



Newsletter

Term 4. Week 02
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Dates to remember

22 Oct 2018	Student Free Day
25 Oct 2018	Year 6 Gympie Times Photos
3 November 5pm	P&C Meeting 5 pm in meeting room
30 November	Camp Deposit Due

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents.

Term 4 already. The year is certainly flying by! This term is always a busy one with multiple events occurring in the lead up to the Xmas break. This term has a habit of slipping by so please be aware of our upcoming events and remember to breathe deeply and smile in this very busy time of the year.

This coming Monday is a student free day. Staff will be involved in a range of activities including whole school student reading development and mapping of student reading progress. We will also be doing reading benchmark training to ensure consistency of practice across the whole school.

Many thanks to the numerous volunteers that once again ensured the success of this years bike ride. The bike ride consistently amazes me in the sheer organisation and commitment of people to maintain the integrity and success of the ride. A big thank you to Vanessa and Denise for all of your work behind the scenes to get the bike ride off the ground once again.

Our 2nd Prep, open day will be held next Friday the 26th of October. Prospective Prep students will be involved in a range of activities designed to help them get to know and become familiar with

our school before next year. If you're enrolling a child for Prep in 2019, don't forget to bring your child's birth certificate with you. Children must be aged 5 years by 30 June 2019.

Kind Regards Damian

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

To parents who have not met the new face around the school campus, Mr. Kyle Mulick has been present for the past term and a half conducting Kia Ora's PBL lessons. These lessons look at teaching students positive behaviours for learning whether at school or at home.

This term in PBL; we are focusing on several ideas that we hope will aid students to learn successfully and support positive at home behaviours. Some ideas such as listening to peers, teachers and parents, asking for help, staying on task, never giving up, participation, respect for others and self regulating behaviour. We will be also incorporating parts of a new program called "Growing With Gratitude" that aims to teach students 5 concepts; gratitude, kindness, positive reflection, healthy state of mind and being helpful at home. The school has access to resources surrounding this new program for parents, any who are interested can see Mr Olsen for further information.





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5 - 6 Classroom news...

Hello Parents.

Can you believe there is only 8 weeks of school left for this year! We have hit the ground running in the 5-6 class. In English the year 5's this term are doing a written comparison between a novel and a film. We are comparing the BFG by Roald Dahl and the film adaptation of the same name. We have been looking at the structure of a comparison and we have also been looking at the language involved in a comparison. The year 6's this term are doing a discussion around two books by the same author. We are looking at the BFG and Fantastic Mr Fox. We've been examining characterisation used by authors as well as first person and/or third person perspectives.

In mathematics the year 5's have been looking at probability and time as it relates 24 hr time. The year 6's have been looking a probability and patterns. Both groups have already completed their first assessment task in Mathematics.

In geography we are just about to finalise and complete our assessment task.

Damian & Jackie

The BFG Roald Dahl



2,3,4 classroom excursion...

Dear Parents

Term 4 already, this year has really flown. Thank you to Mr Mulick, Mrs Doherty and Ms Rose who looked after the class in my absence. Thanks also to the students for doing their best to make things work. I do hope you weren't too adversely affected by the recent weather.

In English all year levels are doing Poetry. They started last week looking at author's language and use of rhyme and repetition. They looked at alliteration and this week will explore other features of the genre. In maths we commence the term with our Show Me Papers. Students complete a number of questions from a range of mathematic areas. Their results are recorded and areas of misunderstanding or inaccuracy are addressed throughout the term. The children then complete the same equations in order to provide their best answer/example. These tasks and data collection is conducted throughout our region and my own class data shows improvement across the year levels. First week back students engaged in revision of number, measurement and money. In Science students continue with the unit Hot Stuff. They covered some of this content with Mr Mulick and we shall continue to work through developing our skills to conduct experiments and draw results from data. In HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) we are reading the children's book Eliza Bird. The story involves the poor conditions in England around 1780 and the deportation of convicts to Australia.

Homework started properly this week as you would know. Reminder that reading is 10 minutes, 3 times a week. This does not mean a child has to read an entire book. Just read for 10 minutes, record the pages and continue this the next night you read. If you and your child wish to read for longer, or more often, that is great too.

Thank you, Mrs Mac



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Prep - 1 Classroom news....

Hello Parents.

Well here we are at the start of term four. Before you know it we will be through this school year. Term four is always super busy with lots of things happening including assessment, report cards, preparing for the Christmas concert and the whole school excursion. We have already lost a couple of days of teaching due to the rain events we had recently so it is really important that your child is at school as often as possible.

Next Monday, 22nd October, is a pupil free day where students are not required to come to school. Teachers will be at school undertaking professional development. I will be taking long service leave next week and will be away until Tuesday 30th October. I'm not sure yet who will be taking the class for the five days I'm away. A full program will be left for the teacher to work through. Homework will continue as usual.

In English, both year levels have been and will be learning about the features of narrative texts (stories). Students will be adapting information from the stories to complete other tasks. The year ones will be learning how to write a procedure based on information from a story. The preps will write a letter to a character from a story. Last week we had a mysterious letter from a child named Sam asking the preps to help him find his lost dog. Of course our wonderful preps came up with many wonderful suggestions about where the dog could be and how it could be found. One prep boy suggested he could make a missing poster and post it on Instagram and Facebook!

In maths lessons recently, the preps have been doing lots of counting and learning how to recognise numbers as words. In week one the year one students focussed on learning about half of a shape, half of a collection and problem solving involving halves. Most students have completed assessment on that topic, though some still need to complete that assessment task. Last week

both year levels met some strange characters named Even Steven and Odd Todd. They were very helpful though as they helped the students learn about odd and even numbers. The year one students are currently working on a chance and data unit.

