A note from the Principal:
The first two weeks of school have gone quickly with the children settling well into their routines and classroom activities. It was a great pleasure to attend the school parades on Friday; I was very impressed with the exemplary behaviour and respect of all the students as they listened to the speakers and politely applauded the children receiving awards. It was lovely to have parents attend and I look forward to catching up with many of you after next week’s parades. I would also like to congratulate our senior students who spoke beautifully when delivering the focus of this week’s behaviour expectations.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
Congratulations to all the senior leaders who were shortlisted for leadership and delivered inspiring speeches to their peers and staff last Friday. A special welcome to our new school captains, Zyaannah M & Ethan W and our school vice captains, Hannah M & Clinton S. We look forward to you leading our school in 2014.

TUCKSHOP
I would like to say a very special thank you to our tuckshop ladies, especially our convenor, Jo McEwan. They have done an excellent job feeding our children and staff in the first few weeks, providing a wide choice of healthy food at very reasonable prices. If you would like to help out in the Tuckshop or in the classroom, please contact us; parent helpers are vital to the success of our school activities.

P&C
Thank you to all parents and community members who attended our first P&C meeting of the year. It is great to see all the enthusiasm for fundraising and improving of the school grounds. I apologise for not being well enough to attend, I am looking forward to meeting all the members of the new committee over the next few weeks. If you cannot make P&C meetings but would like to raise or discuss issues, please feel free to email, phone or drop in to the administration office.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
– Everyday counts – please ensure your child is at school by 8.50am every day ready to start their learning. Through working together and valuing school attendance we give our children the best chance to improve their academic learning. The table following shows the effect of absence.

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HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN
Parents/Carers can support their child’s learning through ensuring homework is completed and reading is occurring every day. Together we work as a team, children, parents and staff, to help improve the learning outcomes for our children.
THUMBS UP
On Friday I presented awards to students who were very respectful and responsible and had displayed the expectations of our weekly SWPB focus. I also congratulated students who had worked hard with their reading in class or at home. Congratulations to the following students.

6/7C Hannah M has been responsible in picking up rubbish when taking part in her zoology survey and she always participates in class discussions.

6/7C Reegan S, is working hard with his reading.

1N Kayleigh M working hard with her reading.

1N Caitlin O, respecting school property by turning pages over responsibly and respecting her teacher by actively listening.

2B Brady W reading very confidently with great comprehension and retell this week.

2B Kayla B being a respectful student in the classroom and during learning sessions.

2G Reading success: Shelby D.

2G Kayleigh H, being responsible and respectful.

5/6B respectful in learning settings – Mia W.

5/6B Reading effort and success – Jordyn R.

1B Reading - Zachary W.

1B Respect/Responsible/great worker - Alice F.

4/5L Jordan B for reading he has been sharing his interest in a library book titled Codes and Ciphers.

4/5L Ben R for being respectful and responsible.

3R Shanae K - Showing lots of respect and following school rules.

6/7K Hazel B - being respectful and responsible.

6/7K Kyle M - great attitude with reading.

PM Kylah F - for exemplary behaviour in class.

PM Levi H- for lovely book work and always trying his best.

4N Working Hard at Reading - Serenity P and Flynn P.

4N Responsible and Respectful - Grace P and Kira S.

2/3C Darcy H and Dylan F deserve special mention for exceptional homework efforts this week!

PF Kate F - polite and well mannered.

PF Eli R – great reading.

5W Courtney M for beautiful writing and excellent use of vocabulary.

3S Responsible and respectful student - Elouise T.

3S A great reader - Zac D.

A special mention for Ebony Moy who dropped by to share her knowledge of synonyms and antonyms and Elouise T who read a beautiful story to me that she had written. I have included it in the newsletter for us all to enjoy.

I would like to personally thank Joshua and Mia W for their lovely letters of welcome, and would like them to know I like it very much at Jones Hill SS and I think the students and teachers are superb.

