From the Principal...

Welcome back to the final term of another school year! I am not sure where the time has gone but the year is disappearing rapidly and we are now revising plans for curriculum, classes and staffing for 2017.

Term 4 is always a really exciting and engaging one for the children at school and I look forward to seeing the students participate in our term 4 programs, Christmas concert on Thursday, 1 December and Year 6 leaving ceremony in the last week of the term.

Pupil Free Day
Monday, 17 October will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be involved in Professional Development at other schools around town. Please make sure this date is marked on your calendars.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C Meeting will be on Tuesday, 18 October at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in our new staffroom and everyone is welcome to come along. The best place to park will be in School / O’Connell Streets.

The main points of discussion are going to be about; The Great Gympie Duck Race, upcoming camps & student excursions and the progress of our new Annual Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan 2015-2019.

BOOKWEEK DRESS-UP PARADE
Thursday, 13 Oct

Strings Workshops next week
School Concert - 1 Dec
Social Emotional Learning
In conjunction with Anglicare, as part of our Social and Emotional learning, we will be implementing a social skills program with Justine Penny and our Chaplain Alison Lynch. The sessions are designed to enable students to develop the following skills: self-confidence, team building, determination, cooperation and decision-making skills. The activities will be based on the “Friends for Life” program developed by Dr. Paula Barrett, Pathways Health and Research Centre, Australia. They will be working with groups of children throughout the school to improve children’s ability to get along with peers, solve problems without conflict and maintain better friendships. Please be aware permission slips will be sent home before we work with a class or group of children.

Strings Workshops
Our strings students will be attending the Strings workshops being held at Gympie South State School next week. Parents are to provide transport for their child to and from the workshops. Permission slips must be returned to the office by next Monday.
- Tues, 11 October, 8-2.30pm (Beginners)
- Wed, 12 October, 8-2.30pm (Intermediate/Advanced)

Book Week Dress-up Parade
We will be celebrating Book Week with a parade on Thursday, 13 October, 9.15am. This year’s theme is Australia; Story Country. Students are encouraged to dress-up using the Australian theme or a book character. Parents are welcome to attend. Check out Google Images for Australian theme ideas.

Book Fair
Please note Book Fair will run from Tuesday, 18th to Monday, 24th October. It’s a great time to purchase items for Christmas and help raise funds for our school.

Year 5 Fraser Island Excursion - 30 November
Please note, letters will be sent home early next week.

Cheers,
Geoff

Congratulations
A big congratulations to Dhingi for taking part in the Gympie District Under 12 Boys Cricket last term. He was invited to play in the Possible v Probables match to trial for a Wide Bay team. Dhingi scored valuable runs in the first game and scored an amazing 50 in his second innings, also bowling some leg spinners. He didn’t make it into the Wide Bay team, however Mr Boyd was very impressed with his effort under pressure. Great job Dhingi - you have done Central proud!
Awards Presented on Parade - Friday, 16 September 2016

Prep S
Noah
Improving your attitude and effort.
Marlon
Making super progress with reading

Prep O
Miss O’Donnell
Being a great teacher for the week.
Louis
Improving reading levels.

1M
Toby
Great effort at swimming lessons.
Charlotte
Consistently being a responsible and caring class member.

1S
Ceanna
Amazing hop-scotch ability!
Ethan
Great effort with swimming

2S
Ella
Reaching her sight word goal
Sam
A wonderful effort at swimming lessons

2/3W
Mrs Walters
All your support and help this term. A Huge Thankyou.
Miss Mills
All your support and help this term. A Huge Thankyou.

3H
Lushtania
Being safe and respectful at swimming lessons.
Hamish
Being an enthusiastic learner who is always ready to share information with the class.

4H
Josh
Remarkable improvement in “Show Me” maths assessment
Chloe
Moving up three levels in reading

5G
Leila
Settling into a new school in a positive manner
Charlize
Settling into a new school in a positive manner

5/6G
Mrs Hole
Helping to keep Mr Grimshaw sane.
Jaide
Putting the effort into achieving learning goals

6L
Geeba
Showing a very good improvement in his results in mathematics.
Isobella
Showing a very good improvement in her results in Mathematics.
2016 SUMMER HOCKEY

REGISTER/COME & TRY DAY:
Wednesday 12th October from 5pm. Bring a friend along to have a go. Gear will be provided including sticks, shin pads and balls. Register as a team or as an individual. Registration forms and information available from control room.

RULES: 6-a-side, no hitting, no lifted balls, quarter field, must have good time. Great for beginners and people just wanting a social game.

WHEN: Juniors mixed (12 & Under boys & girls) – Wed, 5:15pm
Opens (men’s & women’s 13+) – Wednesday 6:30pm
Opens Mixed – Friday 6:30pm

STARTS: 19th October till 7th December – 8 weeks

COSTS: Juniors $40 per player & Opens & Mixed $60 per player

CONTACT: Ben Fitzpatrick 0417070129 or rcd@gympiehockey.org.au for more details.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS COACHING

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coach Matt Watkins will commence the Hot Shots Coaching program on Friday 14th October at Gympie Central State School. Lessons will be held Friday mornings from 8.00am to 8.40am. The program is for a minimum block of 7 weeks. Costs will be $70.00/pupil or $130.00 for 2 children in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week.

Please return this form to the office or register with Matt by Thursday 13th October.

Name..................................................... Age............ Grade..............
Phone/s....................................................
Parent/Guardian Signature..............................................
Email......................................................

To Register for Term 4 phone Matt Watkins on 0417070129.
Cash payment or Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
Vacation Care
Gympie Central SS
Music Room
For More Information
Tel 0437 665 966 or Tel 0448 522 186

Exciting opportunities for film makers and lovers of all ages

The 2016 Heart of Gold International Film Festival offers four days and nights of short films which are heartwarming, thought-provoking and hopeful. Added to the sessions are Master Classes with accomplished film makers. Try your hand at “Making a Hybrid Documentary” and / or “Directing Comedy.” Sunday is family day with drop-in, free workshops with Ludo Studio, creators of the ABC TV’s “Doodles” animation program.

Important news for high school film makers that the deadline for entries in the Young (er) at Heart competition has been extended until Monday 26th Sept. Submit a film to have a chance to see your creativity on the big screen.

WHEN? 6 - 9 October 2016

WHERE? Gympie Civic Centre
Please check the website for details of the exciting sessions and Master Classes. www.heartofgold.com.au and keep an eye on our Facebook page.