A note from the Principal:

Spring Festival is taking place this Wednesday at our school, with plenty of activities happening in the Eco garden and the school hall. We welcome all family members to join their children as they take part in the activities and everyone is welcome to the recycled fashion show at 11am. Please bring a gold coin donation to vote for your favourite fashion. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the day.

**Teacher Aide Day:** On Wednesday a special morning tea was held to thank Jones Hill Teacher Aides for the amazing job they perform in supporting the learning of our students. Teacher Aides have been tirelessly assisting teachers in our classrooms for 40 years and are very valued members of our school community.

**Interschool sport development day:** Our Year 5, 6 and 7 students spent last Friday learning skills in a variety of sports alongside students from the other Gympie Schools. The children then took part in games, practising their newly developed skills in the afternoon. Thank you to all the teachers who helped coordinate and supervise on the day; with a special thank you to Shereene Moy from Gympie South who organised the whole event. Feedback from the students was excellent and we look forward to participating in future events.

**Reading Workshop:** We were very pleased to have twenty-eight parents attend our reading workshop last week. Nicole Barton and Stacey Seed presented information and activities on how to use our school decoding and comprehension strategies. Parents received resources to use at home that compliment what the children are doing in the classroom. Thank you to Mrs Nord, Mrs Hurren and Mrs Whittaker for providing activities for the children who attended. We are looking at running another workshop in Term 4 during school time for parents who find a day time session easier to access.

**P&C Working Bee, 13th September:** This weekend we need as many hands as possible to help build our prep sensory garden. If you could help put garden beds together, pot plants, help with fencing, setting up a tank and constructing our cubby, we would love you to join us on Saturday morning from 7am. We are hoping to have it ready for the Teddy Bears Picnic on the last day of school. It would be appreciated that anyone not attending could donate a plate of goodies for morning tea.

**Cross Country:** Congratulations to our younger students who took part last Wednesday. The staff were very impressed with the students enthusiasm, participation and behaviour. Congratulations to McPaul house for winning the event. Well done to the following students:

1. **Place:** Jack T, Savanna C, Elijah H, Mia C, Mason D, Lara D, Kobe L and Emily B.
3. **Place:** Seth B, Hannah P, Tristan F, Dakota D, Aidan R, Shelby D, Liam W and Britney F.

**Apology** - Last week’s newsletter had the wrong name for the winner of the 2002 Boys Cross country. The winner of this event was Sam R. Our apologies to Sam and congratulations on your win.

**Teacher/parent teacher interviews:** Are being conducted this week. We encourage all parents to touch base with their child’s teacher to discuss their progress and ideas for improvement and extension. If you did not receive an invitation to book an interview please ring the school for further information and help.

**Teddy Bear Picnic and Purple, Weird Hat, Mad Hair Day:** The last day of school will be a hive of activity with all these events taking place. We look forward to everyone finishing the term on a fun filled, happy note ready for a well-deserved holiday.
**ARD Visit:** Mr Trevor Walker our Assistant Regional Director visited the school on Friday to look over our numeracy and literacy programs and check our progress in the ‘Schools Success’ Program. It was a pleasure to share with him the new reading programs we are implementing and the stories written by 3S. Trevor met with a number of staff members and was pleased with how we are implementing the Great Results Guarantee Funds to improve our student’s results.

**Kidpreneur Markets:** Will be held on the Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th of September. Students, teachers and parents can buy a variety of goods and services on these days. Check out the posters around the school and help support the Year 6 and 7 students in their enterprising endeavours. Money raised will go to the Koala hospital at Australia zoo.

**Bursaries and Principal Awards:**
- Congratulations to the following students for receiving a James Nash Bursary: Myles W, Thomas B, Clinton S and Rykah W. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them all the best as they transition to High School.
- Well done to Taylor B and Annalise S for sharing their art work with Mrs Grogan.
- Thank you to Charlotte K in 4N who brought her younger brother Cooper K from PF to show the extra homework they had been working on together.

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**THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES**
Parade Friday 12 September at 9:00am in the Hall
20 Tokens – Mackenzie K and Emily K.
40 Tokens – Allira F, Hayden S, Lily B, Brady D, Ethan B and Ethan L.
100 Tokens – Andrew V.

**BEHAVIOUR LEVEL RIBBONS**
Silver – Zeko C, Hannah W, Eva W, Ryan B and Lara D.
Gold – Lily S and Kearna B.
Platinum – Taylah L, Rory B & Keegan C.

