A note from the Principal:

We have had a very busy start to the term with all students starting their new curriculum units and completing the first week of their reading comprehension program. All children should have received a class newsletter from their teacher to bring home. The newsletter explains what your child will be doing in the classroom this term and will outline homework and reading expectations. Please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher if you require further information.

The main focus this term is to improve the reading of all students ensuring all reach their potential ability in reading and comprehending text. It is important that students read to their parents at home on a regular basis; ensuring not only good practice, but enabling parents to identify and discuss any problems their child is having with their child’s teacher.

A number of Prep students are taking part in the Support-A-Talker program to help improve their speaking and listening skills and ultimately their reading skills. Students who have struggled with reading in Semester One have been identified for additional help and intervention programs. Parent support and skillling programs will be offered to these parents during the next two terms.

Our Reflection Room is up and running for students who misbehave in a way that affects the learning, safety or wellbeing of others. Parents will get a series of questions that are answered by their child; where the child reflects and writes what they did, the impact of their actions and what they need to do to rectify the problem. Parents are to sign the sheet and the student is to return it to the office the next day. This will ensure that we have clear communication between staff, students and parents as major behaviour issues arise. The children have had discussions in class on how and why the Reflection Room operates.

Classroom teachers welcome catching up with parents regarding the academic progress, social, emotional and behaviour concerns of the students in their class. Formalised interviews can be organised when teachers are available. Teachers are not available Tuesday afternoons as all staff attend a meeting starting at 3.05pm.

We have a large amount of lost property in a box underneath the administration building. Please get your child to check and collect any missing belongings during the week. There are 39 unnamed jumpers and 33 unnamed water bottles and a variety of other items. We will be sending anything left in the box to Lifeline on Friday.

Congratulations to the following academic champions who have been awarded a gold or silver academic award. Gold awards are given to students who have half or more of their results as an A on their semester 1 report card. Silver awards are given to students who have half or more of their results as a B or better on their semester 1 report card. It was wonderful to see the large number of children falling into this academic category this year.

Congratulations to:

**Gold Awards:**
Silver Awards:

I look forward to presenting these awards at a special afternoon tea on Wednesday afternoon and catching up with the parents to celebrate these outstanding achievements.

Kind Regards Helen

THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES
Parade Friday 25 July at 9:00am in the Hall


SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.
Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home with students – these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.
Parents/Caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available on request. The survey will remain open until 3 August 2014.
If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact the school office.

FITNESS TRAINING
There will be fitness training sessions for those students who have been selected for the 800m event for Zone on Wednesday mornings between 8:15 and 8:30am on the bottom oval for the next two weeks.
The students involved are: Ethan Watson, Scott McP, Chloe D, Sam R, Mitch P, Jordan L, Taylah L, Clinton S, Myles D, Aimee T, Paige S, Will T, Levi B, Tia McL and Takira C. I encourage all the 800m runners to attend for the next 2 weeks.
Training for all other events are being conducted jointly at GSHS bottom oval on Thursdays with a team of coaches.
Phil McEnery

CONGRATULATIONS
Jayden R is off next week to Perth to represent Queensland at the National Karate Championship for Kumite. We wish Jayden well and know he will do his best for Queensland.

P&C UNIFORM MEETING
The Jones Hill P&C and Jones Hill School would like to invite all parents/caregivers interested in discussing a new look uniform and forming a Uniform Committee for the Jones Hill State School. While the shirt will remain the same we have some new and exciting ideas for shorts, skorts and house shirts. We would also like your input into the new Jones Hill School Uniform Dress Code. These are very important decisions so please come and have a say. The first meeting will be at 3:15pm on Tuesday 5 August 2014. Please contact the office on 54890555 for more information.

SPELLATHON
Time to start learning the words and finding sponsors! Most sponsor sheets and word lists have been sent home. Some students are still doing pre-tests using words from higher year levels and word lists for these will go home soon.
Spelling can be fun!! Here's a silly limerick about spelling:
There once was a lady called Nell
Who didn't know how to spell
So she went to Jones Hill
And practised until
She could spell all her words really well
Can you (or Mum or Dad) write a poem about spelling? Give it to your teacher and it might be printed in the newsletter.
Why is spelling so important? Here are two good reasons!!
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Weekly Update:
Weekly Focus:
This week our focus is learning in the playground. Every class will be engaged in a lesson designed to teach the following expectations:
- Know where you should be at all times
- Follow adult instructions and directions
- Play correctly and follow the rules

Teachers will monitor the children’s behavior. If a student is misbehaving they will receive one warning, followed by a period where they will stop and sit or walk with the teacher. Continued misbehavior will result in a referral to the reflection room.

