Principal’s Message

Welcome to a new year! Welcome to all the new students and families. We hope you are enjoying being a part of the best school in Queensland 😊 Welcome Cameron, Bailey, Travis, Karlia, Indigo, Ameliya, Hayleigh, Ebonie, Cheynita and welcome back to Madison 😊 We also welcome to our staff Ms Norris! She is teaching the Prep/Year 1/2 cohort until at least week 3. Confirmation of day 8 numbers will determine if we maintain our second teacher. Hence why attendance is important.

The new year has seen a FANTASTIC start to our attendance. Well done parents and students. Our goal for 2018 is to stay above 95% all year. Who is up for the challenge?! With two classes now I can track who has better attendance, the juniors or the seniors? What do you predict?

A big shout out goes to Ms Dakin, Mr Reeves and Mr Ebert for helping the senior students and I clean up the school grounds this week. The vegetable garden is ready for planting and our school yard is cleaner. If you are interested in a 4.7m wooden seat, please come and see Miss Brown ASAP. I have one up for tender.

Parent helpers on Tuesday mornings are always welcome. The seniors will be planting next week after our PE lesson. Come along and help out 9-10am.

PBL: Positive Behaviour for Learning

Once again this year, the staff and I encourage two more parents to become parent liaisons for our PBL team. This team supports the students with their behaviour (positive and negative), helps plan rewards days, monitors our use of our Responsible Behaviour Plan, makes decisions about promoting the positive behaviour around the school (eg signage). If you are interested, our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th February 2018.

Bullying has been high on our agenda this first week. With all the hype and recent news event, I want to reassure parents that we are active with bullying at Gundiah. We have started the discussion with the students about what it is and what can they do if they are bullied. I now ask all parents to start the conversation at home as well. Keep the communication lines open with your child and monitor their use of online chats and facebook (if they use them). Bullying has evolved since we all went to school and unfortunately online bullying is more common than you may think. If you need support or ideas yourself, come and chat to me or visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

I hope the start to the year has been as wonderful as mine has. Seeing the kids back at school has definitely been a highlight for the month.

Miss Rebecca Brown
P&C News
NEXT MEETING: 21st February 2018 AGM and General Meeting to follow
New members are welcome to attend. All executive positions will be up for nominations. Volunteers are needed for tuckshop this year. Please see Miss Brown if you are interested. Fundraising for the year is priority. This year we have a whole school camp to subsidise. Come along to the meetings to find out more information.

Bullying NO WAY!!
Gundiah State School will acknowledge the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on March 16th 2018. The whole school has started discussions for the year around bullying. This week’s focus was “What is it?” and “What strategies can I use for myself?” This discussion is ongoing and should be happening at home and at school throughout the year.
If you’d like more information on bullying, please visit www.bullynogoway.gov.au
Please read the research snapshot article included with this week’s newsletter. Note the definition of bullying: ‘ongoing misuse of power in relationships’

Bullying!
Bullying means that someone is calling you names non-stop. Bullying can also mean that someone is punching you, kicking you and pushing you. If someone bullies you, I suggest you tell an adult you trust or just ignore it the bully gets bored!
Jake Ward
Year 4

Bullying!
Bullying means non-stop teasing, name calling and laughing at you when you’re hurt.
When someone is bullying you, you should tell an adult or walk away.
Owen Westbury
Year 3

Upcoming Events
School Parade: 2nd February 2018

January Events:
• 26th: Australia Day – Public Holiday
February Events:
• 1st: Day 8 Student count
• 7th: P&C Meeting (AGM and General Meeting)
March Events:
• 2nd: Small Schools Cross Country at Gundiah
• 15th: School Photos
• 15-19th: Miss Brown away
• 26th: English Moderation for Ms Norris
• 28th: English Moderation for Miss Brown

EASTER HOLIDAYS – 30th March to 16th April

Reminders to Parents
• At pick up time, DO NOT WAIT ON THE ROAD. Be Road Safe!!
• Guitar permission forms due by Monday 29th Jan
• Get black shoes for your child ready for school photos
• No school this Friday due to Australia day

Reminders to Students
• Homework starts next week
• Bring a water bottle to school EVERY DAY