A note from the Principal:

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the Eisteddfod personally and as representatives of our school. Thank you to Mr Impey, Mrs Thompson and Ms McIvor for organising and running all the practise sessions. Myself and Mr Alexander thoroughly enjoyed watching the students who represented our school and we were very impressed by the variety and standard of musical talent they displayed. The students were excellent ambassadors for our school. They looked great in their music shirts and their behaviour was exemplary throughout the day. It was wonderful to bring home the following awards from the event:

- Third place for our string ensemble.
- Highly commended for our djembe ensemble.

This week we are celebrating with the majority of our students (just over 90%) the positive behaviours they have been exhibiting in the classroom and the playground. Our students have an excellent reputation for both good behaviour and academic success; this is because most of our students respect and care for one another and value learning. This week I will be talking with students (and their parents) whose behaviours need to be modified to ensure all students feel safe, happy and able to learn.

Due to parent worries concerning the new Enrolment Management Plans for both James Nash SHS and Gympie SHS we are forwarding some more information to you. However, if you have further concerns please contact either James Nash State High School – 54806333 or Gympie State High School – 54898333 and make an appointment to discuss your inquiries direct with the school.

Gympie SHS are asking that all enrolment forms be in by the end of this term. They have not reached their capacity yet and expect to take all students that are wishing to enrol at this stage. James Nash SHS are also asking that all enrolments be submitted by Friday 19 September. However, James Nash SHS will process their enrolments over the school holidays to establish if they will be accepting out-of-catchment enrolments. Parents can expect to be contacted between Tuesday 7 October and Thursday 10 October.

All students who are successful in gaining a Scholarship at James Nash SHS or Gympie High will have their enrolment accepted. Students who have a sibling at or a parent working at this school will also have their enrolment accepted.

Our advice to all students is to **please enrol at your preferred school as soon as possible.**

Research shows that in Queensland higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Under the law parents must make sure their child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. A child who misses one day of school each week actually misses out on about 2 weeks of lessons each term. See the attached flyer for more information on attendance and please contact the school if you have any questions or issues regarding attendance.

The following students will receive silver academic awards at this Friday’s parade. Congratulations to: Indiana C, Liam B, Ella M, Myles W and Hazel B.

Kind Regards, Helen
THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES
Parade Friday 1 August at 9:00am in the Hall
20 Tokens – Wyatt D and Daryon T.
40 Tokens – Tia M, Liam L, Tane B, Zac D, Logan G, Lara D and Cameron H.
80 Tokens – Elouise T.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Photos will be taken on Wednesday 6 August 2014.
- Envelopes for ordering have been sent home today.
- Please use a separate envelope for each child if sending to school.
- Children need to be in their school uniform (green shirts) on this day.
- To order a Year 6 group photo or Year 7 group photo select F Group Only on the order form.
- School Captains and Sports Captains can order a group photo for $18.

NEW: Order and pay online for your school photos (see flyer inside your envelope) OR send your payment in the envelope to the school office by Friday 1 August.

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 meeting will be at 3:15pm on Tuesday 5 August 2014. Please contact the office on 54890555 for more information.

SPELLATHON
We hope the students are making good progress learning to spell new words and signing up sponsors. How many new words do students need to learn? To be eligible for most prizes, students need to learn to spell at least 5 new words. There is no minimum number of new words to collect sponsorship money or to receive the participation prize.

WANTED
Pasta sauce bottles (empty) wanted to put candles in. Please drop off to the office.

LOST
Size 6 Black fleecy jumper (brand new from the school uniform shop) named with “Keira Hanson”. If found please return to Keira in 1B or to the office.

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.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) Weekly Update:
Weekly Focus:
This week our focus is a data driven lesson. We are celebrating the success of the many students who consistently comply with the school rules. These students will be engaged in a fun lesson/activity as a reward. Those students with multiple incidences recorded will not participate in the fun lesson. They will have an interview with their class teacher regarding their behaviour and in some cases Mrs Grogan will interview the students and contact the parents/caregivers.

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

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014
- 6 weeks to go! Finishes the 5th September.
- Please record the books your child reads on the sheet – it must be signed by the parent.
- The Prep teachers will complete the reading record sheet at school.
- If you lose the Reading Record sheet or did not receive one, just ask at the office or ask Mrs Seed.
- The children who complete the challenge receive a certificate – this is a great way to reward our readers!

Happy Reading, Stacey Seed

HELP NEEDED
Each school attending the Gympie Zone Athletics Carnival at Albert Park is asked to provided 3 or 4 volunteers to help in the canteen for one hour. Jones Hill SS is required to do this on Tuesday 5th August from 9:00am to 10:00am. A canteen convenor is also in attendance at this time. We are still seeking additional volunteers. If available, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Jones Hill SS office if you are able to provide assistance.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until midnight on 3 August 2014. So far we have only had 18 responses, so please consider participating. This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. If you have misplaced the information please contact the school and we can provide you with another copy.
AUTISM QLD WORKSHOP
FREE Early Days workshop being held in Gympie. This workshop is for parents, grandparents and carers of children under the age of 7 who have an ASD diagnosis or who are going through the diagnostic process.
What: "Tips for Everyday Life Skills" This workshop will focus on practical tips for parents around eating, sleeping, teeth cleaning, sleeping, bath time, and toileting etc. Tuesday 29th July 2014 at Gympie Community Place, 18 Excelsior Road, 9:15am to 11:15am. If you would like a registration form or more information pick up a flier from the office.

DADS CONNECT
Are you a stay at home Dad, Single Dad, Grandfather or male Foster carer who could benefit from a 'male focused' support group? DadsConnect will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, at 12pm, at the Early Years Family Hub, Gympie. For further details and eligibility requirements please collect a flier from the office staff.

30 YEAR CELEBRATION
Family Day Care Gympie Region are celebrating 30 years with a Family Fun Day. August 16 – 11am to 3pm at 19 Red Hill Road. Photo competition, stall and activities. If you wish to know more please pick up a flier from the office.

PEACE OF MIND EXPO
What Spectrum? Saturday August 16 – 8:30am to 2:30pm at Strathpine Community Centre. Topics covered: Compound pharmaceuticals, Dyslexia, Sensory processing and behavioural issues. For more information please collect a flier from the office.

Awards for July 25
Thumbs-Up Awards
Tennis Awards
Academic Award Celebrations
Regular school attendance

Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it's their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won't go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Every day counts – Is your child at school today?
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts