



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

EVERY FRIDAY	NUDE FOOD FRIDAY
11 th May	Mothers Day stall
15 th , 16 th , 17 th May	Naplan Testing
18 th May	Gympie Show Holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's amazing how quickly NAPLAN times comes around each year. Next week students in years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual tests. The tests go over three days next week and students will be tested on spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing, reading and numeracy. Spelling, grammar and punctuation and writing will be conducted on Tuesday. Writing on Wednesday and numeracy on Thursday. Whilst our school day will be slightly disrupted in the mornings of our NAPLAN testing it is important for students in years 3 and 5 to realise that it's a normal school day. We wish our year 3's and 5's the best for the NAPLAN testing next week.

Our attendance data is sitting at 93.4% for term 1 which is a great start to the year. Our school's goal is 95% so we are tracking nicely to achieving this goal. Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school for any reason please contact the office so we can note the absence.

Our before school reading program has continued in term 2. This time is valuable as it allows every student in our school to read aloud to an adult in

their classroom. Reading is a fundamental skill in our society and staff have all noted an improvement in our students reading abilities. Also this term we have also started our Cars and Stars (reading comprehension) and Spelling Mastery programs. These programs are ability based groups so we place students in groups according to what students are able to do. Students in years 2 to 6 are involved in these lessons three times per week.

Parents and carers – do we have your latest contact details? There are times when we may need to get in touch with you. Do we have your most up to date details? If not, please contact the school on 54865229 so we can update our records. These details include your name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to let the school know if any of these details change.

Just a reminder that next Friday is the Gympie Show holiday.

Wishing all our mums a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.

Kind Regards Damian

YEAR 5 – 6 CLASSROOM NEWS

In the 5-6 class we have been very busy and we are finding that our short weeks are making us even busier! In English in year 5 we have been analysing media texts and we have been learning about the language choices that authors use to persuade an audience on any given topic. In year 6 we have been looking at advertising and the use of language to try and 'persuade' us to buy things.

In maths the year 5's have been looking at division and place value to hundredths, whilst the year 6's have been looking at multiplying by 10, 100 and 100, and multiplying whole numbers by decimals.

In Geography this week we have compared the climates, populations and environmental factors that influence houses and also primary production in Finland and Spain. We learnt that Finland is one of the coldest countries on earth and that Spain is the world's largest producer of olives

Kind Regards Damian and Jackie

YEAR 2 - 3 - 4 CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi Parents and Carers,

Thanks to all who have returned Mother's Day raffle tickets. Just a reminder they need to be back by Friday (Tomorrow) whether sold or unsold. We are having our Mother's Day stall on Friday too. If students are bringing money to school, please remind them to keep it safe and not show others what they have. Children are welcome to bring their money in a named envelope that I can look after until it is our turn to shop.

We have been busy working on our Art assessments and the children have produced some interesting pieces. Our English groups continue with our Narratives and focus on the language the authors use. In Maths we are consolidating our use of number lines, working with money and revisiting time. Each year level have varying achievement standards. Year 2 should be reading O'Clock, half past, 1/4 past at this stage. Year 3 should be reading time both to and past times to 5 minutes and year 4 to the minute and calculating durations. Converting between digital and analogue can be a little difficult for students, but having the two types of clocks in the home can help with that skill. Students have also been enjoying some new maths games (thank you P&C) of multiplication, addition and subtraction.

Nude Food Friday has been extended and the children can receive a token on any day they bring a waste free lunch. We will have the draw at the end of the term, with some good prizes to be won.

NEXT WEEK – students in year 3 who are doing NAPLAN next week 15th, 16th and 17th will not be required to do spelling or number facts for homework. The rest of the class will continue with homework as usual, however

testing will be done on Thursday 17th as Friday is the Gympie Show Holiday. Thank you for your support.

Regards Mrs Mac (Tracey McWilliam)

YEAR PREP - 1 CLASSROOM NEWS

Dear Parents

Students in the class have been working hard at making a present for Mums on Mother's Day. I hope all the Mums like their presents and have a wonderful day on Sunday.