**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME**
If you wish to find out more information or comment on the Student Resource Scheme that is offered here at Jones Hill State School, please attend the next P&C meeting on Monday 13 October, 7pm in the school library.

**KIDPRENEUR MARKET WEEK**
Change of Date – Now first break Thursday 11, Friday 12, Monday 15 and Tuesday 16. Year 6 and 7 students have been participating in the Kidpreneur Program. The students create their own business and make the products to sell. Products range from hairbands to fairy floss to cow poo. The prices of products will range from about $2 to $10. It would be good if you could support the student’s efforts by making a purchase or allowing your children to make purchases. Thanks in advance for any support you give. Year 6/7 Graduating Cohort.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE – NOW FINISHED**
The reading period for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge is now finished. All reading record forms were due last Friday. Any late forms can still be handed in to the office. All students whose forms are received before this Friday, 12 September will receive a certificate later this year. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their form.

**SCHOOL DANCE**
Friday October 10 – Single Ticket $5 or Family Ticket $10
Prep to Yr3 – 6pm to 8pm
Yr 4 to 7 – 8pm to 10pm
Pre-purchased tickets are available from the office. Please support our major fundraiser for the year.

**DANCE RAFFLE PRIZES**
If you can help us out by donating any items for our School Dance Raffle please drop them in to our school office.

**P&C BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER**
Jones Hill SS P&C has been lucky enough to be able to hold three fundraising BBQs at the new Bunnings Store opening in September – Sunday 28 September, Saturday 11 October, Monday 22 December. Two crews of approximately 5 people are needed each day. Please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**
Raffle
Relay for Life Shirt signed by Magda Szubanski (star of Babe & Kath and Kim) Tickets are $1 and will be on sale from September 8 until October 10. – See Mrs Hurren

**Movie Night**
Tickets are now available for our Movie Fundraiser – “Planes – Fire and Rescue”.
- $10 a Ticket or
- $15 Ticket, drink & popcorn combo.
- 6:15pm for 6:30pm start
- Friday September 19
- Gympie Sovereign Cinema

**Purple Day, Mad Hair, Weird Hat Day**
Friday 19 September is Purple Day in Gympie to help promote Relay for Life. Students and staff are invited to dress in Purple, wear a weird hat or style their hair in a weird fashion for the day. A gold coin donation will be collected for the school’s two Relay for Life Teams.

**HELP SUPPORT MIKAYLA**
Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
Tuesday September 16 - $2 per sausage
Orders forms are attached to the end of this newsletter and must be returned with money by September 10. One order per form please.

**Movie Fundraiser**
Teensage Mutant Ninja Turtles - $10 a ticket
Saturday September 13 at 2pm
Tickets are available from either the office or you can contact Lisa Whittaker on 0410582184.

Kind Regards, Helen Grogan
FRIENDS FOR LIFE
Some amazing stories have been shared by the students who have been involved with the ‘Friends for Life’ program. One exercise that each of the students have been encouraged to do is to put aside their technology at night before they get ready to go to bed. The idea is that they need to settle their brain and begin to relax before bed time. At bed time they get to lie down and think about something that is a happy place for them and continue to think about these happy thoughts as they go to sleep. One student told us that she had been having nightmares but after doing this relaxing thinking before going to sleep she hasn’t had any recurring nightmares and has slept better and is waking up happy. Chappy Russ

GYMPIE SOUTH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
Home of the Gympie South Sharks – Sign on Day – Tuesday October 7 from 4pm at Gympie South School Pool – Austswim & Swimming Australia Accredited Coaches – Phone Susan 0407 627 795

STUDENT AWARDS SEPTEMBER 5

Principal’s Class Award
Junior Cross Country Winners
Principal’s Awards
Token Awards

P&C Bunnings Fundraising Sausage Sizzle

Name: ____________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

I am able to work at the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on; (please tick one)

Preferred Day/s  ❑ Sunday 28 September  ❑ Saturday 11 October  ❑ Monday 22 December

Preferred Time  ❑ Morning shift  ❑ Afternoon shift

Support Mikayla – Sausage Sizzle Tuesday September 16
ALL FORMS TO BE RETURNED WITH MONEY BY Wednesday September 10
**One person per order form Please**

Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________________

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