



GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

8 October 2009

Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for our home stretch of 2009. Only ten weeks to go.

Student Arrival Time

Please note: This week I have had five students arrive at or before my arrival at 7.10am. This is unacceptable!

Students SHOULD NOT be at school until 8.10am.

There is no supervision provided at school before 8.10am. This provides a 40 minute window of time for students to arrive and get organised for their day between 8.10am and 8.50am.'

Should you have an issue with this I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you.

WE AIM TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8.10AM AND 3.20PM WHEN OUR LAST BUS DEPARTS.

Please note we are reminding all students that school finishes at 3.00pm. At 3.00pm students need to go home the way their parents have told them to. Please remind your children of this requirement. Having to worry about the whereabouts of your children is very frightening.

Classes for 2010

Teachers have two weeks to submit a class Expression of Interest for 2010. As yet, there have been no decisions made for staff as to specifically what class they will teach next year.

It is most likely that the teachers of the junior group of students i.e. Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 4 will be Mrs Curran, Mrs Perrett, Ms Skinner, Ms Thomas, and Mrs Wilson.

It is most likely that the teachers of the senior group of students i.e. Year 5, Year 5/6, Year 6/7 and Year 7 will be Mrs Garrett, Mr Luck, Mrs Macklin, and Mr Wilkins.

If you have a particular opinion about your child being given a particular teacher, now is the time to put those thoughts in writing. Please send your thoughts by letter to the office marked Attention: The Principal (Private & Confidential). I would welcome your thoughts prior to my making decisions at the end of week 2.

If you know that your child wont be attending Gympie Central in 2010 please let me know as soon as possible. While we are sad to see any of our special families leave, this information supports us in our future planning.



FREE DRESS TOMORROW

9 October 2009

Gold Coin Donation

In aid of Solomon Island School

NO singlets / NO bare bellies

NO inappropriate wording or pictures

NO thongs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 9	Golf Lessons
Monday & Tuesday, October 12 & 13	Swimming Lessons commence (see next page for more info)
Tuesday, October 13	Choral Fest
Tuesday & Wednesday, October 13 & 14	Year 3 Underwater World Camp
Wednesday, October 14	Year 4 Science Centre Excursion
Fridays, October 16, 23, 30 & November 6	Interschool Sport Years 5-7
Monday, October 19	Pupil Free Day
Friday, October 30	Cooloola Triathlon
Saturday, November 14	Spring Fair

Staff Movements

Please note Ms Sally Rankine will not be returning to our school in 2009. Mrs Debby Garrett however has stepped up to occupy this position in Term 4 for the first two weeks. At the end of the two weeks an 'Expression of Interest' process will have been completed with the successful person completing the eight weeks for the remainder of Term 4.

Please note Mrs Anna Riitta Ovaska is replacing Mrs Garrett as the teacher on 6G during this time.

Mrs Katherine Palm, our music teacher started on maternity leave just before the end of Term 3. Mr & Mrs Palm had a beautiful baby boy - a little brother for Grace. Congratulations Katherine and Michael.



It has not been possible to find a replacement for Mrs Palm for the remainder of the year. As a consequence I have employed Ms Melanie Fitzgibbon to be our Art Teacher. Ms Fitzgibbon will work with all classes just as Mrs Palm did.

The culmination of the Art Program will be an Art Gallery in the Music room. All parents will be invited together with afternoon tea being provided. Watch out for this special time in an upcoming newsletter.

Christmas Concert

My apologies for the 'to-ing and fro-ing' with this event. A range of issues have made changes necessary. Our Concert this year will now be held at school in the last week of this term on Monday, December 7 at 9.00am. Classes will complete their concert item, awards will be presented and the 2010 captains will be announced.

My apologies again if the timing does not suit. It is expected the concert will go from 9.00am - 10.30am approximately. We hope to see you there.

Scholarships

Congratulations to Micah Carswell and Owen Williams for receiving scholarships to enter Gympie State High School for 2010. Well done!

Prep Authors

The last day of school last term was very exciting as I got to share some of the 'excellence in writing and reading' of our Prep authors.

Chloe, Ellie and Charlotte wrote stories about the new building going up. They had noticed, photographed, and written about the frame being put up. How good is that! Great work girls!!

