A note from the Principal:

Thank you to everyone who supported the school dance, the students performed beautifully and their behaviour was exemplary. It was a pleasure to watch family members and teaching staff join the children on the dance floor. A special thank you to all the staff members who supported the evening; with the running of the canteen, providing music and lighting and organising the fun raffles and dances. Congratulations to the dance committee on a very successful evening and a wonderful way to raise funds for the school. Thank you to the parents who supplied baking for the canteen. Thank you also to our loyal sponsors who provided prizes for our raffles – Mia Bella Jewellery, Lee Hurren Computers, The Whittaker Family, Good Price Pharmacy, Coles Supermarket, Australian Country Bounty, Catherine Spedding, Florist of Distinction, Mrs Grogan, Malouf Pharmacy, Kitch’n’Things, Lady Bird, The Kerr Family, Shepherds Betta Appliances, The Todd Family, The Martin Family, Mitre 10, Twiggy, Friendly Society Pharmacy, The Walters Family, Full-life Pharmacy and Flynn O.

The school has received further funding from the department, called “Fixing our Schools Initiative Funding”. This is enabling us to keep our school maintenance up to date and continue our asbestos removal program. The Queensland Government will be continuing the Great Results Guarantee Program in 2015 with our school set to receive around $109,000. This is great news as we will be able to build on our reading program funded by this year’s Great results guarantee and continue to improve the reading outcomes of all students.

Extension English sessions are being offered to a number of students from Year 3 to Year 7. Mrs Stubbs will be meeting with the younger students on Tuesday second break and with Friday first break. Together they will be creating some interesting narratives to share the younger classes. Mr Nord will be working with the older children creating a school gazette during Tuesday’s first break and Thursday’s second break. We will publish the gazette and send it home with the final newsletter.

Monday 20th of October is a student free day. Teachers and teacher aides will be attending a professional development day at school run by Tony Ryan. Tony Ryan is a consultant and writer, and offers professional support to educational and corporate organisations throughout the world, on issues such as innovative thinking and future-proofing. He believes that education is the most important profession on the planet, and has dedicated his life to giving support to it in every way possible. Tony will be working with our staff on differentiating the curriculum to ensure we cater for the differing learning and social needs of all our children.

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for the Gympie Zone Sportsperson of the year award. Hayden C, Myles D, Riley B, Ryan E, Thomas B, Jordan L and Kearna B. The children have been invited to the Annual Zone Presentation ceremony on the 30th of October at Gympie South SS at 4.00 pm.
We are having some issues with birds stealing student lunches. Please discuss with your children the importance of sealing their lunchboxes and putting them back in their bags. It only takes approximately 15 seconds for a bird to take a sandwich bag, break through the bag and fly away with the food.

Parents should have received all the paper work for the rewards day next Friday the 24th October. Students on orange behaviour level will remain at school and work with myself and Mrs Seed.

Kind Regards Helen Grogan

Principal Awards: These students will receive their awards this Friday’s parade.

- Mitchell Window, for winning the Mitre Ten colouring in competition.
- Improved readers, Ryan G, Thomas F, Caden F, Dean P, Marten B, Thomas B, Tristen F, Ellie L, Cody F, Zenith S, Tayla H, Caitlyn O, Larni R, Olivia W, Mia W and Declan C. All these children have improved their benchmarks by four levels or better.
- Hannah P for excellent procedural writing.
- Malachi S for great work with his independent writing.
- David S for being a caring and supportive dance partner during the 1B dance practise.

A special mention to PF who wrote a great class story on aliens which they published for me to read. I have included their story in this week’s newsletter.

OZ Kick: The Oz kick program will run on a Thursday first break. Cost is $25 for the whole 8 weeks. More information to come at this week’s parade.

THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES
Parade Friday 17 October at 9:00am in the Hall
20 Tokens – Alec O, Katie B and Sophie L.
100 Tokens – Charlotte K, Liliana M, Angel B, Mackenzie K, Rochelle B and Jordan A.

DENTAL VAN
The School Dental Van will be at Jones Hill School from October 17. Students in Years 5, 6 and 7 received their forms last week. Please return these to the school office by Wednesday October 15. Forms for all other classes will be handed out at a later date.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Anyone wishing to donate Colour or Sparkly Hair Spray for our onsite fundraising please see Mrs Hurren.
Magda Szubanski Shirt Winner – Rebecca Mann
Jelly Bean Guess Winner – Tasha Jones (432)

AWARDS EVENING
The Awards Evening will be held on the evening of Thursday December 4.

I have listed below the award categories. If you would like to donate a prize for any of the awards please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to school by Friday October 24.

Please also indicate whether you would like to present your award. I will contact anyone who nominates to confirm what category you will be donating for and letting you know who the recipient of the award will be.

