Due to Rewards Day this Friday October 24 there will be

- No Playgroup this Friday
- No Tuckshop this Friday
- No Parade this Friday

A note from the Principal:

I trust the children had a restful Monday whilst the Jones Hill staff members attended a professional development day with educator Tony Ryan. During the sessions teachers investigated new technologies to use in the classroom, examined strategies to build students thinking skills and explored ideas to implement a variety of extension programs in 2015. We will continue to build on our work with Tony later in the term via a telephone conference.

Thank you to Kim Grills who painted the heading for our ‘Wall of Life’ mural which has the children’s handprints and names as a tribute to children who struggle with serious illnesses. Thank you to Lisa Whittaker for organising this fundraiser for Mikaylah and her family. Thank you to all who supported the activity. Students and staff members will be raising further funds this weekend for cancer as they take part in the Relay for Life.

This Friday students will be attending ‘Rewards Day’ activities. As a number of students will be out of school for the day we will not have parade or tuckshop. Students on orange behaviour level will be working with Mrs Grogan and Mrs Seed for the day. All awards will be printed in next week’s newsletter with presentations of certificates at the following Friday’s parade.

Friday is also ‘World Teachers Day’. We will be celebrating on Thursday with a morning tea for all staff. Thanks to Chappy Russ for organising this event to say thank you to our great staff who provide the best quality learning and care for all our children.

Mrs Dawson, Mrs Mansfield and their husbands, along with our teacher aide Trish ....have done an amazing job painting the cubby house with beautiful bright colours chosen by the students. This week will see the musical part of the sensory garden and the children’s art work fence completed by Friday. By the end of this term our prep area will look sensational.

Mrs Grogan’s Maths Quiz:
Congratulations to those who had a go at last week’s questions.

- Ben R and Mrs Hurren worked out the answer to question 1.
  - 25 = 16 + 9,  25 = 4² + 3²
- All of the U2Bands year 5 group solved question 2.
  - 44 = (Harry’s age x 3) + (Harrys age),  44 = 11 x 3 + 11
  - Harry is 11 years old.

Try these questions this week.
1. Carrie has 125 Australian stamps. She has 3 times as many US stamps as Australian stamps. How many stamps does she have altogether?
2. Tyson rode 58km in a bike-a-thon, Ben rode 19km more than Tyson. Sarah rode 24 fewer kilometres than Tyson. How many kilometres did they ride altogether?

Maths Club: this Wednesday first break in the library. Come and solve maths puzzles and challenges. Prizes and certificates for those who complete a set number of problems.
**KIDPENEURS RAISE $1000 FOR INJURED KOALAS**

Last term on the 11th till the 16th of September, the year 6/7s held a Kidpreneur market week. The students sold a range of products such as hair clips, cow manure to milkshakes. Altogether the total was $1826.50. The Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital will receive $1126.50 to help the sick and injured animals. The average cost to treat an animal is $380 however koalas are an exception costing on average $1500 each. We would like to thank all parents and students for their time and money spent at our market. Thank you, sincerely yours, Kearna B and Makayla K on behalf of the leadership team.

**WALKERS NEEDED**

Our adult Relay for Life Team has lost a couple of members. If you would be interested in walking with the team this weekend please see Jennifer in the office. The cost is $20 (free shirt & breakfast). The relay starts at 3pm on Saturday and finishes 9am on Sunday.

**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:

- ECO Garden/Environment Award
- Learning Support Student of the Year - 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)
- LOTE award

Please contact Lola Burnett if you would like more information.

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**P&C NEWS**

**MOVIE FUNDRAISER - Friday 21 November**

We will be holding a movie Fundraiser on 21st November at 6:20pm for "Hunger Games - Mockingjay Part 1". Tickets are $12 and will be on sale from Monday 3rd November at the office.

**SCHOOL DISCO - Friday 28th November**

The P&C will be holding a disco in the hall on Friday 28th November. Time 6pm to 8:30pm - Cost $5.00 per child / $10 per family. The disco is only for Jones Hill State School students. It will be supervised by the P&C committee and any parent volunteers. Food and drink will be available for purchase on the night. All proceeds go to the P&C which supports the school.

**FREE DRESS DAY**

A Free Dress Day will be held on Thursday 11th December. Gold coin donation. All monies raised will go towards new home readers for 2015.

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

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.

**FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION**

The winner of the Jones Hill State School Footy Tipping is Jill Wells. Jill wins $125 with another $125 going to fundraising for the schools P&C. Thank you to all who participated.

**LIONS FISHING CLASSIC**

Join us for our annual family fishing competition at Lake Borumba Imbil. Camping, entertainment, food stall, lucky draws, raffles, prize and juniors (under 15) Red Claw Competition. For more information or nominations forms, email us at gympielions@gmail.com or visit our website http://gympie.qld.lions.org.au

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**Help your child to be a good reader.** Diagnostic testing at our school shows our children need help with re-tell and inferring when reading. The following definitions and ideas will give you ways to help your child improve these reading strategies.

Inferring is being able to ‘read between the lines’, when the author implies something but doesn’t exactly state it. You need to use the clues in the text and prior knowledge to help you understand. An example: the child reads, “Sarah’s mouth was dry and she had a big knot in her stomach. She wished today was already over.” The child infers, I think Sarah sounds really nervous about giving her speech to the whole school.

Retell is being able to recall the main events in the story. Modelling to your child by retelling the main events after you have read a story together. Focus on the who, what and when, where and why of the story. For early readers, assign each of their fingers one of the 5 Ws and have them tick down a finger as they talk about the aspect of the story. When all five fingers are down, their retelling should be complete.

Kind Regards Helen Grogan
SATURDAY JUNIOR TENNIS HOT SHOTS

The Gympie and District Junior Tennis Association Coaches Brett Cottrill and Matt Watkins will be commencing Saturday morning tennis for juniors from beginners to advanced levels at The Reg English memorial Tennis Centre on Saturday 25th October for 6 weeks. This program will be based on the Hot Shots program of game play and skill development. Juniors that have also played in the school holiday fun tournaments or participated in school tennis coaching programs will be suited to this program. Times will be from 8.30am to 10.00 am each Saturday. Costs will be $12/week per child and $18/week for two children in the same family. For bookings or more information please call Brett Cottrill on 0417746795.

TENNIS SCHOOL CHALLENGE YEARS 1 to 7

Tennis Gympie will be holding the next interschool challenge of 2014 at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Road on Wednesday 29th October 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 medallion. For more information or to book in please call Brett Cottrill Ph 0417746795 or Matt Watkins 0417070129

Note: The 2nd Challenge for term 4 will be on Wednesday 26th November.

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.