



GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

29 October 2009

Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you so much for your superb support of Bandanna Day, yet again! To date we have raised \$280.00, which is something we can all be proud of. WELL DONE!!

Please note - Bandannas are still for sale tomorrow for \$3 each. Students can wear them tomorrow if they are in Prep to Year 4; Year 5-7s can wear them up until they go to Interschool Sport. Thank you Everyone!!

Supporting Early Learning

With reading and storytelling playing a vital role in a child's early development, it is important that teachers and parents work together to approach these areas of curriculum in a holistic and supportive way.

- The sharing of stories supports the development of fundamental verbal communication skills. While teachers explore new innovative ways of engaging their pupils in reading and storytelling activities, it is vital that what pupils learn in the classroom is reinforced at home.
- Please take note, a parent or guardian reading to their child is one of the most important and effective ways to support their child's education during the early primary years.

2010 EXPECTATIONS CONTINUE

School Uniforms

School uniforms are available and expected to be worn.

Unisex Uniform - Light and dark blue school shirt with navy blue shorts. Girls can wear navy blue skorts. In winter there is a school jacket that can be purchased. Blue tracksuit pants can be worn if necessary.

Hats - are to be worn at recess and during Physical Education lessons with Mr Schofield to ensure Sun Safety. Broadbrim, bucket or legionaries hats are acceptable. Caps are not to be worn! Broadbrim hats can be purchased from the school.

Jewellery - is not regarded as suitable attire. Studs and a signet ring are considered acceptable together with a watch.

Please note some items have increased in price due to suppliers increasing their prices.

Shirts	\$16.00
Shorts/Skorts	\$14.00
Hats	\$ 8.00
Jumpers	\$18.00

Why come to Gympie Central in 2010?

- We have very dedicated and supportive staff.
- We have an interested and supportive parent body led by our tiny P & C.
- We have a Supportive School Environment with positive behaviour strategies and processes.
- A comprehensive social skills program to support the development of being respectful, responsible and reliable.
- Technology is being increasingly integrated into classrooms, adding value to the quality of learning for our students.
- A high level of Specialist Support is provided on site with
 - Learning Support Teacher
 - Guidance Officers
 - Behaviour Management Specialist
 - Speech Language Therapist
 - Prep Advisory Visiting Teacher
 - Special Education Teachers
- We accept our responsibility to provide a safe, stimulating and inspiring environment for the children in our care. The development of the total child is our goal - physical, social, emotional and academic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays, November 2 & 9	Swimming Lessons - Prep
Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1	Swimming Lessons - 3/4M, 4W, 5M, 6G, 6/7L, 7W
Fridays, October 30 & November 6	Interschool Sport Years 5-7
Friday, October 30	Bandanna Day
Friday, October 30	World Teachers' Day
Friday, October 30	Coolooloa Triathlon
Monday, December 7	Christmas Concert, Stalls & Raffles

- We believe learning should be fun, but we also believe persistent effort is required to gain this enjoyment.
- We value the assistance and supervision parents can offer to enhance their child's learning opportunities.

What's new in 2010

- * Mr Wilkins' Year 7s will remain located where his current class is above Prep.
- * Mr Luck's Year 6/7 class will be in the new Resource Centre classroom.
- * There will be a Computer Lab in the new Resource Centre.
- * All classes will have lots of room.

Did You Know?

- * Our new Undercover Sports Centre will have 4 water bubblers!!
- * Our new Resource Centre will have a disabled shower!!

How great is that!!

Curriculum, teaching and learning provide the focus for our work.

All children and young people can learn.

School Captains for 2010

Year 6 Students have 2 weeks left to decide whether they would like to be a School Captain in 2010. Students are requested to deliver an application marked 'Private & Confidential' to the Principal. In this application they may include things such as:

1. Behaviour
2. Attitudes
3. Past achievements in school
4. Achievements outside of school
5. Desire to fill the role
6. Thoughts they have as to why they'd be good in filling the role

Sports Captains and Class Captains will not be chosen until next year.

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 Orientation Day will be held in Term 4. We will inform you of the date and other details regarding this soon. 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.

Our weekly newsletter, the "Thursday Tidings", is sent home each Thursday. Last week however there was a State wide computer stoppage and this made it impossible for the newsletter to go home until Friday. My apologies!

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY ★ ★

Friday, 30 October 2009 ★ ★

... Teachers make a difference ... ★ ★



We continue to be grateful for the talented team at Gympie Central! ★ ★

Feel free to let them know you appreciate them too. ★ ★

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Monday, December 7, starting at 9.00am

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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!! Keep your eye out for more info regarding the concert in future Tidings.

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 below for more details regarding the Expression of Interest.

Warmest Wishes, Sandra



DENTAL VAN

Notes in regards to the School Dental Van were sent home last week. Please return your completed form (both sides) to the office as soon as possible.

Expression of Interest

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.

Tennis Hot Shots

The Hot Shots junior tennis program for 5 to 12 year olds will commence at the Reg English Memorial Tennis centre on Friday 30th October. Hot Shots is a modified way of playing and having fun at tennis (it is not a coaching program) it is ideal for beginners as well as players looking to take the next step from in school coaching.

Groups will be held from 3.30pm to 4.15pm for 5 to 8 year olds and 4.15pm to 5.00pm for 9 to 12 year olds. Hot Shots only costs \$6/ week so come along and join the new tennis revolution.

More information or bookings please contact Matt Watkins 0417 070129 or Brett Cottrill 0417746795

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!

GYMPIE **BLUE LIGHT**

2009 Disco Dates

20 November

Gympie Civic Centre

(unless otherwise advised)

Ages 8 to 14 years

Tickets - \$8.00 per child

6.30pm to 9.30pm SHARP

Don't forget to visit our website -
www.gympiebluelight.org

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

- 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)



VALUES IN OUR SCHOOL

We recognise the importance of the following core values to the community. These values represent the aspirations and beliefs of the Australian community as a whole, including its concern for equity, excellence and the promotion of a caring, civil and just society. They are common to a range of secular and religious world-views and are found in most cultures.

The core values are:

INTEGRITY

Being consistently honest and trustworthy.

EXCELLENCE

Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

RESPECT

Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

RESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment.

COOPERATION

Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

PARTICIPATION

Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation.

CARE

Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

FAIRNESS

Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

DEMOCRACY

Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

TUCKSHOP TALK



Hello Everyone,

Christmas Concert on Monday, December 7. Please send in your donations for the grocery buckets, bottle stall, etc. Every little bit helps.

Interschool Sport is on again tomorrow.

Good luck to everyone who is competing in tomorrow's Cooloola Triathlon. You are all winners!!

Bye 'til next week...Lesley

ROSTER

FRIDAY, 30 October

Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES

Lynette Schofield
Sharon Collins

MONDAY, 2 November

Shelley Carswell

GROCERIES

Tanya Goody
Leaha Hosking

WED, 4 November

Tracy Phelan

GROCERIES

Leanne Sullivan
Colleen Lilley
Julie Austin

FRIDAY, 6 November

Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES

Vaine Areora
Michelle Brook
Cheryl Glover

Grocery Ideas

Lrg Garbage Bags
Saos / Jatz
Cling Wrap
Lettuce
Fruit



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

Garlic & Cheese Toasties - 50c
Ice Cream & Jelly - 50c
Ice Cream Cone - 50c

