

The Giru Goss

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Note from the Principal

Some of our students participated in the District Athletics two weeks ago and all were great representatives of our school. Congratulations to Rene, Chiara, Bianca, Jack and Teagan who were selected to represent the district at the Regionals in Townsville tomorrow.

This week and next week teachers are having parent-teacher interviews. If the note failed to come home with your child and you would like an interview please contact your child's teacher.

A reminder that there is a P. & C. Assoc. Meeting at 7.30pm tonight. I will be discussing the revamped Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Interschool Sports is on again this Friday, 11th September. This usually means we arrive back at school a little late, so I do apologise to parents for this inconvenience.

A big thank you to the boys who have been helping Mrs G. tidy up the gardens during their lunch breaks. They look great; you have done a fantastic job.

A number of primary schools in the Burdekin have been broken into recently. A plea for people to please keep an eye on our school, especially with the holidays coming up, and report anything suspicious to the Police.

Last week we had our Book Fair. This was culminated with a Safari dress up last Thursday and it was fantastic to see so many students and teachers dressing up. I am sure there were some stressed mums Thursday morning were putting finishing touches to costumes. Thank you for your efforts and participation!!!!!!!!!!!!

We had an incident last week where a student was injured and transported to hospital. We were unable to contact his parent as the contact details were outdated. **Please ensure the school always has your current phone numbers in case of emergencies.**

On the last day of term, Friday 18 September, we are intending to take Years 2 to 7 Roller Skating in Townsville. Permission notes should be coming home with students tomorrow.

We have only had 13 parents put up their hand to help out at the BBQ stall during the Giru Show this Saturday. ***WE URGENTLY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS;*** c' mon please don't make me beg ☹

On a sad note this will be my last newsletter. I have had a wonderful time at Giru School and I would like to extend a thank you to all of the staff, parents and students who have made me feel so welcome. I can easily say that Giru School would have to be one of the more enjoyable schools I have had the pleasure to be a part of. The caring nature of the community is a credit to the school and to our parents.

I would also like to say thank you to my students in Year 6/7 for a great term. You are a fantastic bunch of kids and I had the 'best' term teaching you. All the best Year 7's for high school next year. Cya!

A combined meeting of the Upper Houghton Bus Conveyance Committee and the Shirbourne Bus Conveyance Committee will be held in the Giru State School staff room ***TOMORROW, TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER commencing at 2.00pm.*** All welcome to attend!!!!!!

M.A.T.E. Awards - August 27th
Ashlee Milton & Louis Zabala
Students of the Week - August 27th

Jesse Alexander, Kellie Rains, Jacob Poletti, Casey Marson, Annaliese Carter, Oliver Hudson & Hayden Zabala

Activities at the Museum of Tropical Queensland

Every school holidays we have FREE family-focussed activities at the Museum of Tropical Queensland.

Go Loco!

Make tracks for MTQ to take part in the museum's **FREE** (for locals) September

holiday program, **Go Loco!** Have fun in the 'Stopping all stations' activity, solve the 'Mystery on the Museum Express', do the rail trail. Plus craft, story-telling and special appearances by the museum's mascot Beau the Butterfly! Ph 4726 0600, www.mtg.qm.qld.gov.au

At the Burdekin Road Safety Advisory Committee held on 26 August 2009, the issue of young cyclists riding without helmets, and disobeying road rules and local government regulations was discussed.

Every year young cyclists not wearing helmets are killed or badly injured in Queensland. By wearing a helmet when riding a bike the risk of being killed or badly injured in a crash are reduced, as helmets provide vital protection to the head.

Students are reminded to wear their helmets and to remember other things when riding their bikes:

- remember motorists don't always see cyclists so stay alert
- obey all traffic signs, including local government bylaws (that ban
- riding bicycles on certain streets in the middle of Burdekin towns
- keep at least one hand on the handle bars at all times
- always give hand signals to indicate what you are about to do
- to not double anyone
- not to ride more than two abreast
- have proper front and rear lights fitted if planning to ride at night
- have a reflector on the rear of the bike
- fit the bike with a bell
- never ride bike across a pedestrian crossing or any supervised
- children's crossing.
- always ride on the left hand side of the road.

Below is a web address to the Department of Transport and Main Roads website on cycle safety. .

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/General_information/Cycling/Bike_user_guide/

Students of the Week - September 3^d

Chiara Pontarelli, Francesca Barbera, Thomas Papadimitriou, Mikaela Gorman. Kasi Steger, Jack McAuliffe, Dion Papadimitriou, Ashton Carter & Elias Papadimitriou

M.A.T.E. Awards - September 3^d

Elias Papadimitriou & Jack Shaw
ICAS Spelling Competition Certificates
Lauren Zabala, Jack Huston, Francesca Barbera, Mikaela Gorman, Chiara Pontarelli, Bianca Pontarelli & Justin Marchesini
Thank you: A big thank you to Colleen and Joe Pappalardo for donating apple slinky machines to each classroom.

Important dates:

Sept 7th - Sept 17th: Oral reporting
Sept. 11th: Year 6/7 Interschool Sport
Sept. 12th: Giru Show
Sept 18th: Year 2- 7 Roller Skating in Townsville & last day of school for Term 3

Library Alive!!!!

Many thanks to everyone who supported the very successful Book Fair held last week. A great morning was had by all who attended the Safari Dress Up morning. Our judges, Mrs Kolb and Mrs Baker had a very difficult time in selecting the winners in each of the following sections:
Prep: Oliver Hudson & Giselle Le Feuvre
Year 1: Elias Papadimitriou & Charleen Lyons
Year 2: Nicholas Fotinos & Caitlin Danziger
Year 3: Louis Zabala & Devecha O' Neill
Year 4: Thomas Papadimitriou & Brody Stephens
Year 5: Jack Steger & Bianca Pontarelli
Year 6: Travis Stephens & Lauren Zabala
Year 7: Mikaela Gorman & Teagan Pierotti
Our best dressed teacher was Mrs Linton. A BIG THANKYOU to Mrs Lanes for her effort in organising this event!!!!!!