SPECIAL PARADE NEWS
Parade this Friday will have a whole school parade at 9:00am in the hall. This special parade will include a badge ceremony for our School, House Captains and school leadership team. We appreciate parents and families attending and supporting the student leaders along with our children in a quiet and respectful manner. There will be NO afternoon parade this Friday.

A note from the Principal:
Yesterday we welcomed Mr Steven Case to our school. Mr Case is the Assistant Regional Director for the North Coast Region and it is always a pleasure to share with Steve what is happening in our school. We reviewed Jones Hill Great Results Guarantee agreement, outlining how we would spend our grant, to improve the numeracy and literacy outcomes of our students. A copy of our agreement is attached to the newsletter.

STAFFING NEWS:
This week, we welcome back Mr Wayne Alexander from leave and thank Mrs Stacey Seed for stepping in as acting deputy. We also welcome Sara Dawson and Debbie Coates to join us in our numeracy and literacy teams as part of our Great Results Guarantee initiative.

NAPLAN:
Together we work to help our students improve their academic outcomes. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 children will sit the NAPLAN tests for Numeracy and Literacy in May of this year. Everyday our teachers are preparing students for these tests across all year levels, with a readiness program now in place to ensure students have the skills and confidence to take the tests. 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.

TUCKSHOP:
Our volunteers do an excellent job under Jo’s guidance offering a wonderful menu to our children four days a week. However we need more volunteers to help on the day, please see Jo or the ladies in the office if you can help out. We need two to three volunteers each day to share the workload, volunteers get a free lunch. It is a great way to meet other parents and your children love having you at school. If you can’t donate your time then donations of fresh fruit and vegetables would be greatly appreciated. The following are always needed, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, tinned pineapple and beetroot. Remember all funds raised from the tuckshop go back to supporting our children’s educational resources.

LEADERSHIP TEAM:
Congratulations to all the students who nominated for house leader positions and delivered speeches to their peers last Friday, it takes a lot of confidence to get up and speak in front of your peers. Well done to those who gained a position and will work alongside the school captains and vice captains in leading the school in 2014. On Friday we will celebrate the investiture of our leaders with a whole school parade at 9.00am in the hall, all parents, family and community members are most welcome.

PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE:
It has been brought to my attention that a number of unsafe practices are endangering the lives of our children when dropping off or picking up their children. A number of people are parking on the crossing at the front of the school, obstructing the view of children on the crossing to travelling motorists. We also have children running out between parked cars and buses to get to their parents parked across the road.
If you cannot find a park in front of the school, please wait outside the fence to collect your child and walk them safely back to your car. We all love our children and want to keep them safe.
THUMBS UP
Last week I invited teachers to identify a student from their class who had put in a great effort with their writing tasks. Congratulations to the following students.

- Georgia F, the topic she was writing about was called “All about Me”. Her writing demonstrated quality because her letter formation was clear; she demonstrated some structural elements and her ideas and responses were thoughtful.
- Ruby H & Jasper S both worked hard on their English assessment pieces.
- Liam B tried to extend his use of evaluative language.
- Great writers, Emily B and Joseph G.
- Ryan Freidman, Charlie M and Thomas F for always ‘having a go’ at writing.
- Lara B for trying hard with sounding out.
- Arlow M and Rachel D ~ Olympic writing efforts!
- Connor E for taking great care with all his writing activities.
- Chloe S, incorporating effective paragraphs in writing and providing good detail.
- Amalia D: Providing good detail in writing samples.
- Angel B - Writing great sentences and excellent spelling attempts.
- Josephine Y - Excellent effort with having her own ideas for writing sentences.
- Great effort in writing, Ebony A and Lincoln S.
- Working hard with writing tasks, Deck R and Tully M.
- Denver S from 5W for working despite his injured hand.

A special commendation to the following students, for keeping the school clean: Ashley M and Shannan J.

