THURSDAY’S TIDINGS
‘The Weekly Newsletter of Gympie Central State School’

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Turning young children into lifelong learners...

From the Principal...

Reminder: With the Christmas cheer amidst our school, many children have in past years handed out candy canes to their classmates. Many students then start their school day having eaten their gift. I am asking that we hold off Candy Cane gifts until next week.

School Concert
Tonight we will be holding our annual school concert at the Gympie Civic Centre. There is a pre-concert Sausage Sizzle from 5pm until 5.45pm. Please ensure you are on time if you would like to eat dinner before the concert as COOKING will stop at 5.40pm.

Students MUST wear school uniform and are to be seated at 5:45pm. Doors open to parents/families at 5:55pm with the concert commencing at 6.00pm. A copy of the program was sent home yesterday with the oldest child in each family. The order of events is shown over page. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please note all students join together for the final song at the end of the evening. We encourage all families to remain seated and enjoy this final performance and to minimise disruption during the evening. Please remember to be considerate of other people when filming such events. In past years, people have been standing in isles holding up electronic devices during performances clearly interrupting the view of fellow members of the audience.

Report Cards & Book Lists
Please note Report Cards and 2017 Booklists will be sent home tomorrow.

REMINDER
Permissions and payments for all upcoming events happening next week need to be finalised by tomorrow as we need to pre-pay the various venues in advance. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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END OF YEAR CONCERT
Tonight, 1st December
5.45pm at the Civic Centre
Sausage Sizzle starts at 5pm

Prep Awards presented on parade tomorrow at 9am
All welcome!
**Year 6 Farewell & Awards Ceremony — Monday, 5 Dec**

Our Year 6 Farewell & Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday December 5th, arriving at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start. The evening will consist of a BBQ and the presentation of our major awards as well as certificates to all students. Parents and staff will have a chance to talk and indulge in a light barbequed meal provided by our P & C. The evening will conclude with the cutting of the cake.

**Calling Year 5 Parents**—We would like to maintain a tradition in our school, where parents of year 5 students come in and serve the meal (most salads are purchased ready to serve). You would be needed to help for no longer than two hours. Your assistance allows the parents of Year 6 students the opportunity to watch the ceremony and enjoy the celebration with their child. If you and your child can help please let the office or myself know as soon as possible.

**Classes for 2017**

I am currently organising the classes for 2017. Due to the numbers of children in year 4, 5 and 6 we will need to form one composite class resulting in a year 4/6 composite class and two classes each for the following year levels; prep, 1, 2 and 3. If you have any concerns on the placement of your child, please either put them in writing via email (gpell1@eq.edu.au) or a letter addressed to the Principal. I do not believe in streaming classes according to academic ability and classes are formed in consultation with staff to ensure we can get the best academic outcomes possible for all children. Please note that concerns regarding placement for your child will be considered on three major considerations: social, emotional and academic.

The final make up of classes is unable to be determined until the Day 8 allocation process is completed. As numbers stand at the moment, the class breakdown will be as follows:

- Prep — Miss Kay Skinner
- Prep — Mrs Jo Widdop
- Year 1 — Mrs Sally Meredith
- Year 1 — Mrs Julie Sandrini
- Year 2 — Miss Meghan Sullivan
- Year 2 — Mrs Jo Roberts
- Year 3 — Ms Sharron Harcourt
- Year 3 — Mrs Monique Olsen
- Year 4 — Mrs Kerri Goves
- Year 5 — Mr Joseph Barbaro
  - Acting Duties Term 1, Replacement TBA
- Year 4/6 — Miss Philippa Hahn
- Year 6 — Mr Vic Luck

I will release the proposed class lists with next week’s newsletter.

**Pink Stumps Day - Tuesday, 6 December**

See over for more information. Classes 2/3W and 3H will be selling, handmade bookmarks, badges and masks for 20cents and decorated biscuits for 50cents during first and second breaks on Tuesday, 6 December. All money will go to the Pink Stumps Day organisation.

**Movie Excursion—Thursday, 7 December**

Reminder: As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, we are rewarding Prep-Yr5 children with a trip to the movies. Parents will need to pay a contribution of $5 towards the outing. Year 6 students are rewarded with an excursion to Noosa with a parent contribution of $15. Students who have met the school’s behaviour expectations have been invited to attend these functions. Students had to meet two criteria in order to be eligible to attend these excursions. They will need:

- C or better for behaviour, on their report card
- 90% or better attendance rate.

**Free Dress Day / Break-Up Day (Pizza) - Thurs, 8 December**

Please note our Break-Up Pizza Day is also free dress. Permissions and payments for pizza are due now. We are also asking families to donate a gold coin or an item for a Christmas Hamper eg food, bonbons, etc to help support the Fuller family over Christmas.

**School Magazine Orders**

Our School Magazine - ‘Off the Slate’ is in production. ONLY magazines that are pre-ordered will be printed, so ensure you don’t miss out by reserving your copy. If you would like to purchase a copy – please return the order form shown over TOGETHER with $5 in an envelope to reserve your ‘Off The Slate’ Magazine. All pre-ordered copies will be available in the last week of school.

**End of Year Concert Program**

**Gympie Civic Centre**

**Tonight, 1st December**

5.00pm Pre-Concert Sausage Sizzle
5:45pm All students / staff to be seated
5:55pm Doors open to parents / families
6.00pm Welcome by Principal
  - Year 1,2,3 dancers
  - String Ensemble
  - Beginner Strings
  - Prep O & Prep S
  - Year 1M & Year 1S
  - Solo Performance
  - Year 2S, Year 2/3W and Year 3H
  - Year 4H and Year 5G
  - Solo Performance
  - Year 5 and 6 drumming
  - Year 4H and Year 5G
  - Year 5/6G and Year 6L
  - Duet
  - Choir
  - Instrumental Music Awards
  - Choir Announcement of 2017 School Leaders
  - Whole School Performance
Enrolments Open for 2017
Enrolments are open for Prep to Year 6. If you, or anyone you know, is considering starting a new student at our school in the new year, please have them contact us ASAP.

