Principals Report

Hi everyone

As some of you may have noticed we have had the painters in all week. A block which is the building with the offices, staffroom and music room has been painted internally. While this has caused a little disruption to the staff, student learning has had no disruption. In the near future you will see the external painting of the 3-7 classrooms and possibly the internal and external painting of the P-2 room. Next term the construction of new shades over the playground, garden seating area and the eating area will begin. Also minor repairs and replacements will occur. We will also be installing a few new water tanks to help at times of poor rain – I’m beginning to find it hard to remember what that looked like though.

Thank you to all those who have supported the P&C’s Living Fundraiser. The students will benefit from the money raised.

At the moment we have a final year pre service teacher at school. Lauren will be doing her final internship here next term. She has been working with the 3-7 class. The students are responding well to her teaching and made her feel right at home. Please introduce yourself if you see her as she would like to get to know as many parents as possible during her time with us.

Report cards will go out next week this will give time for anyone who would like an interview with the teachers.

Friday will be a free dress day organised by the student council. Money raised will go towards student council events.

News from the 3-7 Classroom

Students have been busy doing their English and History presentations. They have particularly enjoyed creating animated stories. We have seen a variety of processes including videos, stop go animation, comics and photo stories.

The students have done a unit of work looking at characters and descriptions. The 3’s & 4’s needed to read a story and write a text about a character and their opinion of the character and what happened to that character. The 3-7 wrote a narrative using descriptions and analysis of characters. They then had to make an animation of their story. This required them to create and make characters and scenery, write and record sound and voice overs and put them together for the final product.

Next week the 3-7 class will have the opportunity to participate in a sleepover at school. This is a reward activity and will cost the students 500 walla dollars. For you who don’t know we have a reward system in the classroom where the students can earn walla dollars by showing good behaviour and work ethics. The students have a choice about spending the walla dollars on things out of the prize box or saving them for rewards such as an event like the sleepover or special auctions.

Once they have saved 500 walla dollars they can purchase a ticket. Only those with a ticket will be invited to the sleepover. Most are already there or close to it.
Hi parents and friends,

Welcome to week 9. We had a fantastic excursion to the Floating Land Festival at Boreen Point despite the weather. A huge thank-you must go to all the parents that helped make the excursion a massive success. The children enjoyed creating pieces for the Hanging Garden and loved seeing their egrets in the lake. The birds lasted until the last night, when the wind picked up...the egret with wings flew a little that night! The children did an evaluation of the materials/construction when I returned the birds to school.

Over the next week the children will complete their individual science/technology projects to design and construct an outdoor object that makes sound. They have drawn their plans and we are busily collecting the necessary materials for construction. Some things we still need are lids, plastic cream containers (with lids), cans (clean please), and beer bottle caps. We hope to start construction on Friday so if you have any of these materials handy please send them in.

In maths the children gathered data about favourite food, drinks, party games, cakes and party themes. They analysed and compared the results. Rather than let all this good data go to waste, we’ve decided to have a disco party next Friday (21st June) to celebrate the last day of school. I will bring the drinks, games and favourite food (burgers) but if someone has a disco ball and disco music it would be really helpful. The girls all seem to know what they will wear but the boys were having a little difficulty thinking of ideas- strangely many of them voted for it! A small plate of food to share with the group on the day would add variety. Please note that the children should wear their uniform to school and change into their disco gear for the party.

End of semester reports will be sent home next week so keep an eye open for them!

Our Stars of the Week are Hugh and Montana. Hugh always behaves safely and responsibly. Montana displayed responsible and cooperative behaviour on our excursion. Our Super Writers last fortnight were Sophie and Tyson. Well done children!

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Brigid
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
Earn & Learn program finished on the 9 June. Could you forward all your stickers to the school by next Monday? Thank you for your support during this campaign.

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COOLOOLA ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS TRAINING

When: Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons  
Where: Training at GSHS ONLY!!
Time: 3.30pm to 4.45 pm
Contacts: Keith Brown GSHS 54898376 M 0401397160  
Andrew Martin One Mile State School 54802777

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THE QUEENSLAND PLAN

Throughout 2013 all Queenslanders are invited to have their say on The Queensland Plan, a 30-year vision for our state. The plan will outline where Queenslanders want their state to be in 30 years’ time, and detail our priorities for the future, which is why it is important we engage the future leaders of our state.

Our young Queenslanders will be engaged primarily through their schools, and whilst participation is voluntary, all students are encouraged to get involved to help create the future that awaits them.

The survey can be accessed via the following link: www.facebook.com/QldPlanGympie

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Child Healthy Lifestyle Program
Queensland Health is running a free 4 week Child Healthy Lifestyle Program for interested parents in the Gympie central area. It will commence on Thursday 25th July from 9.30-11.30 am. The group program is designed to assist parents who are experiencing challenges in maintaining their children in a healthy weight range. The program is run by a dietician, physiotherapist and child health nurse and focuses on healthy eating, increasing physical activity and incorporates hands on learning and fun activity sessions.
We are interested in hearing from parents who are keen to make positive lifestyle changes. To register your interest please call 5450 4766 (leave message) or e-mail SC-Child-Healthy-Weight-Team@health.qld.gov.au

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AUSTRALIA ZOO – Zoo Keeper for a Day
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Zoo Keeper?  
Well, wonder no more! During the Queensland school holidays, Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day is on again!  
If you are aged between seven and 15 you can join the zoo crew to help with a number of awesome activities with plenty of hands-on action with some of our amazing animals. It's a day you won't forget! Places are limited so visit www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day or call 07 5436 2025.  
Ages: 7 – 11 years & 12 – 15 years  
Price: $85  
Includes: Zoo entry, plus an exclusive Zoo Keeper Pack  
Duration: 5 hours  
Location: Australia Zoo  
Dates: 22 June 2013 - 7 July 2013  
Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au
Come and Try
Rugby League Coaching
Clinic - Girls – Only
GYMPIE

The NRL will host a Girls-Only “Come and Try” Rugby League Coaching Clinic (8-13 years old) at the Gympie Devils JRL Fields on Tuesday 18 June 2013 from 4.00-6.00pm.
The 2hr coaching clinic will consist of a variety of basic rugby league drills and modified games involving passing, catching, kicking and tackling skills, introduced and practised under the guidance of qualified coaches, with the main emphasis of the session placed on having FUN. Players will participate in a number of controlled and monitored activities involving tackling and body contact.
The cost for the program is $3.00 with all participants receiving a NRL Boot bag or Water bottle and NRL poster.
Girls will require a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and suitable training attire and footwear (sandshoes or football boots).
Registration forms are available:
1. Registration forms may be available from below
2. Forms will be available on the day of the clinic

For more information please contact:
Richard Dugdale
NRL Game Development Officer -Wide Bay
Mobile: 0409 069 437
Email: rdugdale@nrl.com.au

Gympie Zone Girls Rugby League Trials Nominations
The Zone Trials are at Jack Stokes Oval on Friday, 12th July from 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. All interested girls (with basic skills) are encouraged to participate – the Wide Bay Trials are in Gympie on Saturday & Sunday, 10th & 11th August.