Welcome back!!

Term 4 is 10 weeks. There are no more public holidays in this term and school finishes on Friday 8th December 2018. Between now and then we have a lot of fun events planned. For our year 6 students, this is their last 10 weeks of primary school, which is sad for us to say farewell but also exciting times ahead for them. The year 6 students will meet with me to prepare and discuss the graduation. Please keep the 29th November 2018 free for graduation.

Swimming starts this Friday. You must pay $24 per student before FRIDAY. All families were invoiced last term. Please note there is no swimming in Week 2. Mr Ebert and myself will accompany the students and swimming instructors will conduct the lessons at Maryborough Aquatic Centre.

Parent/Teacher Interviews Last term was so hectic, interviews have been postponed until this term. I have sent letters to parents this week who are required to have an interview with myself over the next two weeks. If you do not receive a letter but would still like to meet with me formally, please come and see me this week. I am available after school most days until 4pm. If you’d like to meet with Ms Stout or Mrs Schiefelbein, please see them directly about a time convenient for you both.

Prep Orientation for 2018 will be held over 3 days: 22nd Nov 9 – 11.30am, 23rd Nov 9 - 11.30am, and 24th Nov 12.30 – 3pm. 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 staffing for 2018.

Dance Fever starts this week!!! This is a trained dance group who will teach the whole school some choreographed dances. All students will participate in this every THURSDAY from 11.15 to 12pm. The kids will perform the dance they learn, at graduation this year.

Nature Play passports have been received and more information about them are in this week’s newsletter. The missions associated with the Nature Play passports are to be done at home in the afternoons or the weekends and at school during gardening time or playtime. This initiative is to encourage the students to play in nature and create fun childhood memories outdoors.

PLEASE remember all voluntary contributions need to be paid by October 27th 2017.

Dates I will be absent this term are:
5th October – Instructional Rounds PD (Teacher TBA)
13th October – Netball Carnival (Ms Stout on class)
10th November – Principal’s Meeting (Ms Stout on class)
16th November – Moderation (Teacher TBA)

Miss Rebecca Brown
**Upcoming Events**

**School Parade:** 13th October 2017

**Term 4 Events**
- Tombola – 7th October
- PBL Meeting – 11th October
- FREE DRESS DAY – 18th October
- Dance Fever – EVERY THURSDAY
- Netball Carnival – 13th October
- PBL Training for 2017 – 18th October
- Halloween Disco – 27th October
- Playground installation to begin – 30th October
- BOOK FAIR – 6-20th November
- Prep Orientation Days – 22/23/24th November
- White Ribbon Day – 24th November
- Graduation – 29th November
- Carols in the Country – 2nd December
- Aussie World Excursion – 6th December

**Reminders to Parents**
- Volunteer to help out at the Halloween Disco, Tombola and in the classroom/garden next term.
- Volunteer for tuckshop in Term 4
- Return enrolment for 2018 intention forms this week please.

**Reminders to Students**
- Is your swimming bag ready? You need a towel, togs, cap and goggles are optional, sunscreen, sun shirt and your best swimming arms.
Get set for Prep

Do you have a child eligible for Prep? Have you contacted your local school?

It is time to ‘get set for Prep’.

Prep Orientation programs throughout our communities aim to build school readiness for children who turn 5 before June 2018.

All schools are invested in building language and literacy skills, pre-numeracy skills, social and emotional skills, fine and gross motor skills and general knowledge.

GUNALDA STATE SCHOOL
When: every Wednesday morning 9—10.30am
Starting 4th October 2017
Phone: 54 046211

GUNDIAH STATE SCHOOL
When: Wednesday 22nd Nov
9—11.30am
Thursday 23rd Nov 9-11.30am
Friday 24th Nov 12.30—3pm
Phone: 4129 3136

TIARO STATE SCHOOL
When: every Wednesday
10.30—11am
Starting 8th November until 29th November
Phone: 4129 2196

For Health and Safety reasons as well as for the child’s emotional support, a parent or guardian must attend all sessions with their child.

Please contact your nearest school for more information and details on how to enrol.

READING RAINFOREST
GO WILD FOR BOOKS!

THEME FOR TERMS 3&4 2017
The Nature Play Passport to an Amazing Childhood is all about getting kids (3 - 12+) outside to run, jump, climb, splash, invent, imagine, play and be a free-range kid. Ms Dakin has ordered and prepared a passport for every child at school. We have set up the log in and passwords and set HEAPS of missions to achieve. For each mission you will have to go outside and complete an activity. Once you've done this confirm the mission online. Students can do this at school if need be. You can also use the stickers included in your passport booklet. You might like to keep a list of all the missions you have completed in your physical passport booklet, or add drawings and stories to the pages.

The passports have ten “mission” pages, stickers, suggestions on great places to go and things to do outdoors and a list of 15 things every kid should do before they’re twelve.

There are missions to do at home, at school and out and about in the community. This week at school we will target these three missions. This is a fun incentive for you to interact with nature with your child/ren.

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**Three blind mice**

Do you know what’s in your yard? Do you know what’s there when you can’t see it? Grab a bag and collect objects from nature. Collect leaves, sticks, rocks and other natural objects. Choose objects with different textures, smooth, furry and even slimy (but nothing sharp)! Blind fold a friend or your classmate. Get them to pop their hand in the bag and pull out the objects one by one. Can they guess what’s in the bag? Swap places and take turns.

**The leaf collector**

Grab a note book and get ready to become a scientist. Collect leaves and branches that you like. Dry them out and paste them in your book. Can you find out what types of plants they are? Keep a journal with your friends or class. Name all of the plants you find.

**Seed safari**

You’re going on safari. But you’re not looking for elephants or zebras. You’re on a seed safari. Collect as many different types of seeds as possible with your classmates. Put them in a container. What do they look like? What textures do you have? Can you tell which plants they came from just by looking at them? Advanced manoeuvre - Plant some of the seeds and see if they grow.