Kind regards Helen Grogan.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
Please note that students will not receive text books included in the student resource scheme until payment is received or arrangement for payment has been made.

BOOK FAIR
The first of our two Book Fairs for the year will commence on Monday March 10 and finish on Friday March 14. Book Fairs are run from the library and are virtually a ‘mobile book shop’ for that week. Book Fairs provide a great opportunity to promote literature and a love of books. The library receives commission on each item sold, so by supporting Book Fair you’re also supporting the school and library resourcing. ☺ More details will follow as the dates get closer. Hope to see you there, Regards Max

SCHOOL PARADES
All parades will be held in the school hall. Parents and friends welcome.

- Years 4 to 7 – Friday morning 9am
- Prep to Year 3 – Friday afternoon 2:30pm
ZONE SPORTS TRIALS
Below are the details for students wishing to nominate for Zone Sports Trials.
Students MUST be nominated by through the School by the Due Date to be eligible for selection.
Forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the school by 9am Friday February 14 (no late forms will be accepted)
Students can only nominate for one Sport on 20th February (AFL or Softball) as the Wide Bay Trials are at the same time.
Students can only nominate for one Sport on 26th February (Touch or Basketball) as the Wide Bay Trials are at the same time.
Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from trials.

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Last Friday some of the year 6 and 7, Gold and Platinum students, gave their speeches to apply for School Captain. All of the students did an excellent job in presenting their speeches and should be proud of themselves. Congratulations goes to Zyannah M and Ethan W on becoming the 2014 School Captains and Hannah M and Clinton S on becoming our Vice Captains. All four students will do an excellent job in representing our school. They will be presented with their badges on parade on the 21st of February.
The House Captains will give their speeches this Friday and will be presented with their badges on the 21st.
At the same parade our leadership team will also receive their badges. We would like parents to be part of the presentation and pin the badge on their child. Only Gold and Platinum students will be part of the leadership team. This will provide a group of excellent role models for the other students at Jones Hill.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) WEEKLY UPDATE
SWPBS relies on acknowledging and encouraging appropriate behaviour
• Look for appropriate behaviour – always
• Provide acknowledgement immediately
• State the appropriate behaviour “You’re walking on the concrete, that’s being Safe.”
• Vary statements of acknowledgement
• Avoid giving praise continually without reason
• Be sincere, smile

Weekly Focus:
This week our focus is Learning/Safety/Respect/Relationship – toilets. Every class will be engaged in a lesson designed to teach the following expectations:
- Use toilets correctly
- Wash hands after using toilets
- Go directly to and from toilets
- Report any inappropriate behaviour or damage to facilities
- Know and use toilet routines

Parents, teachers and students working together make a powerful team!

STUDENT STORY
“Are we there yet?”
“We’re almost there Elouise, but can’t you see we are still driving?” said my dad. We were four-wheel-driving to an island named ‘The Island of Green’ and it was surrounded by the beautiful blue ocean. We were hiring a beach house there and it would be wonderful, just wonderful. “Elouise, guess what! We are here now! See I told you it wouldn’t be long.”
“Yippeeee!” I cried.
“Elouise, keep your voice down just a bit or you will wake your baby sister, Estelle up.” Said mum in a quiet whispering voice.
“Yes darling, it is just over there.” said mum pointing to a small yellow house with a red door. It was on the seaside just as I had thought.
We started putting everything away in the beach house neatly. First we put the kitchen things away. Next, we put our own things in our own bedrooms. After that, we put the things in the dining room and the lounge room.
We went exploring around the beach. We found lots of shells and stones and we also found some drift wood? We saw a big cliff, a volcano, (it was not erupting) and we also went to a wonderful, beautiful, very green lookout.
That night I had a great sleep. When I woke up I heard crashing and roaring outside of the beach house! I looked out my bedroom window and I suddenly saw the tide coming in very close to our beach house! The waves were roaring and groaning so loud! I ran into my sister, Ava’s room and woke her up. I did the same with Mum and Dad. We started getting everything out of the beach house, loaded it into the car and drove to a nearby shop so we didn’t get washed away. We kept on watching the gigantic storm until the tide went back in and luckily the water didn’t touch the beach house!
“Phew!” I cried. “That was close.”
We stayed there for a month after that day and luckily nothing went wrong again.
We went home and lived happily ever after.
The End. – written by Elouise T
BEACH PARTY DISCO
Friday February 28 from 5:30 to 8:00pm for Nippers aged 7 to 13 years. Sausage sizzle, drinks, ice blocks and chips. Gold coin entry with funds raised to go towards Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

