A note from the Principal:
If you visited the Prep area this week you will notice that major works have taken place over the weekend as we start our remodelling of the outdoor area. The sandpit has been moved to prevent the washing of sand into the eating and playground area. The slope has been remodelled to ensure better drainage and problem trees have been removed. We are waiting on a quote for synthetic grass to place in the area where grass will not grow; we are hoping to install it before the beginning of next term.

Thank you to the following volunteers, for giving up their weekend to give us the manpower, tools and machinery needed to complete this work. Steve Delisser and family, Darren Seed, Luke Delisser, Michael Wells, and Dennis Van Doren, your contribution has saved the school a large expense and will enable us to complete much needed work to make the Prep play area a safe and pleasurable one before Term 2.

Student Leadership News:
Congratulations to the student leaders who organised and coordinated the Mitre Ten colouring competition. Over 150 entries were delivered to the store on Friday. A great effort by all students. With a record number of entries I am sure we have a great chance of picking up the $150 prize or one of the $50 runners up prizes. This week the student leaders are personally delivering flyers to classes to promote the P&C Easter Raffle and the P&C Free Dress day. Students will be asked to donate a gold coin and dress as their favourite Easter character or wear their favourite holiday outfit.

Blue Light Disco:
Thank you to Jo McEwan and her team of helpers for supervising the Blue Light Disco and raising money for the school. To volunteer at the disco required a blue card; if you would like to help in the future and would like to apply for a blue card, please call into the office for help with the process. Please contact Jo McEwan – 5489 0534 if you would like to help out with future activities or with a session in the tuckshop. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

Safety:
Thank you for looking after your students and not parking on the crossing and for collecting your children and walking them safely to the car. We all want to keep our children safe when dropping and picking them up from school.

Congratulations to a past student:
It was a great pleasure to see our past student Kelly Goatham, who has been elected as one of the school captains for Gympie State High School. We wish Kelly all the best as she works with the Gympie High leadership team and with her studies in her final year of high school.

Clean Up Day:
Our grounds are rubbish free as all students spent time Friday afternoon collecting any rubbish as part of Clean up Australia campaign. It was amazing to see on parade the large bags of rubbish that the children had collected; although our grounds look clean most of the time, we all need to put in the effort to place our rubbish in the bin.
Congratulations to the students who bring litter free lunch boxes and to those who pick up litter, voluntarily on a regular basis.
**Literacy and Numeracy Professional Development of Teachers:**
Our focus for this year is to ensure all students achieve to the best of their ability in the areas of numeracy and literacy. On Thursday a team of teachers and administration staff attended a workshop to learn new skills and acquire resources to enhance our curriculum delivery in these areas. Teachers will be using the ideas and resources in team planning days to be held in the second last week of this term. The workshop and team planning days are funded from our Great Results Guarantee initiative.

**Supporting your child with homework:**
Homework is for students to practise concepts learnt at school, it allows parents to monitor how there students are coping with school work. Parents should discuss their child's progress with their teacher to work out the best way they can help their child at home.

Some helpful hints:
- Have a set routine and place for doing homework.
- Homework includes work done at home for home e.g. shopping, housework. As a member of the family children need to contribute to the family.
- Homework includes physical activity.
- You can include activities that enhance family life e.g. being read to, playing games as a family, cultural activities etc.

Below is a grid for homework created by Ian Lillico, he suggests
- Each cell can represent an amount of time: 5-10 minutes.
- Use the grid on a fortnightly basis.
- Do something from each cell to ensure breadth and diversity of work done at home.

**Lillicos' Grid**

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<th>Read a variety of books including school books</th>
<th>Be read to by another member of the family</th>
<th>Shopping with parents</th>
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<td>Physical activity/sport training</td>
<td>Housework/Chores (Compulsory every night)</td>
<td>Art: Sketching, colouring, craft, making things with Lego etc.</td>
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<td>Teach your parents something you were taught at school</td>
<td>Play a game with an adult</td>
<td>Assignments/project research</td>
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<td>Meditation/Spiritual/ Relaxation</td>
<td>Use computer for work</td>
<td>Cultural/Music practice</td>
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The grid recognises the wide range of after school activities, encourages positive family interactions and allows relaxed time for children to pursue their own learning.

