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A note from the Principal:
We have a striking set of over-sized pencils standing at the front of our school. Each one is embossed with one of our school expectations. Thank you to the P&C for buying these great markers that represent and support our school vision and values. Thank you also to Steve Delisser, Darren Seed, Luke Delisser and Kathie Delisser for erecting them over the weekend. They also did an excellent job cleaning and finishing the prep cubby house ensuring our school grounds are in excellent shape.

How wonderful it was to hear all the students singing on parade Friday. Congratulations to Mr Impey and our students. The catchy tune made us all want to sing along.

University Links:
This Thursday our Year 6 and 7 students will be visiting the Gympie campus of TAFE and the University of the Sunshine Coast. They will rotate through a variety of activities including the university nursing and science laboratories. The students will be required to wear protective clothing and will discover what it is like to study nursing or science at university. They will also investigate the courses and facilities offered by the TAFE campus. The students will get a taste of what courses are available locally at Gympie and the Sunshine Coast for further education and a fun introduction to future vocations they may like to follow. This is the start of a very productive partnership with both TAFE and the Sunshine Coast University.

We have also been invited by the University of the Sunshine Coast to join their Smart Steps Program in 2015. The "Smart Steps - Jobs to Go" program is a career development program targeting school students in Years 5 and 6. It aims to build awareness of the variety of careers that potentially lie ahead for students, reinforcing the value of both school education and further learning or training beyond school. The program raises students' aspiration levels at an early age and stimulates their motivation to achieve at school and beyond. For many students it will fill gaps in their understanding of the world which may not otherwise receive attention. Smart Steps' goal is to build a 'culture of possibility' allowing the students to dare to dream'.

Research from within Australia and overseas provides strong support for the value of programs for students of primary school age to learn about career opportunities and post school education and training. The emphasis of Smart Steps is on providing engaging and hands-on experiences which build students' understanding of the 'world of work'. The program is embedded into the English Unit in Australian Curriculum with three (3) classroom lessons and an interactive Job Expo. Teachers are provided with a Teachers Manual and all students receive individual "What career would I enjoy?" workbooks. This is a very exciting initiative for Jones Hill SS. The year six teachers and I will be meeting with representatives from the University on Monday 17 November.

Summer Workshops for Students, January 2015: Explore, Have Fun, Take a Challenge. The Institute of Professional Learning (Department of Education, Training and Employment) is excited to be conducting 7 fun and interactive workshops during the summer holidays. Are you looking for a challenge? Do you want to explore some areas like video, photography or coding? There are plenty of options for you to choose. This summer’s workshops include: Intro to Coding, Create a Phone App, Make a Film, Take a Photo, Build a Biz, Build a Robot and Girls in Robotics.

Held from the 12th - 16th January these workshops cater for different age groups and will be held at the IPL Centre, 3rd Floor, Building J, University of the Sunshine Coast. For more details on each workshop, times, ages and registration please see http://wired.ivvy.com/event/7FKEAB/ ) Hurry as there are limited spots. See Helen Grogan if you would like further help in organising your child’s attendance.

P&C Meeting next Monday 6.30pm in the library. New members are welcome. We have a very strong dedicated P&C that ensures Jones Hill School has great resources and programs.
A reminder to all students that no sports equipment is to be used before or after school.

**Principal Awards:** The following children will receive awards at Friday’s parade.
- Carter A for drawing and interpreting great graphs.
- Sophie S for writing a great horse novel and sharing her work with me.
- Kasja L for sharing her beautiful art work with us and allowing us to display copies in the school foyer.
- Zavier Ha for sharing the story he wrote about cars with Mrs Seed.
- Carter A for sharing his diary writing with Mrs Hurren.
- Maryem A for exceptional improvement with her academic studies.

**Maths Club:** This Tuesday at first break in the library:

*This week’s Questions*
1. At a bakery buns cost $0.50 each or 5 for $2
   What is the lowest cost of 12 buns?

2. Five children shared 22 chocolate Easter eggs.
   Three of these children had four each.
   The other two, Michael and Amy, shared the Easter eggs equally.
   How many chocolates did Michael get?

**Last week’s answers:**

Which flag is not symmetrical?

Answer: The first and third flags can be cut into two identical halves, see the dotted lines. The second flag cannot!

Which of these angles are greater than 90 degrees, but less than 180 degrees.

Answer: Using the 90° and 180° diagrams below, to compare angles. It is the circled angle.

\[ \angle = 90° \quad \angle = 180° \]

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**THUMBS UP CERTIFICATES**

Parade Friday 7 November at 9:00am in the Hall


**100 Tokens** – Savanna C.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES TENDER INFORMATION**

The Jones Hill State School wishes to inform the school community of our intention to go to tender for the outside school hours care services (OSHC). If you wish to discuss this process please attend the next general P&C meeting or contact the office on 5489 0555.