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

JONESY’S 5 CENT CHALLENGE
Jonesy and Junior Jonesy our Relay for Life Mascots are back again collecting 5 cent pieces for the Queensland Cancer Council. The ‘Class Jonesy Challenge’ will run for the month of August and the class which bring in the most 5 cent pieces will win a trophy. Start collecting your 5 cent pieces.

QUEENSLAND EDUCATION ACCORD SUMMIT
Help shape the 30 year vision for education in Queensland. The Queensland Government is undertaking extensive consultation with parents, school, unions and schooling sector to map out the future of education and create Queensland’s first Education Accord. All Queenslanders are encouraged to have their say. Contribute your ideas at our event:
- Monday July 21 – Tin Can Bay School
- Wednesday July 23 – James Nash High School
- Thursday July 24 – Amamoor State School

All session are 5:30 to 7:00pm. For more information go to www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON BUSES
Parents can download the revised Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses (the Code) and stakeholder information sheets (for students, parents/carers, schools) from the TransLink website or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days. These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the switch to digital-only TV, the retune has been carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible. For more information visit the website or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

ARTS AND CRAFT EXHIBITION
An Arts and Craft Exhibition to benefit the charity, Street Swags Ltd., which gives street swags free of charge to the homeless will take place this coming Saturday, 26th July, at the Gympie Wesleyan Methodist Church, 70 Exhibition Road, Southside, between the hours of 11am and 4pm.

Along with arts and craft on display and for sale, there will be displays of calligraphy, card making, pottery and painting, as well as food and drink sampling, a silent auction, guessing game competitions and entertainment. We have a great line up of entertainment, including Bush Poetry, Highland dancing, a school Jazz Band, gospel, contemporary and country and western singing. Founder of Street Swags, Jean Madden, will be the guest speaker at 2pm.

There will also be food and drinks for sale. Admission is just $5/Adult, $8/couple, $2/High School child and younger children free.

REUSE IS COMING TO GYMPIE ON 22 JULY
As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital-only TV, ABC, SBS, 7QLD and WIN will change frequencies in Gympie, on 22 July. After channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder. In other parts of the Sunshine Coast, some free-to-air TV channels will change frequencies on 9, 17 or 22 July. The best way for viewers find out when they are likely to need to retune is to visit the website and type in their address into the “get retune info” box or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days. These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the switch to digital-only TV, the retune has been carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible. For more information visit our website or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

The Code sets out the expected behaviour of students while travelling on a bus and the consequences for breaching the Code. It also reinforces the roles and responsibilities of bus operators and other stakeholders who play a key role in the safe travel of school students, and provides guidelines and a framework to manage student misconduct.

The revised Code retains many aspects of the previous Code, with changes that are mostly relevant to bus drivers or bus operators.

Changes of relevance to schools, parents and students are:
- an emphasis on the importance of stakeholder collaboration (e.g. bus operations, bus drivers, schools, parents and students) for effective implementation of the Code and
- specific mention of:
  - fare evasion and the consequences
  - the responsibilities of parents and carers regarding their children having the correct bus fare
  - the collaborative role drivers and operators have with schools in managing bullying situations, with a link to the Bullying. No Way! website.
TENNIS COACHING/HOT SHOTS
Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches Brett Cottrill and Matt Watkins will commence coaching/hot shots program on Tuesday 29th July at Jones Hill State School.

Groups will be held on Tuesday (Yr 5, 6 & 7), Wednesday (Yr 3, 4), Thursday (Yr 2) or Friday (Prep, Yr 1) lunchtimes from 11.00am to 11.40am for a MINIMUM BLOCK OF 7 WEEKS.

Costs will be $65.00/pupil, $120.00 for 2 or $165.00 for 3 children in the same family.
Loan racquets are available each week. Groups will be arranged according to skill and year levels.

Please return the form below to the office by Tuesday 29th July.

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TENNIS COACHING/HOT SHOTS
Please return this form to the office by Tuesday 29th July with the following completed

Name: ________________________________________  Age : __________  Grade: _______________
Phone/s: ___________________________ Email: ________________________________
Parent/Guardians Signature: _____________________________________

For more information phone Brett Cottrill 0417 746 795.
Please make cash payment or cheques payable to Brett Cottrill.
Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL. BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786 including students name as reference.
NOTE: Gympie Junior Tennis sign-ons at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre, Cartwright Rd
Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.45pm to 5.30pm. This week and next week
with FREE JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Thumbs Up Awards for July 18

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[Image of a group of children holding thumbs up signs]