From the Principal...

Learning Goals

Personal learning goals are about improving students’ learning and achievement and building students’ capacity to learn.

They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential. It has been great to have children come up to me during class visits and tell me they have reached their goals and what they are going to try and achieve next. The joy in a kid’s face is priceless.

Please take the time to ask your child about the learning goals they have at the moment. Then ask them how long will it take for them to achieve their goals. Remember to keep checking on their progress throughout the semester.

Please ensure your children arrive in plenty of time to commence learning at 8.50am.

WEEKLY ROUTINES

Commencement of Class (8.50am - 3.00pm)
First Break (10.50am - 11.30am) / Second Break (1pm - 1.40pm)
PARADE 9.00am Friday
Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Open Mon / Wed / Fri
Student Banking Friday am
Library - Mrs Greentree Tuesday - Friday
LOTE - Frau Fish Monday / Tuesday
P.E. - Mr Boyd Mon / Tues / Fri
Music - Mrs Meads Wednesday / Friday
Inst. Music (Strings) - Mrs Patrick Tuesday
Inst. Music (W/B/P) - Mrs Morrow Thursday

Remember to drink lots of water to keep hydrated in this extremely hot weather.

LIFE EDUCATION 22nd, 23rd, 27th & 28th Feb

Great state. Great opportunity.
Reminder: Life Education Lessons
Letters were sent home recently to the oldest child in each family regarding Life Education Lessons. Please return permission forms and payment of $7 per child by tomorrow.

Lessons will commence by Niki on Wednesday, 22 February. Session times for each class are listed on the front page under Upcoming Events. I have also included a brief outline of the content of the lessons. Should you wish to find out more about the Life Education Program, we encourage you to attend a free Visitor’s Information Session (approx. 30mins in duration) in the Life Education mobile classroom on Wednesday, 22 February at 3.00pm.

The Early Primary programs focus on: Basic physics; Importance of nutritious food, water, fresh clean air, exercise and sleep to maintain health; Sun protection; Safe and unsafe use of medicines; Identifying potentially unsafe aspects of the environment and ways to safely deal with them (eg. finding a syringe in the playground).

Middle School programs focus on: Basic physics; Safe and unsafe use of medicines; Bullying and communication skills; Cyber safety; Making informed choices.

The Upper Primary programs focus on: The effects of non-medical legal drugs (eg. nicotine and alcohol); How children can effectively deal with influences to join in unsafe situations; Dealing with potentially harmful substances; Making informed choices.

It is most important that your child participates in Life Education every year as the program builds on itself in a cumulative fashion.

Robogals
A representative from the University of Queensland will be visiting our school tomorrow to run a Robogals workshop where participating students get a chance to learn about what engineering is and experience it through the use of Lego Mindstorms robots. We focus on problem-solving and creative activities. We offer workshops to co-ed and girls-only groups. Our workshops are freely available to ensure that all students get a chance to experience engineering in a hands-on way regardless of their financial situation. Sessions will be offered to robotics club students first then others if space is available.

Reminder: Instrumental Music Program for Years 3-6
Loan agreements and payments are due now to ensure your child continues in this program. Mrs Morrow’s students will be invited to join a beginner band rehearsal before school to help accelerate their learning. This will happen at 8am in the Music Room. Commencement date will be advised soon.

Please note it is not recommended that you purchase musical instruments eg violins, etc from supermarkets for use in our Instrumental Music Program due to their poor quality. Music stands are fine to purchase from these outlets but not the instruments. Thank you.

Reminder: Birth Certificates for Prep Students
Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, schools are required to sight a child’s birth certificate at the time of their application for enrolment in a State School. Failure to provide a birth certificate may affect your child’s entitlement to enrolment at this school. If you are unable to provide a copy of your child’s birth certificate, please contact the Principal as soon as possible.


Reminder: SMS Absence Notification System
Our SMS Absence Notification System to communicate unexplained student absences is up and running. If your child is absent from school you will receive an SMS text message that morning to your mobile phone asking to explain the absence. If your child arrives after 8.50am, please ensure your child/ren report to the office to sign in to ensure you do not receive one of these messages. There may be some teething problems initially, so please contact the office by phone if you have any concerns regarding the message you have received.

School Matters!

STUDENT ABSENCE HOTLINE
Ph: 5480 2166
Please use this message service to report student absences. It is available 24hrs a day so feel free to report absences after hours if this is more convenient. You will need to continue to direct all other enquiries to our usual school phone number. After the tone please leave your name, child’s name and class, when, why and duration of their absence. Thank you.
**Reminder: Weekly Newsletter**
The school newsletter is forwarded home each Thursday. This is a great way of communicating with families about what is going on in our school. We are endeavouring to get all families where possible to receive their newsletter by email. For the first few weeks we will be sending a paper copy home with the oldest child in each family. If you are currently on our email list or have recently provided us with an email address at the time of enrolment, we will use this to send your copy of the newsletter electronically within the next few weeks. If you still require a paper copy after that please let us know as soon as possible. If you do not currently receive your newsletter by email and would like to be included on our list please let us know. Newsletters are also available on our school website as well as QSchools. Go Green!!!