For our final HASS unit we have been looking at fire safety, including knowing what to do in a fire emergency. As part of the unit the students practised the safety tip of Get down low and go, go, go. I must apologise for the number of students that came home with carpet burns on their knees that day – some were a bit too enthusiastic in their low crawling! Could parents please practise saying your address with your child as in class they will be roleplaying ringing 000 and saying where they live.

Our final science unit will be from the area of physical science and will involve investigating different ways that objects can move.

In The Arts this term, there will be a combination of art and drama lessons.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents that contributed in any way at our recent Kia Ora Trail Bike Ride. The trail ride is a fantastic fundraiser for our school with funds benefitting every student. Our P & C provides funds for many obvious and not so obvious things in the school including providing every student with stationery, free excursions, iPads, sporting equipment as well as donating a significant amount to reduce the Canberra camp fees. I would like to encourage parents to get involved with the P & C next year as there could be a risk that the trail ride won't be able to go ahead. Please, get involved or all the kids will miss out.

Regards

Thea Politanski





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Finance News...

We have just received confirmation on airfare prices for our Canberra Camp. A note will go home to all current 4 and 5 students asap.

Camp Date: 11-16 August 2019	Canberra 2019 5/6 camp. \$200 Deposit Due: 30th November 2018
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Canberra Fundraising:

Raffle tickets are going home today with students. Proceeds are going toward the 5/6 Canberra Camp. All sold and unsold tickets and money must be returned before the draw on the 13th December 2018.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on ways the committee can raise money, please be sure to come along to the next meeting or catch up with one of our current year 4 and 5 parents.

P & C Association

Thank you to the continued support from our active P&C. The staff and children appreciate the hard work that is put in to support our school.

JOKE OF THE WEEK!

Q: Why was the teacher cross-eyed ?

A: She couldn't control her pupils!

Sew your own formal dress...

Debbie will be holding sewing workshops at the Kia Ora Memorial Hall each Sunday, starting the 28th October until the end of term.

Anyone interested in making their own formal clothes can attend. There will be patterns, materials and embellishments to use, however a sewing machine is required.

Workshops start at 11 am and finish at 1pm. The cost is \$5.00 each per workshop

To register your interest, please contact Debbie Nendick on 0412 418 534

Year 6 Student photos...

Please ensure that your year 6 student wears their senior shirt on Thursday 25th October. The Gympie Times will be out to take photos of our graduating year

Tuckshop...

Mrs Beaman has been kind enough to open the tuckshop each Wednesday until week 9. Please support the tuckshop to ensure that it remains viable to open.

Orders must be placed on the Tuesday prior to tuckshop day. Please have students hand their brown paper bag and money in by 9am Tuesday morning.





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Kia Ora Trail Ride and it's future..

Another one down, done and certainly dusted!

As always, another successful event. This year we had a total of 674 riders with a profit of approx. \$43,000 !! So as you can see, it was definitely worth the effort.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that helped in some way to ensure the smooth sailing and the success of yet another trail ride. Thank you to Denise and the team in the canteen who again went above and beyond to ensure that we were all fed and well watered. Thank you to Matt, Paul, Fatty and Walt for all their continued efforts over the months leading up to the event. These guys were able to provide our riders with a choice of some pretty amazing tracks. Thank you also to our sweep riders who helped out over the course of the weekend.

We were also encouraged with the number of sponsors and local businesses that came on board again this year. We had our 'usual' sponsors who are there each and every year, as well as a few newbies, which was great to see. A shout out to Nikki and Leanne for getting hold of a number of great prizes for our multi draw raffle.

Thanks to those from the Goomboorian and Neerdie Halls as well as the Rural Fire Brigades who also came out to help. I would also like to thank Fred and the Ross Creek store. Fred was an absolute breathe of fresh air, he took a great load off me this year and I am very appreciative.

Last, but certainly not least, out landholders. Thank you so much for supporting our event. Without your generosity, we would be unable to hold such a fantastic event. A big thank you must also be made to Andrew McCarthy for allowing us to use his property for camping. We were forced to move the event this year due to not securing property around the pony club and we were lucky enough that Andrew allowed us access.

It is with a heavy heart, that I now want to discuss with you, the future of the Kia Ora Trail Ride,

As you would appreciate, the effort that goes in to the trail ride is definitely worth it considering the outcome. Imagine the number of raffles, pie drives and free dress days that would be needed to make in excess of \$40,000 each year.

Over the past 13 years alone, this event has raised more than \$400,000... and no, that's not a typo! Money raised has seen the purchase of new Ipads, water coolers, fridges, tuckshop upgrade, subsidised excursions, end of year trip, sporting equipment, playground equipment, soft fall under the fort and let's not forget the \$500 per student subsidy for their Canberra Camp!

Since my time as Trail Ride Secretary and Co-ordinator, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with a great bunch of volunteers and I have met some fantastic people from all over Queensland. I love what I do, and I am extremely encouraged with the outcome and what it means to the kids here at KOSS, but after 13 years, it's surely time for someone else to step up? I have been trying to retire for the past couple of years, but have been unable to find someone that is willing to take over.

Unfortunately we have also seen a decline in parent volunteers over the past couple of years with only 14 out of our 43 families coming along this year to help. To top it off, we will also have a number of our key volunteers and P&C members that will no longer be apart of our school as their children are going on to high school either at the end of this year or the next.

So, as you can see, the future of the trail ride is hanging in the balance. Not only are our volunteer numbers dropping, there is no longer a co-ordinator, accredited ride secretary or trail boss.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on the 13th November at 5pm. I am including the trail ride on to the agenda, so please come along to find out the future of the ride.

Vanessa