Awards in the past have included books, pens, trophies, gift vouchers, cash etc.

The categories to receive awards are:

- Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN Champions (Filled)
- ECO Garden/Environment Award
- Learning Support Student of the Year - Girl (Filled) & Boy
- Special Education Program Student of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Instrumental Music (Strings)
- Instrumental Music (Brass/Woodwind/Percussion)
- Academic student of the year - years 1 to 7 (Yr 6 Filled)
- Most Improved Student - years 1 to 7 (Yr 6 Filled)
- Classroom Volunteer (parent) of the year (Filled)
- Spirit of Jones Hill Award – one for years 1-3 and one for years 4-7 (Filled)
- Most improved reader in years 1 to 7 (Filled)
- LOTE award
- Principal’s award (Filled)

Please contact Lola Burnett if you would like more information
GRADUATION BEARS YEARS 6 & 7
Payment for Graduation Bears or Balls is due by this Friday 17th October.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Our second Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings was held on Saturday. Thank you to the following people who helped Darryl & Logan D, Louise Y, Janessa K, Denise and Tanner C, Craig, Jodie, Lewis & Campbell G, Bruce, Nicholas, & Mitchell W, Luke D, and Trish S. We had a great day. Thanks to those who bought sausages and drinks and a reminder our next BBQ at Bunnings is on Monday 22nd December. Helpers are still needed, please leave your name at the office if you can spare a couple of hours.

SPELLATHON BOOK FAIR VOUCHERS
Reminder to all those students who chose Book Fair Vouchers as their prize from the Spellathon. These can be redeemed at this weeks’ Book Fair.

P&C MOVIE FUNDRAISER
We will be holding a movie Fundraiser later next month for "Hunger Games - Mockingjay Part 1" Please check upcoming newsletters for date, time and ticket sales.

SCHOOL DISCO
The P&C will be holding a Disco on Friday night 28 November. All children are invited to attend. Please see upcoming newsletters for further information.

MIKAYLAH’S WALL AND NON UNIFORM DAY
Final fundraiser to help support Mikaylah. On October 21 we are having a combined final fundraiser for Mikaylah. Under the office we will be creating “Mikaylah’s Wall”. All students from the school are asked to bring along a gold coin donation and have their hand print painted on this very special wall. The wall will symbolise our support for Mikaylah and with your help raise much needed money to go towards the family to cover expenses. This day will also be a non-uniform day.

TENNIS GYMPIE FAMILY OPEN DAY
When: Saturday 18th October (This Saturday) 3.00 pm – 7.00pm
Where: Reg English Memorial Courts Cartwright Road (Beside Gympie West State School)
What’s on: Speed Serve machine (Have you got Gympie’s Fastest Serve??
: Hot shots demos for the kids : Accuracy Challenge
: Free sausage sizzle
: Senior junior doubles challenge
: Social tennis
Bring the whole family for some fun and games
Contact Brett Cottrill for more information 0417746795

GYMPIE GIRL GUIDES FUNDRAISER
Movie Fundraiser Friday October 17 6pm - The Boxtrolls - $10 for tickets contact Melanie 0434 269 616 or Shelley 0447 032 345

MATH QUIZ FROM MRS GROGAN
Answers will be printed next week.

Question 1
Which of these square numbers also happens to be the sum of two smaller square numbers?

| 16 | 25 |
| 36 | 49 |

Question 2
Harry’s mum is 3 times older than Harry. If their combined age is 44 how old is Harry?

Question 1 lost a quiz contestant $16 000.

The aliens save the day
Written by PF

The teacher and girls and boys were on the moon with some aliens. They were having fun jumping on the moon because you bounce really high. It was the 1st of October 2014.

They sadly leave the moon and get back in their rocket ship. While flying back to Earth, their rocket breaks down. They find out it has run out of fuel. What will they do? Will they die or not?

The aliens come in, riding on a fire moon. They jump over to the class and give them a ride back to Earth. Everyone is happy. ☺
PREP Info Evening
Tuesday 14 October 2014
7pm start
Prep building
(closest building to the Heilbronn Road carpark)

PREP Open Day
Wednesday 12 November 2014
8:50 - 11am
(meet in the small undercover area near the Admin building)

AWARDS EVENING – Thursday 4/12/2014- Donations/Presenters
PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

NAME: ______________________________
PHONE NUMBER: _____________________

Please indicate the award category (see newsletter) you would like to be a donor for and whether you wish to be the presenter on the night.

Award category:  Choice 1 _____________________
Choice 2 (if 1 is unavailable) _____________________

Will you be presenting:  YES  NO  (please circle)

NB. You will be contacted towards the end of November to confirm arrangements.