**AFL SCHOOL COMPETITION**
Sunshine Coast AFL are running an School AFL Competition for Yr4-5 students. The program will consist of 2 weeks of skills sessions at lunchtime followed by 4 weeks of reduced contact games at the Gympie Cats AFC ground. Buses will be provided for transport after school to the AFL ground. First skills session will be held next Friday 21st from 11:15 – 11:40 (bring runners)

**Come down and have some fun!!**
More information for parents about competition handed out at first session.

**Forms for the AFL School competition will be available from the school office Wednesday.**

**AUSKICK**
Come on down and give Auskick a go!

**Week 1 – come and try (free) then join for 7 weeks of fun.**

**Where:** Jones Hill State School Oval  
**When:** Every Friday till Week 10 of Term 1

**Time:** 3:30pm  
**Length of session:** 45-60minutes  
**Cost:** $65

Come on down to our Auskick clinic on your oval.  
Kick footies around with your mates.  
Grab a flyer from the school office and sign up for AFL Auskick at your school!  
Payment plans can be accessed. Enrol online at [www.auskick](http://www.auskick) or at the first session.

See you down there!

**BASKETBALL SIGN ON DATES**
Under 16 and Under 10 – Monday February 3 and 10 from 4:15pm to 6pm – The Pavilion 77 Exhibition Road – for further details contact Matt 0413 164 742 or Sonia 0417 703 528

**GYMPIE HOCKEY SIGN ON**
Friday 14 February 5pm to 7:30pm, Saturday 15 February 10am to 2pm Beginners Welcome - From 5yo to seniors - Get in the Game vouchers accepted. Contact Catherine 0407 506 853. [www.gympiehockey.org.au](http://www.gympiehockey.org.au)

**SOCCER SIGN-ON**
Saturday February 15 – 9am to 2pm at Gympie Soccer club house for more information pick up a brochure from the school office.

**SKIRMISH COMPETITION**
The Parent Support Group for the Hervey Bay Army Cadet Unit. (18ACU) is organising a Laser Skirmish Competition to help raise funds for the Cadet Unit and we would like to invite you, your school, teachers, students, families and friends to enter a team for this great event. This is a great event to build team and leadership skills through a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy. WHERE: The Competition will be held at Flame Lily Adventures, Burrum Heads Road, Burrum River, Queensland (See Map)WHEN: Competition dates are: Saturday 22nd March and Sunday 23rd March. (Friday 21st, from 4pm, is allocated to teams who have to travel reasonable distances to allow set up camp and register if they wish so.) AGE: Activities are suitable for everyone from age 7+ ENTER FEES: $70.00 Per Team Member TEAMS: Teams will consist of 10 members PRIZES: The winning team of the skirmish competition will receive $1000.00 Second place will receive $600.00 The team with the fastest time on the Commando Course will receive $100.00.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**
Fridays - 8:30am to 9:30am  
No EFTPOS - Cash/cheque only  
Enquiries Jill Wells 0408 064 744  
7am to 6pm Monday to Friday

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**SCHOOL BANKING**
Fridays - 8:15am to 9:00am  
No banking till February 14  
In the tuckshop office  
For information see Kate

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**TUCKSHOP**
First break only Orders in before 9am  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
Online Ordering Now Available  
See the office or Jo for details - Jo McEwan – 5489 0534