Recently in English the year ones have been revising how to write simple sentences and learning about grammatical terms such as nouns, verbs and adjectives. They have been writing about characters in books that are read in class. The prep students have now finished learning about most of the single sounds of the alphabet in Jolly Phonics lessons and are now moving on to learning digraphs where two letters make a sound, for example ch. The prep students have made a pretty good start to learning sight words.

In maths recently, the preps have been learning about patterns, measuring length and number names to ten. The year ones have been practicing counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. They have also been having a big focus on understanding place value of two digit numbers.

In science this term we are looking at the properties of materials. We had a great investigation last week finding out if different materials were strong, durable, flexible, transparent and waterproof.

Just a reminder that students need to choose a topic from the supplied list for this term's Show and Tell talks. Please see me if the list of topics has been misplaced.

I have enrolled the year ones in a free online maths game called Prodigy that can be accessed at home. Passwords will be sent home in the homework folder.

We'd like to welcome two new students to our class; Myla, who is in year one, and Axel joins the prep cohort. They have settled in very quickly to our class.

Kind regards, Thea Politanski

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Unfortunately we do still have a number of outstanding accounts. In order to cover these accounts, the money needs to come out of our school budget which in turn needs to be taken from the money allocated for student resources.

If you still have an overdue account, payment **must** be received early next week. If you have spoken to the admin staff in relation to your account, we require that you make weekly or fortnightly payments to ensure that this debt is paid by the end of term 3. A payment plan will need to be set up if weekly or fortnightly payment is not paid

Please remember that payment of accounts can be made by eft-pos, cash, cheque, B-point or alternatively you can arrange to have payments directly made via Centrepay. Bpay is no longer a payment option for our school.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is every Wednesday. Please ensure that all orders are received by 9am the day before to ensure that no one misses out.

There are plenty of menu options for our students each week and the ladies have come up with a great meal deal which allows them to keep costs down for our parents.

Thank you to Denise, Neroli and ladies for all effort given to ensure that our students have the opportunity to purchase from our tuckshop each week.

Please support our tuckshop.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Friday 11th May: There will be a range of gifts available tomorrow for the students to purchase for Mothers Day. Gifts range from 50 cents to \$5.00. Please send money along with your child tomorrow.

NUDE FOOD FRIDAY

WHOLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

The whole purpose of this initiative is to reduce the amount of rubbish we generate at here at our school. If students have a waste free lunch box they will be given a token. The tokens received will then go into a draw to be held at the end of term.

Each Friday, students are encouraged to bring a waste free lunch.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to those students that attended the Zone Cross Country in town on Tuesday. They all did our school proud. Well done to Madelaine Hill for coming in 7th place out of approx. 50 participants.

Thanks to Charlie for taking the students in on his bus.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will only be sold on Monday afternoon from 3:15 - 3:30 and Wednesday from 2:30 - 3:30 due to staff being in class.

Alternatively, you can send money and what items you require to school with your child and they will be sent home. Please note that eft facilities are unavailable for uniform purchases.

P & C NEWS

Thank you to Selwyn Lindsay for his kind cash donation to our P&C.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12th June @ 5:30pm. Please ensure that all agenda items are emailed to Debbie at debnkel2009@hotmail.com by midday 8th June.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to the families that have supported our Mothers Day raffle. Please ensure that all sold and unsold tickets are returned tomorrow.

A shout out to the parents that were kind enough to source prizes for our raffles. Thank you.

There was a great deal of support this year from local businesses who donated prizes for our Mothers Day raffle. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them. Please remember to help us support those businesses that support our school.

- Rainbow Beach Hotel
- Madhouse Gympie Central
- Cooloola Cove Landscaping & Garden Supplies
- Rainbow Beach Pharmacy
- Tin Can Bay Butchers
- Sleepy Lagoon Hotel
- Tin Can Bay Art
- Tin Can Bay Country Club
- Tin Can Bay Bakery
- Goomboorian Fuel Stop
- Pat Braid
- McDonalds Gympie
- BBQ's Galore Gympie
- Ange @ the Cove
- The Sands Centre Pharmacy
- Staff and Families of Kia Ora State School

EYE SPY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our students that received an Eye Spy certificate. Keep up the good work everyone.



STANDOWN PARK GIFT

Thank you to Standown Park for their kind donation.

The children have enjoyed having a look through the book.

