Principal’s Message

Last week the year 3-6 students ventured to camp with Ms Stout and Mr Ebert and what brave students and staff we have at Gundiah State School. The students came back bouncing with excitement and stories to tell and the staff only had wonderful things to say about the students who went on camp. What polite, considerate, well mannered and friendly students we have at Gundiah. Best camper went to Shelby Doss for her respect and consideration while at camp. The students reflections and some photos are included in the newsletter this week.

Before the term finishes, Banjo and Natalie will represent our school at the Cricket Carnival in Gympie tomorrow. We hope you bowl them all out!!

This term finishes with our annual Science day at Woolooga State School. Please make sure you are at school by 9am on Friday 15th September, as the bus will leave at 9am sharp. Attendance is essential EVERY DAY, even the last day of the term. Any absences that are not acceptable will be recorded as unauthorised. Having an early holiday is not an acceptable reason to be absent.

Looking ahead, Term 4, starts on Tuesday 3rd October 2017. To be prepared for Term 4; get creative with your child’s Halloween costume during the holidays and organise their swimming bag with togs, towel and a sun safe shirt. Also be aware that we will have BOOK FAIR in November. I encourage the kids to dress up again for that. The theme is “Reading Rainforest” so expect us to go wild for books! A perfect opportunity to buy some Christmas presents for your children.

In preparation for 2018, please let me know of your enrolment intentions via filling out the attached survey. Please return this survey by this Friday 15th September 2017. I am starting to take enrolments for next year, so if you are aware of any students in the community who are thinking of enrolling at Gundiah, please let me know early so I can forward plan staffing and be prepared with the booklist. In saying that, all voluntary contributions need to be paid by October 27th 2017. Thank you to all those parents who value this process and have paid. We are able to buy 2018 resources with your funds from this year.

Prep Orientation for 2018 will be held over 3 days this year 22/23/24th November 2018. As per usual, all parents are required to stay on site during this time. If you know of any child born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013, they are eligible to start Prep in 2018 at Gundiah State School. Please help promote our small school in the community and help keep our school numbers above 21 so we can maintain our staff for 2018.

Miss Rebecca Brown

P&C News

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 3.15pm

We need volunteers for the Munna Creek Music Festival Oct 19, 20 and 21.

Any help would be much appreciated and it goes towards a worthwhile cause. Notes have gone home this week. Please return your volunteer hours to school by Friday 15th September.

Term 4 Tuckshop volunteers are needed. Please see Miss Brown or Sonia Kennedy before holidays if you can volunteer. Tuckshop dates are: 13th October, 27th October, 10th November and 24th November. Tombola is first week back. Please keep this date free and come along to fundraise for the kids.
EARN & LEARN STICKER UPDATE: 18 065 Stickers!!
You have 1 week to get in as many stickers as possible.
Earn and Learn finishes on 19th September 2017. Please have all stickers to school by first week back.
The more stickers, the more resources we can purchase for the students.
Our goal is 20 000 stickers.

Donations of savoury (biscuit and dip, cheese platter, cob loaf) or sweets (slices, cakes, biscuits, cupcakes) or even a fruit platter are needed for the Tombola afternoon tea on the 7th October 2017. If you can make or buy something, please bring it to school on Friday 6th October 2017 or bring it with you when you come along to the fun-filled, prize winning afternoon.

All are welcome!
Great prizes are to be won.

Community Announcement
Gundiah Memorial Hall Association
AGM Date Change to 21st September 2017
7pm start at Hall

Upcoming Events
School Parade: 11th September 2017
Term 3 Events
- Milo Cricket Challenge – 14th September
- Science Day @ Woolooga State School – 15th September
Term 4 Events
- Netball Carnival – 13th October
- White Ribbon Day – 24th November
- Prep Orientation Days – 22/23/24th November
- Aussie World Excursion – 6th December

Reminders to Parents
- Volunteer to help out the Halloween Disco, Tombola and in the classroom/garden next term.
- Volunteer for tuckshop
- Buy up big at Woolies for our last minute stickers

Reminders to Students
- Spelling Bee is THIS FRIDAY!! Practice!!
- Prepare for swimming next term: Do your swimmers fit you? Do you need new ones?
Our Camp
I went to my first camp last Thursday 7/9/17. The thing I found most challenging was probably the leap of faith because when I stepped on the platform and I looked down it looked a lot bigger. The thing I enjoyed most was probably the crate stacking because you have to hold your buddy up and see how high you could get. Thursday night all of the schools played spotlight on the camp oval. After spotlight we went into the camp hall and played some really fun games.
Jake Ward

Our camp
Our camp at Mothar Mountain was thrilling. We stayed there from the 7th to the 8th of September. Some of the activities we did were the leap of faith. The leap of faith looked really low at first but when you start to climb up the ginormous ladder I couldn’t hear anything, see anything apart from the ladder and the big orange ball up ahead. The other activity I really enjoyed was the Tower of Tremble, it was really fun because we had a partner and it was really good teamwork. The surroundings I think where all natural. I think this was the best camp ever. Lilee Ward Yr. 6

Our camp
Our camp at Mothar Mountain was sky bound! I was slightly challenged by the leap of faith, getting up there was easy, but it is creepy when you look down! I enjoyed the tower of tremble, spotlight, the human table and the leap of faith. My group held the record for the human table; our time was 1 minute and 30 seconds. I saw my friends and made new friends. Overall the camp on the 7th to the 8th of September was awesome!
Natalie Sal
Our new playground is coming in November 2017...

To replace the old wooden fort, a brand new and bigger playground is coming, plus a new sandpit and an upgrade of our long jump pit as well as the removal of the river sand and replacement of edging around the senior playground.

The new playground is intentionally targeted at children aged 3 – 7 years old. Therefore we will warmly welcome younger siblings to use this playground before/after school time. This playground will encourage the gross motor development of the younger children in our community and in turn support their academic progress.

Gross motor skills are important to enable children to perform skills like climbing, walking and running, balancing and crawling. Gross motor abilities also have an influence on children’s ability to participate in fine motor skills (e.g. writing, drawing and cutting) and sitting upright to attend to class instruction, which then impacts on their academic learning.

Every piece of equipment incorporated in this playground was selected carefully to support the young children’s development and interests. The rock wall, spider web tunnel and the three slippery slides were top priority 😊 I hope this playground brings much fun to the young children of our community.

Construction and work on the playgrounds will commence on October 30th 2017 and it is proposed to be completed on December 1st 2017.

During this time some of the play areas will be closed. Please be more mindful when dropping your children off at school, as workmen and trucks/equipment will be around the school grounds. All work safety regulations will be met and followed, however it is also our jobs to educate the children about safety around construction sites.

Once construction is complete, we will be holding a special opening for the playground. We would love all our current families and students (including younger siblings), community members and future families and students to be present for this opening and free BBQ.