*Cheers, Geoff...*

**Reminder: Yearly Voluntary Contribution**
As stated on your child’s book list we are requesting a yearly voluntary contribution/levy from each child towards paper, tissues, online licences, etc. Please forward money in an envelope marked with your child/ren’s name/s and class to the school office as soon as possible. The contribution if $15 per child.

**Lost property**
The lost property box is located under the A Block building, near the stairs closest to the new office. If your child is missing any items, please come and have a look. There are a number of lunchboxes that have not been claimed, so if your Tupperware cupboard is looking a little bit lighter than it did last year, come and have a look. Please take the time to clearly label all of your child/children’s belongings. A tip for hats is to get an iron on patch or there name or initials embroidered into the sides, so your child is able to identify their hat easily.

**EFTPOS**
Just a reminder that we have EFTPOS facilities available in the school office for payment of all school excursions and activities.
- We accept Mastercard, Visa and all Australian bank, building society and credit union cards.
- Schools are not authorised to accept Mastercard or Visa payments for transactions of less than $10.
- Schools are not authorised to provide a ‘cash out’ option.
*Please note that the P&C do not have EFTPOS facilities at this stage, so all payments for uniforms and tuckshop will still need to be made via the tuckshop by cash or cheque only.* Thank you.

**Tuckshop**
**TOMORROW’S SPECIAL**
Cupcakes $1

**ROSTER**
FRIDAY, 17 Feb
Bobbie Black
G Groceries: Rebecca Holbert

MONDAY, 20 Feb
Samantha Saraber

WEDNESDAY, 22 Feb
Theresa Jones
G Groceries: Karen Hawkins

****** REMINDERS ******
- Please write your order clearly using blue or black pen.
- Noodles, cups of soups, etc need to be handed in to the Tuckshop before first break. Please note there will be a 50c fee to cover costs.
- Please do not use staples or sticky tape on your tuckshop orders (paper bags) - just FOLD, FOLD, FOLD.

**Tuckshop & Uniform Shop Operating Times**
- **Mondays**: Open First Break ONLY (till 11.30am ONLY)
- **Wednesdays & Fridays**: Open Both Breaks

**Breakfast Club**
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

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**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)**
Gympie Central SS
*For More Information*
Tel 0437 665 966 or 0448 522 186
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 6.30am-9.00am & 2.30pm-6.00pm (school terms)
Vacation Care: Mon-Fri 6.30am-6.00pm (excluding public holidays)
## Awards Presented on Parade - Friday, 10 February 2017

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<th>Sharnaya</th>
<th>Showing confidence at being a good learner.</th>
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<td>Alani</td>
<td>Your participations in class and always doing your best.</td>
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<td>Tallina</td>
<td>Always ‘having a go’ at everything. Great Job.</td>
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<td>Lillyenna</td>
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<td>Being a respectful and kind student.</td>
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<td>Louis</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Being very organised with changing her reader.</td>
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<td>Charlie</td>
<td>Great expression in his reading.</td>
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<td>Alexis</td>
<td>Working hard to stay on Green.</td>
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<td>Consistently trying his best.</td>
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<td>Jasmin</td>
<td>Being a really thoughtful and caring friend to others.</td>
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<td>Gabby</td>
<td>Enthusiastically participating in our ‘You Can Do It’ program and sharing great advice with her classmates.</td>
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<td>Being a learner who always contributes to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Being a learner who is brave enough to try new things.</td>
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<td>Maddison</td>
<td>Role modelling excellent friendship skills.</td>
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<td>Sophie</td>
<td>A fantastic effort with her Science research on adaptations of the Echidna.</td>
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<td>Shannon</td>
<td>Working diligently with his group to complete the ‘Camouflage Investigation’ in Science.</td>
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<td>Maddison</td>
<td>Persisting when things get difficult in Maths.</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>Making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Sophie</td>
<td>Taking care to do her best and focus on the details.</td>
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<td>Hayley</td>
<td>Adding flair to her keen and organised student persona.</td>
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### Tennis Gympie Primary School Challenge (Years 1 to 6)

Tennis Gympie will be holding the 1st Primary School Challenge of 2017 at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Road on **Thursday 16th February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm**

The cost is $10 per player, $15 for 2 players from the same family or $20 for 3 or more players from the same family **including a free sausage sizzle**. The challenges will be based on our Hot Shots Tennis in Schools programs and Holiday Fun Tournament events and all players will be placed into groups of appropriate skill levels (eg Red, Orange and Green Ball Levels). Heaps of fun and prizes and a chance to represent your school.

**Note:** Players from the winning school must play a minimum of 4 challenges to be eligible for a medallion.