Principal’s Message

NAPLAN
Earlier this year, four of our terrific students at Gundiah in years 3 and 5 sat NAPLAN for 2017 and those students deserve a big congratulations for their efforts. I am always surprised about what the students can achieve once given the right tools.

THANK YOU too all their parents for ensuring they were at school to participate in NAPLAN for 2017. It gives us worthwhile data and a great tool to guide our future planning and teaching.

Our goals outlined in our school’s Explicit Improvement Agenda for NAPLAN for 2017 were; 50% of students in Upper two bands in reading and numeracy.

2017 reading data shows, 75% of students are at National minimum standard or higher. This means 75% of our students in year 3/5 are at the minimum expected standard for reading for students of their age in Australia. 2017 numeracy data showed, 100% of students are at NMS or higher. CONGRATULATIONS to the hard work from the students.

This means our reading interventions (Reading club before school, Daily Rapid Reading as well as our explicit reading program) are working and will remain in place for 2018. This means our approach to numeracy (hands on and skills focus and real life problem solving) is having a lasting impact and will remain for 2018. This means our teaching team at Gundiah is working effectively to get your students where they need to be. CONGRATULATIONS to the hard work from the teachers.

All year 3 and 5 student NAPLAN reports have been sent home today to those families.

Parent Surveys
School opinion surveys are required to be completed before the end of August. If parent/carers would like to complete this online this year, please come up to the school while the students have their tennis lessons to complete on the computers in the classroom.

This year, these Surveys will only be able to be completed online. All data from these surveys will be used to help improve the school and guide the staff to create the 2018 school improvement plan.

Reminders
★ Please remember for health and safety of our kids, no dogs are allowed on the school premises without Principal permission. Please ensure all dogs (whatever their size) is on a leash at all times. Especially if they are with you at pick up time.
★ When picking up a child early from school, please remember to park in the designated parent parking (outside of the school grounds) and sign your child out from the office.

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ATTENDANCE
This Week: 88.52%
TARGET: 95%

Tennis after school is EVERY Wednesday, 3pm to 4pm until the 30th August 2017.
All equipment is provided.
Ms Dakin supervises all lessons.
Please bring a water bottle.

Wear a red shirt this Friday!
Bring a gold coin for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation this Friday!
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This fortnight’s behaviour focus is: BE SAFE IN THE PLAYGROUND!
✓ We aim to use equipment safely and appropriately.
✓ We aim to play games that are suitable for all ages to join in.
✓ We aim to have fun and enjoy EVERY lunch break safely.
Keep an eye on our FaceBook page for evidence of kids being safe at play time.

Below is our recent data on all the positive behaviours we have recorded this year.

Upcoming Events

School Parade: 20th July 2017

Term 3 Events
• Day for Daniel – 11th August
• Tiaro Arts Festival – 12th August
• WTGG Cricket Match – 25th August
• Year 3/4/5/6 Camp – 7-8th September
• Play Presentations/German Language Comp – 11th September
• Milo Cricket Challenge – 14th September
• Science Day @ Woolooga State School – 15th September

PD for Staff
• White Ribbon Program – Miss B 9th August
• Principal’s Meeting – Miss B 11th August
• Regional Principal’s Meeting – Miss B 29th August
• Reading – Ms Dakin, Miss B 30th/31st August
• Fierce Conversations – Miss B 1st/2nd September

Reminders to Parents
• Discuss what your child played at lunch break, was it safe?
• Organise a red shirt for Day for Daniel

Reminders to Students
• Wear a red shirt on Friday
• Year 3-6 return your camp forms

TUCKSHOP
Friday 11th August
Thanks to Mr Brady & Miss Manderson
Menu: Cheerios, Pizza and Red Cupcakes
$1 for an ice-block at second break.

P&C News
NEXT MEETING: 16th August 2017
The P&C have subsidized the Year 3-6 camp to help out families so that all children have an opportunity to attend.
If you are interested in helping out or being trained to do a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, please see the school ASAP!