Kind regards Helen Grogan.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL
Jones Hill School would like to offer to parents and guardians the opportunity to receive their newsletter via e-mail. This e-mail will have our weekly newsletter attached not the link to our website. Our newsletter outlines current events, student achievements and many other interesting school related articles. It also has a handy date claimer to help remind you of upcoming events. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the office if you would like to take up this offer.

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

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND BADGE CEREMONY
Congratulations goes to the following students for becoming the house captains for 2014:

McPaul – Casey B, Ruby H, Ryan E and Sam L.
Doran – Taylah L, Jordan L, Thomas B and Hayden C.
Radford – Brooke B, Paige S, Rykah W and Keegan C.

They will be presented with their badges on parade on the 21st of February. 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.

GYMPIE TIMES - WIN a set of 10 iPads for your school!
Developing the literacy and numeracy of our kids is something close to our hearts. Therefore, the Gympie Times is pleased to announce that their major promotion for 2014 is about helping schools to put the best educational tools at our kid’s fingertips and are giving away a set of ten iPads to one lucky school. A token will be published in the paper every day from Saturday February 22 until Monday March 31 and the school with the most tokens at the end of the 5-week promotion, WINS the set of ten iPads! What’s great is that all schools stand an equal chance of winning, as we’ll pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner. PLEASE start collecting your tokens and drop them off into the box at the school office.

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.
What does SWPBS look like at Jones Hill?

- Koala Logo
- 4 Expectations – Safety, Learning, Respect, Relationships
- Expectations matrix (rules)
- Posters in classrooms for each expectation (colour coded)
- Explicit teaching of what each expectation means
- Explicit teaching of positive behaviours through lessons plans (linked to matrix)
- Token system – 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 points
- Behaviour level system – Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Orange, Red

Weekly Focus:
This week our focus is Learning/Safety/Respect/Relationships – transitions. Every class will be engaged in a lesson designed to teach the following expectations:

- Walk safely between play areas and buildings
- Stay together as a class group when moving around school
- Know correct procedures for transition times e.g. bells, lining up
- Be organised and on time
- Respect bell times and lining up routines
- Move quietly and show respect to other classes
- Respect adults and follow instructions
- Show consideration for others when lining up or moving around school

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

10 Tips to ease separation and distress
Separation distress or anxiety is quite common and can influence children even as they are older and more mature. The changes of environment, people, routines and the number of other children they are interacting with can all cause spikes in the hormone cortisol, which creates the stress symptoms that you may see- crying, clinging, tummy aches, refusal to leave your side, poor appetite, restless sleep and even outbursts and tantrums.

Remember this means the “downstairs brain” is registering threat and is acting accordingly. The key stressor for children is separation from the most significant grownup who is their protector.

As a starting point, it is useful to explain to kids that new things, places and people often make even adults feel those same feelings of being a little unsettled or anxious.

Young children usually have strong imaginations and some small techniques that strengthen the connection to Mum or Dad while they are away can help a lot:

1. You can help them create an imaginary protector- They imagine having their huge protector with them while they are away from you.
2. Fill an empty, clean, small container with a led with kisses from everyone they are fond of and tuck it in the bottom of their bag.
3. As they leave home always place a kiss from mummy in the same hand (left) and daddy (right)... it is also magic and stays there all day.
4. Practise sending rainbows of love from your heart to their at morning break and lunch and ask them to send one back to you when they miss you.
5. Put a handy smelling of your perfume/dads aftershave into their bag or pocket.
6. Draw pictures on their sandwich bags and notes in their lunch box.
7. Take a bite from their sandwich.
8. Teach them relaxation- Take three big breaths and breathe out the butterflies in their tummy or gently rub their tummy telling the butterflies they are safe.
9. Teach them to calm themselves by singing a familiar song (Round and Round the garden) and making circles in their hand like you would- music and touch can trigger feel good hormones.
10. Help develop a special connection to one teacher or an aide who can support their transition.

