say in regards to any thoughts or feelings you have about your children here at Central. We hold as a priority an ‘Open Door’ Policy encouraging everyone to resolve tiny issues before they become major ones.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest Wishes, Sandra

### **DENTAL VAN**

Please return your completed Oral Health Services Parental Consent and Medical/Dental History form (both sides) to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to all those families that have already returned their form.

### **PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN**

Students eligible to attend Prep in 2010 have to be born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005. Come in and get an Enrolment Package from the Office. It includes the School Handbook, which has information about the School's Goals, Policies and Procedures, Uniforms, Tuckshop and P & C; and Enrolment

forms. When enrolling in Prep, the school will also need a copy of the student's Birth Certificate. This is a must have before starting at any Queensland Primary School. A Prep Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 6.00pm-7.00pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you have any concerns about your child starting the Preparatory Year, please come and discuss your options with the Principal.

### The Prep Program

Prep has proven to be a quality program. It supports the needs of all students. The full day program maximises student's activities and mostly enhances children's readiness for their first formal year of schooling.

### SWIMMING NEWS (LOVE2SWIM)

Next week students completing levels 4, 5, 6 or 7 will need to bring clothes for the 'clothed swim tests'. (see table below)

Level	Clothes Needed
4	Shorts and T-Shirt
5	Long Pants and Long Sleeved Shirt
6	Long Pants, Long Sleeved Shirt and Jumper
7	Long Pants, Long Sleeved Shirt, Jumper, Socks and Shoes

Reminder: Please bring a plastic bag for wet clothes.

### GYMPIE CENTRAL TRIATHLETES COMPETE

Gympie Central students once again competed in the annual Cooloola School's Triathlon. For this event competitors had to swim, bike ride and run. The event was held at Tin Can Bay on Friday the 30th of October 2009. A field of over three hundred competitors lined up to complete the race. In the under 12 competitors category each team member did a 175m swim, 7km bike ride and a 2km run. Both Jacob Reid and Jay Butler entered as individual competitors completing the whole three parts by themselves. Jacob placed 9<sup>th</sup> in a time of 39 minutes and 44 seconds. Jacob said, "I was happy with my time which was better than last year." Jay came 7<sup>th</sup> in a time of 37 minutes and fifty one seconds. Our only team entry (Purple People Eaters) of Rebecca Hutley, Chloe Corbett and Vanessa Jones also raced in the team's category placing 11<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams in a time of 45 minutes and 17 seconds. Chloe said, "It was a good experience and thought others should have a go as well." Well done to our Central triathletes! We look forward to next year's event. It would be great to see even more competitors from Central race.

## Expression of Interest

Due 1 December 2009

### **Position Vacant** **"Tuckshop Convenor"** *18 hours per week*

All applications to be marked:  
Attn The Principal -  
Private and Confidential

Person needs to be able to start  
at the commencement of the  
2010 School Year.

## HEAD LICE ALERT

Head lice have been reported yet again at the school. It is important that all parents regularly check their child's hair and apply treatment if needed. If your child needs treatment, please ensure to do the follow up treatment in 7-10 days. Thank you for your support!

## JAMES NASH STATE HIGH SCHOOL Year 7 Transition Program

At James Nash we appreciate the importance of choosing the right school for your child's secondary education. We wish to provide all prospective students and parents with the opportunity to see what James Nash has to offer. You are most welcome to call in and pick up an enrolment package and with a prior appointment, you can even tour our wonderful campus. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 5480 6333 if you have any queries or visit our website - [www.jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au)

- 11 & 12 November 2009 - Extension Plus Interviews.
- 7 & 8 December 2009 - Yr 7 Students Orientation day at James Nash.
- 7 & 8 December 2009 - Uniform selling day 9:00am-1:00pm
- 22 & 25 January 2010 - Uniform selling day 9:00am-1:00pm (student free days)

# TUCKSHOP TALK



*Hello Everyone,*

*Tomorrow is the last day for Interschool Sports for those students concerned.*

*Christmas Concert is on Monday, December 7 at 9.00am. I am looking forward to seeing all the class performances.*

*Bye 'til next week... Lesley*

## **ROSTER**

### **FRIDAY, 6 November**

Vicki Hutley  
Stephanie Butler

### **GROCERIES**

Vaine Areora  
Michelle Brook  
Cheryl Glover

### **MONDAY, 9 November**

Leanne Sullivan

### **GROCERIES**

Joanne Jacobson  
Chris Henwood  
Adielle Blok

### **WED, 11 November**

Debbie Sorrensen

### **GROCERIES**

Therese Coyne  
Lee Tompkins

### **FRIDAY, 13 November**

Vicki Hutley  
Stephanie Butler

### **GROCERIES**

Ainsley Butler  
Rebekah Patterson  
Michelle Weber

## Grocery Ideas

Milo / Fruit  
Lge Garbage Bags  
Tinned Fruit  
Lettuce / Tomatoes  
Saos / Jatz



## **Tuckshop is open both breaks**

Every Monday,  
Wednesday & Friday

Please indicate on your  
order which break your  
order is for:

Lunch is 1st Break  
Afternoon Tea is 2nd  
Break

Thank you

## **SPECIALS TOMORROW**

Ham & Egg McMuffin - \$2.00  
(with BBQ Sauce)

Ice Cream & Jelly - 50c

Ice Cream Cone - 50c



## **SPECIAL MONDAY ONLY**

2 x Pancakes with Ice  
Cream and Maple  
Syrup - \$1.00

