A note from the Principal:

We have now reached the halfway mark for first term and the children and staff are busily engaged with units of work, NAPLAN preparation and reading programs. When I visit classrooms it is wonderful to see the level of engagement by students, with the majority of students demonstrating our four expectations of behaviour; respect, relationships, safety and learning. It is also a pleasure to see the polite and sensible behaviour of students whilst playing at break times, ensuring a safe and happy environment for all in the playground.

Student Leaders:
I had the pleasure of attending the first student leadership meeting on Tuesday afternoon and discussing with the students their plans for the school this year. Under the guidance of their teachers a number of sub committees will be formed to ensure the students can carry out their ideas. Their first activity for the year is a free dress day, organised for this Friday. The day will raise money for the Jake Garrett Foundation. A pamphlet on the foundation has been attached to this week’s newsletter to give you further information. Jake’s mother will be attending the WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE on Friday morning to give out wristbands and talk to the children. All students and staff are invited to take part in the free dress and wear blue, which was Jake’s favourite colour. It would be appreciated if students could donate a gold coin towards the foundation on the day.

All the school leaders are attending a leadership day today at the Cooloola Christian College. They will listen to a guest speaker, Megan Dredge, who is a skilled and animated presenter; she has authored four books, developed numerous resources and has spoken extensively throughout Australia, Asia and Europe. She believes in leadership and is committed to positively influencing others to be all they can be. The children will also take part in many interactive leadership activities with children from other primary schools.

P&C:
Our next meeting is on Monday 10th of March, at 7.00pm in the school library, everyone is welcome. We will continue discussions on the upgrade of the Prep outdoor area and finalise the fundraising calendar. Please help support our first fundraising activity, the Cadbury chocolate drive. Boxes can be collected from the school office.

Ant Problem:
Due to the dry weather we are experiencing a huge problem with ants in the grounds, buildings and invading student’s bags. In some cases, ants are getting into the students lunches in their bags. We suggest lunches are packed in sealable containers and school bags are taken into the classroom. Hopefully with the spraying of infested areas and a change in weather we will alleviate the problem.

Auskick:
Unfortunately we had to cancel the program due to lack of numbers. The club coordinator has asked for feedback in the hopes of running the program again in term 3. They would like to know if the following reasons are stopping children from signing up to the program; the cost of $65, Friday afternoon not being a good day, lack of information or disinterest in AFL. Please feel free to give this feedback to the office and we will pass it on to the Auskick group.
**Supporting your child as they learn maths at school**

There are many simple ways to help your child and develop their confidence with mathematics. For example, you can increase your child's appreciation of the importance of numeracy by showing them how maths skills apply in daily situations.

"If parents feel out of touch with how maths is done nowadays, talk to the teacher about current maths teaching practices or ask the child to show them how they work out mathematical problems - this is a great form of learning for both parent and child."

**Tips for parents**

- Get involved - be proactive about your child's numeracy
- Be positive - avoid imparting your fear of maths onto your children
- Show your child how mathematics applies to real-life situations
- Encourage children to take part in activities that use their maths skills like grocery shopping within a budget or measuring materials for craft activities
- Get a list or poster of multiplication tables at home
- Remain calm when helping with homework - play some classical music in the background if it helps your child and take a break when it gets frustrating for both parent and child
- Talk to the teacher to clarify teaching methods if your child says "we don't do it this way in class"
- Use maths on the weekend - if you are planning a visit to a number of theme parks, ask your child to work out which is better value for money
- Refresh your own maths skills - enrol in a course designed to help parents to assist their children, such as Primary Maths Guide, Years 1-7 at the Open Learning Institute of TAFE. Visit the Open Learning Institute of TAFE website or call 1800 657 387

**Online assistance**

- Education Queensland's Curriculum Exchange recommends a number of maths sites covering brainteasers to number puzzles.
- The State Library of Queensland has compiled a list of maths sites as part of their Homework Help initiative.

**Thumbs Up**

This week’s students have received awards for consistently displaying the four behaviour expectations of our school which are highly valued within our school community. They set a great example for others to follow.

- Kyiah P PF
- Clay W 1N
- Taya J 1B
- Campbell G 2B
- Dean P and Amelia B PM
- Kaitlyn V D 3S
- 6/7C is Kayden B
- 6/7K Brooke B
- 2/3C Ashlyn S, Stephanie W and Darcy H
- Cadie W 5W
- Brooke C from 4/5L
- Alex W 5/6b
- Chloe B and Lachlan H 2G
- Hannah W 3R
- Taylor R 4N

**Special awards to:**

- Lachlan C 1N for completing extra homework by choice.
- Cooper K PF for great maths work.

**Revamped Newsletter:**

We are trying a new format to our newsletter, to make it more informative, interesting and easier to read. We welcome your feedback.

Kind Regards, Helen Grogan

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**THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES**

Yr 4 to 7 – Friday March 7 (9:00am) in the hall –

Prep to 3 Parade – Friday March 7 (2:30pm) in the hall – Mackenzie K.

**PREP PHOTOS**

The Gympie Times photographers will visit the school next Wednesday, 5 March at 9:15am to take photos of our Preppies for a 20 page lift out feature; “Little People going Big Places” which will be inserted in the Gympie Times on Tuesday 1 April. *Please ensure that your Preppie has their green school shirt on for this day.*
BOOK FAIR
Our Book Fair will soon be here! When: Monday March 10 to Friday March 14
Where: Jones Hill State School Library
Why: To promote reading and support our school
Monday the Fair is set up and students can compile a wish list.
Tuesday to Friday students and parents are welcome to buy from the Fair (Cash, cheque or credit).