Summer School

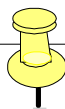
The last week of the holidays saw 42 students coming to Gympie Central for Education Queensland's first Summer School.

Students worked with 7 teachers in groups of 5-8. An excellent opportunity was created for teachers to enjoy teaching and students to maximize their learning. Thank you to all parents who supported this initiative.

NAPLAN Reports

Please note that student National Assessment Plan for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results will be forwarded home at the end of this term with your child's report card.

Warmest Wishes, Sandra



Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday 14 October
7.30pm

P&C TREASURER
POSITION VACANT

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



- The Year 4s of 3/4M & 4W go on an excursion to the Science Centre - Next Wednesday, October 14 Permission slips and payment are now due.
- Year 3s from 3/4M & 3P are going on their overnight camp to Underwater World on Tuesday, October 13.
- Swimming commences next week for Prep, 3/4M, 4W, 5M, 6G, 6/7L & 7W. Year 1T starts November 16. Please send in your permission slip and payment as soon as possible.
- Interschool sport commences again next week, Friday, October 16 (Years 5-7) - Please send in your permission slip and payment as soon as possible. Please don't forget your drink bottle as the weather is starting to get very hot.

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SPRING FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO
 Please continue to send in donations!!
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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. Enrolment packages are available from the office.

Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year

Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year. The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush. To apply for a birth certificate you can:

- download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm
- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/inclusive/prep/

MCDONALDS FUNDING A BOOST

Thank you to the Gympie McDonalds owners Craig and Mel Manley who provided equipment grants as part of the Gympie Community Equipment Giveaway. Gympie Central was one of the successful applicants winning a 3m x 3m marquee. A special thanks also to Mrs Macklin for entering our school into this competition. You've got to be in it to win it!

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Tennis Coaching

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches Brett Cottrill and Matt Watkins will commence coaching on **Friday 16th October** at Central State School. Lessons will be held from **8.00am to 8.45 am** for a 7 week block. Costs will be **\$50.00/pupil or \$90.00 for 2 children** in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week. Please return this completed form to the office by **Friday 16th October**.

Name.....Age..... Grade..... Contact Phone/s.....

Parent or Guardian Signature.....

For more information phone Brett Cottrill 0417 746 795. **Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please.** Term 4 includes mixed volleys, serve, smash and rallying.

JAMES NASH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Yr 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

- 14 October 2009 - Year 7 Parent Evening
- 16 October 2009 - Enrolments forms due for all class groups due.
- 16 October 2009 - Enrolments due for Extension Plus.
- 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)

GYMPIE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Information Evening

Thursday 15 October 6.30pm

Attention parents/caregivers of Year 7 & Year 10 students: You are invited to attend an information evening at Gympie State High School's Hamilton Hall. The information evening program includes:

6.30-7.30pm - Meet the Principal and Teachers, Musical Performance, Curriculum Options, Approaches to Learning;

7.30-8.00pm - Laptop information (Details for laptop purchasing for 2010)

ENROLMENT FORMS FOR 2010 DUE

Friday 16 October

TUCKSHOP TALK



*Hello Everyone,
Welcome back to Term 4. Busy term ahead of us with the Fete only 5 weeks away.
We have gone back to opening the tuckshop at both breaks.
I hope you all enjoyed your break—I did!
Bye 'til next week... Lesley*

ROSTER

FRIDAY, 9 October
Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES
Vaine Areora
Michelle Brook
Cheryl Glover

MONDAY, 12 October
Leanne Sullivan


GROCERIES
Joanne Jacobson
Chris Henwood
Adielle Blok

WEDNESDAY, 14 October
Cheryl Wight

GROCERIES
Therese Coyne
Lee Tompkins

FRIDAY, 16 October
Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES
Ainsley Butler
Rebekah Paterson
Michelle Weber



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

Grocery Ideas

Washing Up Detergent
Tinned Beetroot / Corn
Mayonnaise
Lettuce / Tomatoes
Fruit
Muffins



SPECIALS TOMORROW

Chicken/Cheese/Lettuce/Mayo
Toasted Twisters \$2.00
Ice Cream & Jelly - 50c



No Sausage Sizzle Monday Too Hot!