Principal’s Message

This will be the last newsletter this term. Therefore I’d like to thank everyone for a wonderful time. Even though it’s been hectic and full of sickness, we’ve had a productive term in regards to providing unique experiences for the students, for supporting them academically and emotionally and creating a safe learning environment for all.

A lot can be said for the culture of Gundiah. I have seen quite a number of students come to Gundiah, ranging in abilities and needs. Through our supportive and positive culture, we have helped every student who has been at our school. Whether for a short period of time or for their whole schooling, every child has mattered to us and every child has succeeded! On this note, I’d like to wish Sophia Zeller all the best for her transition to her new school next term. We will definitely miss your bright and happy self around our school.

As you are aware, I am also taking on a new role for term 4 and there will be an Acting Principal at Gundiah State School. I am unsure who this is at the moment. The recruitment process has started and applications were due yesterday. So rest assure that the Human Resource department and the ARD, Steve Vincent, will inform us all in a timely manner.

READING: Our goal is to have 100% of our students be proficient readers when they exit Gundiah State School in Year 6. To ensure this happens, the whole staff are responsible for supporting students with their reading journey. Our reading focus this week is “INFERRING”. This is when we read between the lines and interpret what the author means. This is a tricky skill to achieve, however over time and with practice, all students can improve this skill. Please always find time for your child to read at home. There is a place for reading aloud, reading silently and listening to an adult read. Do you read to your child?

PREP 2019

Please find attached to this week’s newsletter, our flyer for our Prep Orientation days. Once again we are encouraging all future students to attend our Prep Orientation mornings in October. This will give the students an idea of what school will be like and it will also give the teachers at Gundiah, an idea of how best to cater for all students coming in to our school in 2019. More information will be given out in Term 4. If you know of any child born between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, please encourage them to make contact with the school and get them to come along to our Orientation Day.

Swimming Term 4

Every year, we offer swimming lessons to all students. The Fraser Coast give all parents a discount price for swimming lessons and therefore once again, we will travel into Maryborough for our lessons. These lessons start in week 2 of Term 4 and will be on Tuesdays. Please see the note attached to this week’s newsletter. Please return your payment commitment by the end of the Term.

A little reminder that next Friday is Science Day at Woolooga. All parents are welcome to attend as we still have room on the bus. Parents can also order tuckshop for $5. Please let me know ASAP if you’d like to be included.

Miss Rebecca Brown
We are looking for donations for our upcoming TOMBOLA! If you’d like to donate anything, please see Melinda Brown or Laura-Jean Lawrence.

TOMBOLA: 13th October 2018

Please volunteer to do tuckshop next term. The tuckshop dates are: 19th October, 2nd November, 16th November, and 30th November 2018. The last day of the year will be a shared lunch, all families bring a plate of food.

Please volunteer to set up and sell books at Book Fair in Term 4!

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

✓ Bunnings BBQ is on September 29th 2018 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!

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Reminders to Parents

• Join us at Woolooga for our annual Science day
• Return all swimming notes, by next week.
• Send your child to school EVERY DAY!!

Reminders to Students

• Be at school EVERY DAY!!
• Be on time and ready to learn
• Bring your own hats to school

Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

Being ready to learn

Students have slipped in their organisation skills in the morning. Getting our desks ready to learn, is a very important skill to learn quickly at our school. Reading for 10 minutes, sharpening our pencils and having our equipment ready on our desk is our goal. That includes a water bottle and fruit break. Students being RESPONSIBLE this week will be rewarded. You can support your child by ensuring they are on time for school.

Upcoming Events

School Parade: 19th October 2018
Spring Holidays: 22nd September – 7th October

Term 3 Events:
• 14th September: Netball Carnival (year 3-6)
• 19th September: FREE DRESS DAY
• 21st September: Science Day at Woolooga

Term 4 Events:
• 8th October: Term for starts
• 16th October: Swimming lessons start
• 22nd October: Pupil Free Day
• 14-16th November: 2019 Prep Orientation Mornings
• 22-23rd November: School Review
• 5th December: Graduation and Presentation Night

Positive Story for the Week!

Recently Ms Isis Drake has been busily organising our school to be able to collect recycled items and in turn receive a refund for these items. If you have any of these items at home, please place in our designated bin at school. Thank you to Isis, for thinking outside the box to create some extra money for our school. We appreciate all the extra time you find in your busy schedule to support our little school and also help our environment! You are a legend!

Recycling Bin

10 Cents
Refund

NOTE: No Lids and please rinse out