



GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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THURSDAY'S TIDINGS

17 September 2009

Turning young children into lifelong learners...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Three terms down and one to go, and all of our students move on to a grade higher. The year has gone by very quickly, hasn't it?

A Special Thank You to the following staff:-

1. Mrs Bettina Carr who finishes her contract on 3P
2. Mrs Anna-Riitta Ovaska who finishes her contract on 7W
3. Mrs Joanne Stoddart who finishes her contract doing the Upper Primary Literacy work
4. Mrs Elwyn Lee who finishes her contract as our Learning Support teacher.

We really appreciate the energy, effort and hard work you have done to support our students. Gympie Central students have been very lucky to share the talents and time of these people.

Mr Wilkins will be back at work in Term 4, as will Mrs Perrett, with lots of stories about their travels. Ms Rankine won't be returning to Gympie Central in 2009. She has a Head of Curriculum position in Maryborough. Mrs Garrett will be working in that position for the first two weeks in Term 4 while an "Expression of Interest" is finalised for the position.

I look forward to seeing our students who have been invited to participate in the Summer School. Summer School occurs in Week 2 of these holidays. Times are 9:00am-12:30pm daily, with a half hour food break included.

Please stay safe on the holidays. Newspapers are full of sad stories. As staff, we always encourage the students to stop and think before they do something.

Warmest Wishes, Sandra

Strangers in the School

If you see someone in the school grounds after hours.
Please phone the police.

FREE DRESS DAY TOMORROW

Gold Coin Donation
(for fete)

*No Thongs / No Bare Bellies
No Singlets
No Offensive Slogans*

**School
Resumes
Monday
5 October**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 18	Last Day of School for Term 3
Monday, October 5	School Resumes for Term 4
Friday, October 9	Golf Lessons
Tuesday, October 13	Choral Fest
Tuesday & Wednesday, October 13 & 14	Year 3 Underwater World Camp
Wednesday, October 14	Year 4 Science Centre Excursion
Monday, October 19	Pupil Free Day
Saturday, November 14	Spring Fair

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 early next term.

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Returns

Please don't forget to have all books returned to the library by tomorrow – it would be great to start Term 4 with a clean slate and no over-due books. Children with over-due books will NOT be able to borrow books over the holidays.

Free Holiday Activities

If you are looking for something to do over the school holidays go no further than your local library. Lynn Aslop (Gympie Library) will be visiting all the libraries in the region over the holidays with stories, crafts and activities for school age children. Thank you to Ms Green for organising Lynn to visit our school in week 7. Lynn is a very enthusiastic lady and shared her joy of reading with our students.

Gympie Library:

Thursday 24th September 10.30 - 11.30
Thursday 1st October 10.30 – 11.30

Imbil Library:

Thursday 22nd September 10.30 – 11.30

Goomeri Library:

Wednesday 30th September 10.30 – 11.30

Kilkivan Library:

Wednesday 30th September 2.00 – 3.00

Tin Can Bay Library:

Wednesday 23rd September 10.30 – 11.30

Rainbow Beach Library:

Wednesday 23rd September 2.00 – 3.00

Happy Reading,
Mrs Kate Cartwright

TICK SEASON

Ticks are very active at the moment attaching themselves to humans and pets. Please check your children and pets for ticks especially the paralysis tick. Seek medical advice if you experience muscle weakness, **paralysis** or feel generally unwell after a **tick** bite. Search especially behind the ears, the back of the head, neck, groin, armpits and back of the knees. For more information please go to the Queensland Health website. www.health.qld.gov.au

P&C TREASURER POSITION VACANT

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

WANTED

Do you have any **wire coat hangers**? We'd like to collect some for Christmas art activities, along with some **shopping bags** (any colour)! If anybody has a **recorder** at home that is not being used, please think of donating it to the school, as we could always make use of them. Thank you!

MONKLAND STATE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

Monkland School first enrolled students on 24 September 1884 and was officially opened on 1 October 1884. We invite all past pupils and staff to join us at the school on Saturday 3 October 2009, to celebrate our 125th birthday. The day will commence at 11.00am with classroom displays and sign on for past staff and students. The official ceremony will commence at 1.30pm. For more information, contact Monkland School on 5489 8888.

ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY

Join us at Australia Zoo during our spring feeding frenzy! Now that the days are getting warmer, all of our animals are getting a little more active, and needing a little more energy. If you are aged between 7 and 12 you can join the zoo crew to help feed these hungry animals, as well as clean enclosures, produce enrichment and help out with training. It's all exclusive access and hands-on action, and a day you won't forget!

Places are limited so call **07 5436 2025** to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years **Price:** \$79 **Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap, lunch, photo with one of our animals **Duration:** 5 hours **Location:** Australia Zoo **Dates:** Saturday 19 September to 4 October 2009. Further details are available on our website <http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day>



TUCKSHOP TALK



Hello Everyone,

Holidays tomorrow - If you are traveling, please keep safe and have a lovely break.

Many thanks to Stephanie and Vicki for holding the fort while I am away. See you all after the holidays for busy Term 4.

Bye 'til next week... Lesley

ROSTER

FRIDAY, 18 September

Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES

Ainsley Butler
Rebekah Paterson
Michelle Weber

MONDAY, 5 October

Ken Thorburn

GROCERIES

Tanya Goody
Leaha Hosking

WEDNESDAY, 7 October

Tracy Phelan

GROCERIES

Leanne Sullivan
Colleen Lilley
Julie Austin

FRIDAY, 18 September

Vicki Hutley
Stephanie Butler

GROCERIES

Vaine Areora
Michelle Brook
Cheryl Glover

Grocery Ideas

Tinned Pineapple
Tinned Beetroot
Tinned Corn
Cordial / Alf foil
Saos / Jatz



Reminder:

**Lunch is now
First Break**

**Afternoon Tea
is now
Second Break**

Please write out your tuckshop order at home (on a piece of paper will be fine), so that children can get to class on time.

Thank you.

SPECIALS TOMORROW

Hot Dog & Cheese - \$2
Ice Cream & Jelly - 50c
Ice Cream Cone - 50c



James Nash 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. Below are our important dates to remember. We also have an informative website which displays important information and many other aspects of our school life. 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.

- 5-9 October 2009 - Visits to primary schools. Enrolment packages handed out to students.
- 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)

Visit our website - www.jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au

Gympie State High School **Important Dates 2009**

Friday 16 October

- Enrolments for 2010 due
- Enrolment packages can be collected from Gympie High with a school tour or an appointment

Friday 30 October

- We will be taking enrolments for laptop classes up to 30 October
- You can register your interest in a laptop enrolment by ringing Gympie High on 54898333 (you still need to complete Gympie High enrolment forms by 16 October)

Wednesday 9 December

- Year 7 Orientation Day

GYMPIE BLUE LIGHT

2009 Disco Dates

18 September 23 October

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

School Holiday Junior Tennis **Fun Tournaments**

Gympie Junior Tennis will be conducting 3 fun tournaments for any junior players from beginner to advanced level on **Tuesday 22nd September**, **Thursday 24th September** and **Tuesday 29th September** at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre. All events will be played in a round robin format and modified rules used for beginner level players. **Great prizes and a lucky player prize** drawn at each tournament. Members and non members welcome. The tournaments will run from **9.00am until 1.00pm** and **cost will be \$20.00 / player including morning tea and lunch. Family Discounts Apply. Entries close 10.00am on the day prior to the event with Brett Cottrill 0417 746795 or Matt Watkins 0417 070129.**

NIPPERS SEASON 2009/2010

Sign On Day and Proficiency Swims

This Sunday 13 September at the Tin Can Bay Pool at 10am-12.30pm. The proficiency swim for all nippers will also be completed on these two dates. Please bring a copy of birth certificates if not already provided. There will be a sausage sizzle following swims. First day of Nippers this year will be Sunday 27 September at 8am. For any questions please contact Debbie O'Brien on 0409 528 612.

JUNIOR CRICKET

The sign on for Season 2009 Gympie Junior Cricket will be held on Saturday 12th September 9am to 1pm at the Club House One Mile Oval in front of soccer field 11. Teams will be U7 who play on Friday afternoon, U9, U13 and U16 who play on Saturday mornings. New and previous players are most welcome to sign on to learn skills, sportsmanship, teamwork and have fun. For more information please contact Trevor Mahaffey ph: 0401066491 or Bob Haylock ph: 54854148.