Student Banking
Tomorrow is the last day of this term for Student Banking.

Duck Race
Thank you to all our families and the community for supporting our Great Gympie Duck Race last Saturday. The weather helped our ducks make it down the river in record time.

Cheers, Geoff...

Reminder: School Dental Forms
If you wish your child/ren to be seen, please return the dental form to the school office immediately. Dental van staff will contact you to arrange an appointment. If you have any enquiries, please phone the dental staff on 0412 365 164.

FREE DRESS DAY
Thursday, 8 Dec
Xmas Hamper Item or Gold Coin Donation

Awards Presented on Parade - Friday, 25 November 2016

Prep S  Thor   Having a keen attitude to learning and being a friendly class member.
        Jeffrace  Neat handwriting and bright artwork.
Prep O  Lukas  Being a caring friend.
        Emelia   Awesome progress in maths.
1M     Caleb   Achieving his reading goal.
        Toby     Achieving his reading goal.
1S     Mika    Working hard in maths.
        Thomas  Completing all his Year 1 sight words.
2S     Charlotte Presenting a great Science poster to the class.
        Lahni   Doing a great job with her Science poster presentation.
2/3W  Rose     Your outstanding enthusiasm to write Poems, meeting all the criteria to a very high standard.
        Jessica Your enthusiasm in writing Poems and meeting all the criteria to a very good standard.
3H     Fioverta Working on being an active listener.
        Cameron  Working on being an active listener.
4H     Melissa  Assisting her classmate to complete their cereal box project.
        Gwen    Assisting her classmate to complete their cereal box project.
5G     Takaylee Team work.
        Hayley  A great speech.
6L     Sam      Choosing the right path every day, even when it is less travelled.
        Jack    Recognising the value of learning and encouraging others to this view.
Our annual School Magazine, ‘Off The Slate’ is currently in production. The magazine will be printed in colour and full of wonderful memories, including classroom pages, heaps of photos, special events, the Honour Roll and much, much more. It is a great keepsake for children (and parents) of the 2016 school year.

**ONLY magazines that are pre-ordered** will be printed, so ensure you don’t miss out by reserving your copy. If you would like a copy – **please return the order form TOGETHER with $5 by Friday, 2 December.**

All pre-ordered copies will be available in the last week of school.

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**ORDER FORM: SCHOOL MAGAZINE – Off The Slate 2016**

Students Name: ____________________________________________  Class: ____________

Please reserve ___________ copy / copies of the school magazine.

☐ I have enclosed payment of $5.00 (per magazine).

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**PINK STUMPS DAY**

Tuesday, 6 December
1.30pm-3.00pm
All Welcome!

This will be a schoolwide Term 4 fundraiser for Breast Cancer research with a T20 blast (20 over game next Tuesday) with music etc. to make it more fun.

Our target is $250.

Donations over $20 should be done on the website link to Pink Stumps Day; less than $20 to the school office in an envelope if receipt required or just add money to the tin on the office counter.


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Please note:
Uniform shop will be open on the Pupil Free Days next year
19th & 20th January 2017
Times TBA

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**FOR SALE**

GYMPIE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

2016 School Magazine
‘Off The Slate’
Hello Parents
Attached is our program for the Christmas Holidays. We have limited spaces for each day so please book your child/ren in as soon as possible.
On the holidays we operate from 6.30am-6.30pm. We are located at Gympie Central State School Music Room (Corner of Myall and Lawrence Street). We are CCB and CCR approved.
Please contact Matilda on 0437 665 966 for any further information.
Thanks,
Matilda Radford, Lead Co-ordinator

### OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
**Vacation Care at Gympie Central SS**

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<td>Make your favourite instrument and make some noise!!!</td>
<td>Christmas Fancy Dress for a visit to Gympie Retirement Home</td>
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<td>Gooey Science Experiments</td>
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<td>Trip to the Movies + Popcorn and Drink $15</td>
<td>Children's Masterchef -baking up a storm</td>
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<td>Nature Walk: around the school + Artwork using nature</td>
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FOR SALE
Second Hand Violins (x2)
3/4 size - good condition
Tel 0400 829 779

FOR SALE
Alto Saxophone
Plays well, good condition plus sax stand and music stand
$200 ring Sally - Tel 5483 5389

Christmas Holiday Twilight Junior Tennis Fun
Gympie and District Junior Tennis Association coaches Brett Cottrill and Matt Watkins will be conducting 8 Fun Events and coaching clinics in the holidays on Monday 12th Dec, Tuesday 13th Dec, Wednesday 14th Dec and Thursday 15th Dec (1st week) and Monday 16th Jan, Tuesday 17th Jan, Wednesday 18th Jan and Thursday 19th Jan (Last week) at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd. The tournaments will be held from 5.00pm until 7.30pm. Costs $20 for 1 event, $35 for 2 events, $45 for 3 events and $60 for all 4 events in the same week. Great prizes and plenty of tennis for all. Levels from beginners to advanced are welcome. Family Discounts. Sausage sizzle and or pizza included at each event.

Enquiries and bookings to Brett Cottrill 0417 746795. Entries for each tournament close 4.00pm day prior to the event.