Principal’s Message

Every student succeeding is the shared vision of Queensland state schools. This strategy underpins regional and school planning to ensure every student receives the support needed to belong to the school community, engage purposefully in learning and experience academic success.

Department of Education 2018-2020

At Gundiah, we have planned so every child succeeds. No child will be left behind. All children will have their own goals to achieve each term. Please be active and know what these goals are so you can support your child to be successful. The school’s agenda and priorities for 2018 is READING. I will present these documents at the first P&C general meeting in February. If you’d like to hear and see more about our school priority, please take the time to attend our P&C meeting. The school’s documents to support the Department’s vision, are always available and on display in the office and classrooms.

All educators have the same goal ‘to help students make the maximum possible academic gains in a positive, respectful environment that promotes their success and nurtures their desire to learn’, (Archer, A. Hughes, C. 2011). Gundiah staff share this goal. To be able to support the children to reach this high level of success, the staff and I will at times, need to attend professional development. Please be mindful that even though this may be seen as an inconvenience for your child, in the long run, it’s creating a stronger teaching team, more proficient educators and a sustainable school. A great quote I like to remember is ‘if you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always got’. Meaning if we don’t keep educating ourselves and updating our pedagogies, then we as a school will never move forward in the education arena.

As mentioned your child will have goals to achieve each term. We reflect on these goals before setting new ones. Ms Norris and I will aim to send a copy of these goals home next week to all families. They may include a writing, reading, number goal as well as a personal goal. It has been said that giving people specific goals to achieve rather than telling them to do their best increases their motivation as well as their achievement. The students goals will be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) and explicit feedback during the term will be given to every child. If you’d like to know how you can support your child with their goals, please come and see Ms Norris and I at a convenient time.

We have started our year off on a positive step and I admire the students, staff and parents attitude towards the new year, new adventures and new students. The most motivating part of my role at Gundiah, is seeing the positivity that is Gundiah State School’s culture. It is what we pride ourselves on and just like all good things, it’s infectious. Keep smiling and sharing those wonderful stories about Gundiah.

Day 8 collection of enrolment numbers is on Thursday 1st February 2018 and it is imperative that attendance remains high. Our attendance goal for 2018 is to remain above 95%.

Reasonable reasons for being absent from school include; illness and family funerals. Being absent from school for birthdays, shopping and family holidays, will be frowned upon in 2018. I recommend that you request dentist, doctors and specialist appointments to after school hours as much as possible. Unexplained absences will be formally followed up.

EVERY DAY COUNTS towards your child succeeding.

Miss Rebecca Brown

ATTENDANCE

This Week: 98%
TARGET: 95%
**P&C News**

NEXT MEETING: Suggested change of date - 28th February 2018

Meeting date is changed due to Miss Brown being at PD on the 21st. Meeting date will depend on books being returned from auditor.

We need a parent volunteer to do tuckshop on the 16th March 2018. Please see Miss Brown ASAP.

We also need all parents to help do lunch/BBQ for the cross country on the 2nd March 2018.

**Thanks to Allyson for volunteering for tuckshop this Friday and Isis for volunteering for the 16th February 2018.**

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**Australian themed Tuckshop**

Friday 2nd Feb, after parade at 11.15am

Gluten free, vegetarian and allergies are catered for. No ordering needed.

$5 is always enough money. Please ensure it’s in a wallet to keep safe.

Students still need fruit break and a water bottle on tuckshop days.

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**Upcoming Events**

**School Parade: 2nd February 2018**

**February Events:**
- 1st: Day 8 Student count
- 21-22nd: Miss Brown at PD
- 28th: 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**

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**Reminders to Parents**

- At pick up time, DO NOT WAIT ON THE ROAD. Be Road Safe!!
- Get black shoes for your child ready for school photos
- Come to parade at 11am this Friday!

**Reminders to Students**

- Bring a water bottle to school EVERY DAY
- Homework is due on FRIDAY!