Selling times are:
Tuesday: 8.15 – 8.50, 11.15 – 11.40, 1.30 – 1.45, 3.00 – 3.45
Wednesday: 8.15 – 8.50, 11.15 – 11.40, 1.30 – 1.45, 3.00 – 3.45
Thursday: 8.15 – 8.50, 11.15 – 11.40, 1.30 – 1.45, 3.00 – 3.45
Friday: 8.15 – 8.50, 11.15 – 11.40, 1.30 – 1.45, 3.00 – 3.30
If you can help out during these times we would appreciate it!
Jobs could include selling, tidying or simply being an extra set of eyes to make certain everyone is doing the right thing!
Hope to see you there. Max

JAKE GARRETT FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER
The year 6 & 7 leadership team are doing their first fundraiser for the year.
This event is the Jake Garrett Foundation fundraiser to be held on Friday 7th March. The foundation is to raise money to financially support families who have lost a child.

We are asking that everyone bring a gold coin donation as well as wear as much blue that you can. Those who participate in this event will receive a blue wrist band. Helen Garrett will attend our parade on Friday morning to talk about the foundation and hand out the wrist bands.

We look forward to seeing everyone wearing blue on Friday!

Thanks,

Hannah Mills & Zyannah Mutton (leadership team)

LIFE EDUCATION
The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 17 – 20 March and 24 & 25 March 2014.
The fee for the Life Education program is $7.00 per student.

Invoices have been sent home. Each year has a separate preventative drug and safety education program. A student workbook is also provided for follow up activities within the classroom.

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 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 are available for collection from the office. The chocolates must be collected from the office by a parent. Money is to be returned to the office once you have sold all of the chocolates. There are a few different boxes available:
1) Variety Pack to be sold for $1.00 per chocolate
2) Fun Pack Mixed Freddos Box to be sold for $1.00 per chocolate
3) Easter Box to be sold for $4.00 per packet of Easter eggs
All money raised helps the P&C to provide those extra resources for the students and teachers.

LOST PROPERTY
Only 5 weeks into the school year and we already have an abundance of clothing in the lost property box. Please pop in and have a look in the box which is under the Admin building.
A reminder that labelling all your children’s clothing/lunchboxes etc helps us to find the owner and reduces the amount of clothing that gets lost.

PREP AREA TRANSFORMATION
The general prep area has been of great concern to the school for some time now. Over the next few months we will be doing an overhaul of this area and hope to transform it to a far more pleasant playground and eating area.
I am very proud to say that the Jones Hill P&C have been very supportive and without the major input of volunteer work for the transformation of this area, it would take up to three years to complete this project without their help.
I will endeavour to keep you all updated on the progress of this area.

LITTLE KIDS DAY OUT
For families with young children - Gympie Civic Centre - 10am to 4pm 22 March
www.facebook.com/allaboardgympieregion
0418157280 - ALL ACTIVITIES FREE
Interactive tai Chi, dancing, singing, puppets, stories sessions; art activities, parachute games, obstacle course, face painting, farm animals, stage performances and much more – for those interested a flier is available from our school office.

PARENTING PROGRAM
1-2-3 Magic and emotion coaching program, Wednesday March 12, 19 & 26 at Gympie South School, 10am to 1pm.
Bookings essential 5480 3400 - workshop is free, workbooks are $10.

GYMIE GIRL GUIDES
If you are looking for somewhere to help and to give back within the local community, Gympie Girl Guides is looking for new leaders. Women over 18 years interested in helping girls reach their full potential are welcome. Late last year and this year we have had lots of new girls joining. We need ladies to work with 5-7yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-13yrs, 14-17yrs. All training is provided. If you are interested please contact Sue Rough 0417614342 or 54723432

COOLOOLA SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE
The 200 Club! Brief Overview!
Since November 2013, the Committee has been aware of a huge shortfall in Chaplaincy Community funds across the Cooloola region. At its meeting on Thursday 13th February, the Cooloola Schools Chaplaincy Committee launched what has become known as the 200 Club.
What is it? 200 giving donors contributing a minimum of $50pm preferably by direct debit is the goal and is the level at which membership of this club is granted. Set out below is a brief overview of how we see this working and what individuals, companies, churches, community groups etc. can expect from joining this club.
The 200 club is based on the need for a minimum of $8,500pm community funds to ensure chaplaincy continues at a level at least equal to levels present as at December 2013. Existing donors are eligible and automatically become members if their contribution is equal to or greater than $50pm from 1 Jan 2014 ($600 per annum) It is open to individuals, families, groups (ie home groups, bible study groups, cell groups, youth groups, ladies groups, men’s groups, indeed any group who between them can make up $50pm), churches, Community clubs (e.g. Rotary, Lions etc.,) Schools, P&Cs’, almost anyone. Members will receive a personalized certificate, an invitation to a special celebratory event twice per year (eg. coffee and dessert evening, barby lunch at the park, a motivational breakfast etc.) and a visible sign of membership (still to be determined but may be a wrist band, a badge, coffee mug, cap or the like) A list will be kept by the Committee of all club members and regular updates on what is happening around Chaplaincy across the different school communities – probably by email – will be forwarded quarterly. For more details please contact Rev Dave Thomas Gympie Regional Uniting Church P: 5482 2985 M: 0432 304474 E: dav sant@bigpond.net.au

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

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
Parade presentations for Friday 28 February

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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