If their anxiety persists for a prolonged period or you are still concerned about it after trying some strategies, please talk to your child’s class teacher. - Information from Maggie Dent’s website 2014.

Celebration of Women in Surf Life Saving
Calling all members and supporters, past, present and future to join us for lunch on Saturday March 8 at 12pm.

$30 tickets available from Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving club.

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

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
FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION
The fundraising committee has organised an NRL Footy Tipping Competition for this year. The competition is open to anyone - Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends, etc. The cost to join will be $25 per tipper, which works out at only around $1 per week. Money does not need to be paid straight away. **Half of the funds raised will go to Jones Hill State School fundraising and the other half will go to the winning tippers.**

If you wish to participate, please complete the form below and return it the P&C box in the office as soon as possible, since round one starts on Thursday 6th March. Tips are entered online on the oztips website. Log on to [au.oztips.yahoo.com](http://au.oztips.yahoo.com) and register or create a new account. You can sign in using a Yahoo! ID or Facebook or Google account.

Click on **Join a Competition** and enter the following details:

- **Completion number:** 299694
- **Competition password:** jones

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We would also like to kick start our fundraising for the year with a **Cadbury Chocolate Drive**, just in time for Easter. Boxes of chocolates will soon be available for collection from the office. Money will be returned to the office once you have sold all of the chocolates.

All money raised helps the P&C to provide those extra resources for the students and teachers.

TEENSY GYMPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE YEAR 2 TO 7
Tennis Gympie will be holding the first interschool challenge of 2014 at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Road on **Wednesday 26th 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 (e.g. Red, Orange and Green Ball Levels). Heaps of fun and prizes and a chance to represent your school. **Note:** Players must play a minimum of 4 challenges to be eligible for a medallion. For more information or to book in please call Brett Cottrill Phone 0417746795 or Matt Watkins 0417070129 by **Tuesday 25th February**.

HELP OUR OUTBACK FARMERS
If you wish to donate goods, hay, dog food, horse pellets etc., please go to Tom Grady Rural Stores in Nash Street and Tozer Street and buy the goods. They will then be shipped in semi’s early March to the most neediest area.

(No money donations – goods only)

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL RETURN FORM

Parent/s Name: _________________________________________

Student Name: _________________________________________  Year Level: _________

Parent E-mail Address: ________________________________________________________

Please print clearly

Signature: ___________________________

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**JONES HILL STATE SCHOOL NRL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2014**

Please return form to the P&C box in the office as soon as possible.

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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
Great Results Guarantee

Under this agreement for 2014
Jones Hill State School will receive

$82,000

This funding will be used to

- Implement an intelligent data system to monitor student performance to diagnose needs of individual students.
- Develop and implement learning plans and intensive learning programs for students below the national minimum standard for literacy and numeracy.
- Access professional development and peer coaching to build expert literacy and numeracy teaching teams.
- Ensure all students in years 3, 5 and 7 not on an individualised learning plan, will achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy.
- Increase the number of students in upper 2 bands in years 3 and 5, in reading and numeracy.

Our strategy will be to

- To monitor and track student data (NAPLAN, PAT-R, PAT-M, Diagnostic Reading Tests and school based assessment) on short term data cycles.
- To increase teaching support to targeted groups to improve student performance.
- Continue the schools NAPLAN preparation program.
- Continue the schools focus of professional development in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Continue the coaching role in literacy and numeracy to raise the standards of teachers.
- Continue moderation policies to ensure high standards of performance.

Our school will improve student outcomes by

| Engaging specialist educators to coach individuals or small groups. | $ 50 000.00 |
| Build teacher capability in explicit teaching practices through peer coaching and professional development. | $ 20 000.00 |
| Develop a culture that analyses and uses data to inform practice and improve student outcomes. | $ 8 000.00 |
| Provide information and skilling sessions for parents. | $ 4 000.00 |

Helen Grogan  
Principal  
Jones Hill State School

Dr Jim Watterston  
Director-General

Great state. Great opportunity.