**LOOKING FOR TUTORS**

Parents often contact the school looking for tutors. If you know of anyone who works as a tutor and is looking for students please get them to contact the school.

**CHURCH VISITS – Please Read – Most Important**

Our annual church visits are on Tuesday 25 November from 9:30am to 10:30am – buses leave 9:05am

1B, 1N, 2B, 2G, 2/3C, 3R & 3S will be going to Victory Church.

4N, 4/5L & 5W will be going to Christian Family, Fritz Road.

5/6B, 6/7C & 6/7K will be going to Salvation Army.

Transport costs are $3 per head. Please drop payment into the school office before Friday November 21.

*** If your child is NOT to go to the church service, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office ASAP. This is most important. I would ask that parents have a genuine reason for their children not attending as opposed to the kids simply not wanting to go.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITMENT CONCERT**

On Tuesday, November 11 James Nash will be putting on a small concert in the school hall from 2:20pm to 2:40pm. The concert will showcase the instrumental program and the wonderful opportunity it is for our students. All parents are welcome to come.
AWARDS EVENING
The Awards Evening will be held on the evening of Thursday December 4.
We still need donations for some categories (see below). You will be contacted 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 still to receive donations are:
- Special Education Program Student of the Year
- Instrumental Music (Brass/Woodwind/Percussion)
- Academic student - years 1 to 7 (Yr 2 & 6 filled)
- Most Improved Student - years 1 to 7 (Yr 3, 5 & 6 filled)
- LOTE (German) award
Contact: Lola

P&C NEWS

MOVIE FUNDRAISER - Friday 21 November
Tickets are now available from the office for the P&C movie Fundraiser. "Hunger Games - Mockingjay Part 1" will be on 21st November at 6.20pm. Tickets are $12.

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.
***If any parents are able to assist with supervising or helping in the canteen please contact Sasha on 0409 429 242 or Janessa on 0438 832 973***

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.

Sensory Santa
Sunday 7th December
3:30pm - 5:30pm
At Gympie Central
Sensory Santa was created for families with special needs children that have anxiety disorders and couldn’t have a photo with Santa because of their sensory issues. Sensory Santa offers: no background music, no lines, no queues, 3 minute bookings, chair next to Santa, understanding Santa and photographer and is available outside core trading hours (less crowds). To book: contact the Santa Santa on 0422 436 500 or email sensorymomay@hotmail.com
For more details, go to www.gympiecentral.com.au
Or Bruce Highway & Exceed Rsl, Gympie
Phone: 07 5482 9840

LOST
Jones Hill School bucket hat (Doran) with name inside (Zanthe). Please return to the school office.

DONATIONS WANTED
- Windchimes or tea pots. The tea pots need to be metal or made of materials that don’t smash easily.
- If anybody has or knows of a second hand fridge that is in good working order that could be donated to the prep building, please contact the office.

FREE HEALTY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM
A new healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health is now available free for families in Gympie. It is available to families who have a child aged 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age. The program takes a family-focused approach by helping parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is a 6 month program which consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term (term 1, 2015). Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session. Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator. The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered in Gympie by the Child Healthy Weight Team from the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service. A limited number of spots are available for each program. If you would like to reserve a spot on the next PEACH™ program please free call 1800 263 519 or 5450 4766 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

POLLEYS COACHES
Please note: You may be required to re-register your student for bus travel in 2015. Contact Polleys (5480 4500) to collect your forms before the rush! Register over the holidays to avoid having to pay fares at the start of Term 1. You will need to re-register your students for 2015 if:
1. They are repeating grade 12
2. They were in Grade 6 or Grade 7 in 2014
3. The student’s home address has changed
4. If the student is changing school

LIVE WELL WITH ASTHMA
Are you or someone you care for living well with asthma? If you:
- wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless
- struggle to keep up with normal activity
- use your blue reliever puffer more than three times a week
- are unsure about the way your medications can work best for you
These are all signs your asthma is not well controlled or signs you are not living well with asthma. If your asthma is limiting your quality of life, Asthma Foundation Queensland invites you to join us for a free one hour Live Well with Asthma workshop. To register please call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130 or visit http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/QLD/Courses_for_the_community.aspx
Sunshine Coast Medicare Local, Shop 2, 107 Mary St
Thursday 27 November - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
**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.

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**Non Participation in Church Visit**

Please return to the office A.S.A.P.

Student/s Name: _______________________  
Grade/s: _______________________

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My child/ren will not be attending the School Church Visits on Tuesday November 25.

Parent’s Signature: ___________________