Principal’s Message

MONDAY 16th October is a PUPIL FREE DAY!!

Reading As you are aware our focus for the past few years has been reading. I closely monitor the students progress and can confidently say EVERY STUDENT IS SUCCEEDING and progressing. What we need to refine is our reading comprehension skills and using our reading to support our writing tasks. Great readers make great writers. Our goals for Term 4, from prep to year 6 are to articulate our knowledge in our reading strategies and use our new knowledge of words in our writing. Support your child at home with their reading and talk to them about what they read and what they learned from the text. Discuss interesting new words, the meaning of words and how to transfer those words into our writing.

Swimming: Reminder there is no swimming this week. Thank you to the parents who have paid 50% of the swimming fees, you should receive your receipts this week. In a few weeks you’ll be invoiced for the remaining cost. This must be paid as soon as possible please.

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.

Nature Play Every Friday we will be completing missions in conjunction with our Nature Play passports. Students are able to do missions on the weekend. You need access to the internet to do this. If students take passports home, they must be returned for our mission work on Friday. Last week we loved our ‘leaf collecting’ mission. We saw a Perentie in our Pine Tree. He was camouflaged quite well. Since then we’ve started making dream catchers and also taking care of a baby magpie who has fallen out of his nest.

Graduation Year 6 students have made a plan for their graduation and are planning their farewell speeches. To help pay for their graduation cake, Year 6 students would like to have a FREE DRESS DAY for all students on the 18th October. A gold coin donation will be greatly appreciated. All clothing should be sun safe and modest. Please wear enclosed shoes as well (no thongs or sandals).

Dates I will be absent this term are:
13th October – Netball Carnival (Ms Stout on class)
2nd/3rd November – Principal’s Business Meeting (Mrs Bott and Ms Stout on class)
10th November – Principal’s Meeting (Ms Stout on class)
16th November – Moderation (Mrs Bott on class)

Miss Rebecca Brown
**Upcoming Events**

**School Parade:** 13th October 2017

**Term 4 Events**
- 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
- And with Christmas craft/cooking later in the term.
- Refresh your family on the Responsible Behaviour Plan. Discuss rewards and consequences with your children.

**Reminders to Students**
- Homework is due FRIDAY
- Seniors will go to Netball on FRIDAY
- Have you prepared your Halloween costume?