*Dr Ian Lillico is the former Principal of City Beach High School in WA and international consultant in gender, boys’ education and middle schooling.*

**Writing awards:**
Student’s improvement with writing skills is this week’s focus for awards. Congratulations to the following students:

- Prep M, Amelia B for listening for sounds and writing letters and Kysen D for writing new letters.
- 1B, Carter A for working well independently and trying hard with all his writing tasks.
- 1N, Seth B for writing neatly and trying hard with his spelling.
- 2B, Isabelle W and Narayan H, most improved writers.
- 2/3C, Hayden W and Aidan R for improvement in handwriting skills and both really taking care to learn their entries and exits and writing on the new year 2 lines. A keen story writer is “Darcy H” who gets excited about writing!
- 3R Cyle V has shown big improvements in his writing.
- 3S, Elouise T has written an exemplary persuasive text and Hannah W for putting in a good effort in her writing lessons.
- 4N, Charlotte K and Isabella M are great writers.
- 4/5L, Sam P for using precise language with his writing and showing some evidence of proofreading.
- 5W, Jayden R and Makayla F for an excellent effort during writing activities. Beau A for writing a great story for Mrs Seed and sharing it with the Principal.
- 5/6B, Tia M is using some effective creative writing techniques to create excitement in her written narrative.

Kind Regards, Helen Grogan
Parent Teacher Interviews:
A reminder, teachers will be conducting interviews in the last week of school. Notes for bookings will be sent home this week via the class teacher, bookings can be made between 3.00 pm and 6.00pm.

THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES

BOOK FAIR
Thank you to everyone who supported Book Fair in any way. I had some fantastic assistance from students, parents and staff alike. All efforts were greatly appreciated! The library benefits through commission based on sales and as a direct result of your generosity we gained $750 in resources. Looking forward to the next one. Hope you are too? Thanks Max

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Weekly Update

What does SWPBS look like at Jones Hill State School:
In Term Two all Year 1 – 7 students will be given the opportunity to apply for a higher achievement behaviour level. Over the coming weeks we will include the descriptors related to each of these levels. Students must have demonstrated all the appropriate behaviours. Applications are approved by the class teacher, specialist teachers (PE, Music, LOTE and Librarian), teacher aides and Deputy Principal and Principal. The application must be approved at each stage of the process.

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<th>Pictures LEVEL</th>
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<td>SILVER</td>
<td>Behaviours at this level may include......</td>
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<td>Students at this level are actively participating in positive behaviours. They take responsibility for their actions and learning.</td>
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SAFETY:
Mostly follows school rules and models safe behaviours.

LEARNING:
Mostly completes class work and homework to the best of their ability.
Accepts responsibility for their role in their own learning.
Respects the rights of others to learn.

RESPECT:
Is respectful and courteous to members of the school community. Wears the school uniform with pride.
Treats school property and environment with respect.

RELATIONSHIPS:
Co-operates with students, staff and visitors.
Is a good role model for positive relationships.

Weekly Focus:
This week our focus is Respect and Relationships in the playground. Every class will be engaged in a lesson designed to teach the following expectations:
• Respect school property and equipment
• Respect the rights of others and play by the rules
• Respect teachers and adults
• Use respectful language and actions
• Play fairly and include others
• Accept differences and learn to get on
• Use problem-solving skills to solve playground issues

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

ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND MOBILE PHONE POLICY
We have recently reviewed and updated our policy relating to student use of electronic devices and mobile phones. You will find the revised policy included with this newsletter. Please note the section titled:

Exceptions (Mobile Phones) - We need to update our records with respect to students who have been granted an exception by the principal. If you believe your child needs to have a mobile phone at school, could you please follow the procedures outlined in the policy? In order to ensure we have current information, all previous permissions have been withdrawn. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated.

GYMPIE TIMES - iPads for your school! Just a reminder to keep collecting your tokens and drop them off into the box at the school office.

P&C NEWS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
We will be holding our Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday March 25. All money raised from this event will be donated to the Cool Cooks. Order forms can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please note –
• 1 order form per student.
• Money must be returned with order.
• Orders must be in before Monday March 24.

Thank you to Coles for their donation of goods for our Sausage Sizzle.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
The P&C are asking that families donate an Easter treat to go towards a monster Easter raffle draw at the end of the term. All donations will be made up into baskets and the raffle tickets will only be sold at school. You can donate anything from a single Easter egg to ribbon to help wrap the baskets. Please send your Easter item to the office. Thanks to all those who have already donated. Tickets will be available from the office or at Parade this Friday. The raffle will be drawn at the 9am parade on the last Friday of term.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Boxes of chocolates are still available from the office for collection.
• Fun Pack Mixed Freddos Box to be sold for $1.00 per chocolate
• Easter Box to be sold for $4.00 per packet of Easter eggs

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

IGA TAGS
IGA tags are available at the school office. Just swipe the tag when you put your groceries through and a percentage goes straight back to the school.
FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION
It's not too late to join our NRL Footy Tipping Competition. 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

COOLOOLA COMMUNITY TOY LIBRARY
The toy library is made for toddlers to teens. Items include outdoor toys and equipment, puzzles and games for boys and girls. The library is located at the Skill Centred Community Centre Building, 214 Mary Street (Opp RSL), Gympie. (Back street access – Opp IGA). Times: Thurs – 12pm to 5pm, Fri – 9am to 2pm excluding school holidays. Phone: 0448 826762.

