Principal’s Message

There is no hiding that being a teaching Principal is a busy job. Highlights of my job are weaved in and out of my days, every week, every term, every semester and every year. Every day brings new challenges and I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. The last few weeks, I have seen and heard the senior students grow in their knowledge and confidence in the classroom. As their teacher I am proud to say I know they are progressing with their understandings when they can articulate what our reading strategies are, can compare different types of sentences, explain the difference between perimeter and area and not shy away from complex problems to solve. I am excited about sharing the students progress with all the parents at Parent/Teacher interviews in the first week of September, Monday 3rd-Friday 8th 2018. Please complete your request letters ASAP. First in, best dressed!

We are empowered to create READING CHAMPIONS at Gundiah State School! This week’s focus is, ‘Summarising’. No matter how old a reader is, summarising a story or text they have read is so important. Summarising is different to retelling. Great readers summarise text by shortening the text using key words and their own words. We had a great summary from Harmonei yesterday in our sharing time. Harmonei confidently summarised about a book of kangaroos. Harmonei did not retell the whole story. Read her summary below.

SCHOOL CAMP IS ONE WEEK AWAY! All permission forms and outstanding fees are due today. Spending money of $20 is max per child. Children will be able to buy souvenirs while away. No food will be purchased. All money MUST be kept in a wallet and handed to teachers on Wednesday (29th) morning. Please ensure all belongings (including wallets) are named! Staff will not be held responsible for belongings or money that go missing.

All students who are not attending camp, will attend school as usual. Mrs Schiefelbein, Mrs Whitbread and Ms Dakin will be at school teaching those who are remaining. School will not close. School is compulsory. If you are absent from school, please inform the school like normal.

Cricket: On Friday, some students are attending a Cricket Gala day at Woolooga with Ms Dakin and Mr Ebert. This is an annual event where we learn the skills of Cricket and get to socialise with other school students and communities. I hope Banjo, Shelby, Cameron, Ameliya and Hayleigh have a great time.

School opinion surveys have been given out last week. Opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff are designed to help schools identify what they do well and how they can improve. According to my data, only 3 parents have completed these surveys. Please find time to complete these surveys and give your opinion. Please organize a time to use the school internet if need be. The cutoff date is this Friday, 24th August 2018.

Miss Rebecca Brown
We are pleased to present the Gundiah State School Newsletter. In this issue, we have included information about upcoming events, school camp reminders to parents and students, and the P&C News section.

**Upcoming Events**

- **School Parade:** 24th August 2018
- **Spring Holidays:** 22nd September – 7th October

**Term 3 Events:**
- 24th August: Cricket Carnival at Woolooga
- 29-31st August: School Camp to Brisbane
- 3-7th September: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 17th September: Ms Norris at Moderation
- 19th September: Miss Brown at Moderation
- 21st September: Science Day at Woolooga

**Reminders to Parents**
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**P&C News**

Next meeting: 19th September 2018 at 3.15pm

Please email fundraising ideas and agenda items to P&C members at pandcmembers@gundiahss.eq.edu.au

- Thank you to in advance to Melissa Beckey for tuckshop on Friday.
  Menu for Friday is:
  Macaroni Cheese, Pulled Pork Sliders, Rice bubble slice, cupcakes, fruit skewers and yoghurt and fruit punch.
  Bring your $5 😊
- Bunnings BBQ is on September 29th 6.15am to 2pm. We need volunteers to do a few hours during the day. Please see Melinda Brown or Isis Drake if you can volunteer. This brings in a lot of our fundraising money, so please help us out!
- We are looking for donations for our upcoming TOMBOLA! If you’d like to donate anything, please see Melinda Brown or Laura-Jean Lawrence.
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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

This week’s behaviour focus is in the area of:

- **Tennis Court**

Students have been explicitly taught how to behave in the tennis court area. Students are reminded to wear a hat, keep shoe laces tied up, share the space with everyone and stop play when the bell goes. Students being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL in the tennis court area this week are be rewarded with our pegs.

**Positive Story for the Week!**

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