Hi everyone

This fortnight has been different to say the least. I am sure that you are sick of the wet weather just like we are. When the school was closed last week I sent text messages to parents. I am after feedback on how this went and how efficient it was to get the message out. I would greatly appreciate your feedback. I don’t make the decision to close the school. I supply information and the decision is made by regional office. In Gympie on a couple of occasions all schools have been closed from regional office.

We have welcomed two new families to Wolvi, we hope they are settling in well. We now have an enrolment of 29 students.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my vision for Wolvi State school while I am here. I have a vision to collect a group of ordinary people (principal, teachers, staff, parents and students) working together to make an extraordinary learning environment for all. The goal being to help students, staff and community to develop, grow and be successful in whatever form that may be.

There are many ways in which this group of special ordinary people can be involved. I have ideas, the staff have ideas but I need suggestions from the parents and the community as well. There are a few forums like the P&C and interviews. You could also just send a note. Throughout my time here I endeavour to create times for get togethers and opportunities for parents to visit and be involved.

We need you. You are important to us.

Our focus and regional office focus is literacy and numeracy as well as introducing and developing the Australian curriculum in our school.

News from the Prep – Year 2 Classroom

Hi parents and friends,

Welcome to Week 6 and a special welcome to Corey and his family. It has been a crazy week with flooding! I attended a workshop on Monday called Seven Steps in Writing, which aims to improve writing by making it more interesting. For the next two weeks we will focus on Sizzling Starts. The children will spend 10 minutes
per day writing the start of a story. The emphasis will be on the writing rather than spelling or editing. At the end of each week they will select two Sizzling Starts to publish....look for some in the next newsletter.
I have spent some time talking to each child to determine realistic individual learning goals for this term. These will be updated each term so that each child understands their learning pathway. As yet the Prep children have fairly general goals such as knowing the school rules and knowing the alphabet and most common sound each letter makes but these will become more individualised as the year goes on.
Congratulations to our Star of the Week, Sam Shields. Sam has consistently been a cooperative and considerate student. Our Super Writer is Hugh. Well done boys.
Have a great fortnight everyone,
Brigid

Rainbow Beach Aquatic Centre School Holiday Activities

The Rainbow Beach Aquatic Centre are running a swim fit holiday program over the Easter break. The program will run over 3 days (3rd-5th April) and will focus on swimming technique, nutrition, fitness and games. It runs for only 4 hours each day covering stroke technique and fitness sessions. It’s a great opportunity for children who already swim to extend themselves, as well as a great introduction to the sport or just a healthy, fun activity for those who do not currently swim regularly. Cost: $25 per day or $65 for 3 days. Registration forms are available by calling: Kirsten Porter, Head Coach.
Contact: Rainbow Beach Swimming Club
Phone: 0467 970 619
Mobile: 0430 015 901

‘BUSHWIT’

Bush POETRY writing COMPETITION
Now open to all school students within the Gympie Regional Council area
Get your free entry in today to win!
**Seniors 1st Prize:** A beautiful two day break-away for 2, Sponsored by Rainbow Shores Resort at Rainbow Beach
**Seniors 2nd Prize:** $100 cash, Sponsored by Avante Bedding, Clontarf
**Juniors 1st Prize:** A watch to the value of $200, Sponsored by Prouds Jewellers, Gympie
**Juniors 2nd Prize:** $100 cash, Sponsored by Avante Bedding, Clontarf
**Peoples Choice Award 1st Prize** $100
**Peoples Choice Award 2nd Prize** $50
Both sponsored by Queensland Quality Hay and Produce, Gympie
Help our youth foster an appreciation of our national identity, support our students to search for the traditional sense of Australian humour in the face of adverse situations!
This is a great opportunity for students to have their work acknowledged and considered for publication.
Get entry forms to Gympie Library or to your school **no later than Friday, March 22nd 2013**
Winners will be announced at an afternoon tea and Awards Ceremony at the Gympie Library, on April 16th at 4PM by our Gympie Regional Mayor, Ron Dyne.
After school snacks

- English muffins with honey or jam
- Sandwich squares with egg, lettuce and tomato
- Cheese sticks
- A tub of yoghurt
- Dried fruit, fresh fruit or vegetable sticks
- Pikelets or homemade muffins
- Plain popcorn
- Breakfast cereal
- Crackers or rice cakes make great snacks
- 'Leftovers' like pasta, noodles or potato salad
- Water is the best drink for children, instead of juice, soft drinks or cordials