FIT & HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROJECT
Gympie fit Club & Weight Loss Team, affordable fitness for mums and the community, Monday 10am Adults; Thursdays 4pm Adults & kids fit, Nelson Reserve, next to the pool. All sessions are child friendly. 1 hour workout. Yummy recovery nutrition after, $5/person. Call Shellie on 0488716487.

MARY VALLEY BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Celebrating 30 years of Blue Light in Queensland, Kandanga Hall, April 4, 6:30 til 8:30pm, $5 entry – 8 to 15 years old only – high school ID’s needed. For more information contact Trish Gabbana on 5484 3465

FOR SALE: Upright Freezer, good condition, $250. Contact Mr or Mrs Nord.

GYMPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE YRS 2-7
Tennis Gympie will be holding the first interschool challenge of 2014 at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Road on Wednesday 26th March 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 must play a minimum of 4 challenges to be eligible for a medalion. For more information or to book in please call Brett Cottrill Ph 0417746795 or Matt Watkins 0417070129 by Tuesday 25th February

FREE TENNIS HOT SHOTS COME AND TRY DAY
Tennis Gympie coaches Brett Cottrill and Matt Watkins will be running a FREE come and try day at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Road (beside Gympie West State School) from 8.30am until 10.00am this Saturday 22nd March. Juniors from 5 years and up are all welcome to come along and have some Hot Shots fun. Giveaways for all and bring a friend to join in all the fun activities. For more information call Brett Cottrill 0417746795.

GYMPIE STATE HIGH OPEN DAY - Junior Secondary
Saturday March 29 – 9am to 12pm
Gympie State high is offering the opportunity for primary students and any interested community members to attend our Term One Open Day. Please join us for a walk through and information sessions on Junior Secondary (years 7, 8 & 9), our Diverse Curriculum Options, our Extra-curricula Programs and our Academic Excellence Programs. At the open day we will be launching and providing information about our afterschool excellence and extension program Gympie Highlights, which will commence at the beginning term 2, 2014. For further information email: infor@gympieshs.eq.edu.au
Electronic Device and Mobile Phone Policy

Department of Education guidelines state: Schools can make reasonable rules about what students can and cannot bring to school. They can ban anything which is illegal, dangerous or is likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the school.

The use of mobile phones and pagers and similar electronic devices (ipods, mp3 players, gaming devices etc.) is disruptive to the learning environment of all students.

Jones Hill Policy

Electronic Devices

1. Electronic devices are brought to school at students’ own risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage.
2. If electronic devices are brought to school they are to be left at the school office upon the student’s arrival at school.
3. Electronic devices may be collected from the school office at the end of the school day.
4. Electronic devices are not to be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.

Mobile Phones

1. Mobile phones are not to be brought to school or any school activity eg. camps, sleepovers, sports etc.
2. Students found to have mobile phones will have them confiscated and returned to them at the end of the activity.
3. Disciplinary action will result (eg. green lining) for students ignoring this policy.

Exceptions (Mobile Phone use)

1. It is acknowledged that in some circumstances, mobile phones, and those with the capacity to record digital images, can be appropriately incorporated into the learning program.
2. If a parent considers that there are exceptional circumstances as to why their child should have a mobile phone at school or on a school activity then they should put their request in writing to the school administration stating the reasons for the exceptional circumstances. The school administration will then advise the parent of the outcome of the request. Any request for exceptional circumstances should be made prior to the day the phone will be at school or on the school activity.

In cases when permission is granted for a mobile to be used

- Mobile phones are to be left at the school office upon the student’s arrival at school.
- Mobile Phones may be collected from the school office at the end of the school day.
- In cases where there is a valid reason, mobile phones can be accessed at the school office during break times.
- Mobile phones are not to be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- Mobile phones or any camera enabled device must not be used to capture or upload material which violates the privacy of any individual or group. This includes posting school related images on social media or the transmission of such through SMS, Snapchat etc.
- Mobile phones are used at their owners’ risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage.
JONES HILL STATE SCHOOL

No of 6 packs _____

Drop into Bakers Delight Goldfields Plaza with your voucher. Purchase as many 6 packs of our delicious hot cross buns and we will donate $2 per pack to your school.

Print off as many vouchers as you need, even ask family & friends to join in.

HAPPY EASTER