GIRU State School

Welcome to GIRU State School
P. & C. MEETING
2nd WEEK EVERY MONTH
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SCHOOL

STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

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Great state. Great opportunity.
Last week’s hero:
Dana
Wyllie

This week’s focus rule:
Be a whole body listener.

GRIP Leadership Conference:
The GRIP Leadership Conference is a nation-wide conference that is delivered at various locations throughout the country each year. In the second half of each year, the GRIP team set conference dates and locations for the following year. Our Year 6 students are very privileged to be able to attend this conference.

2016 Classes:
Our student numbers are just below the amount we need to retain 3 teachers. Therefore, from this week, we will have a P-3 class and a Year 3-6 class.

Should our numbers increase, I will liaise with the Department to request an increase in our staffing allocation.

There are a number of benefits for both teacher and students when learning and teaching in a multi-age classroom. Some of the many benefits include more holistic, child-responsive curriculum practices that consider the understandings, capabilities and dispositions that children need for future work, e.g. working in diverse environments that seek workers who are multi-skilled, literate, cooperative, creative, adaptable, independent and resourceful.

Children and teachers usually have the opportunity to work together for more than one year, which enhances continuity of learning and the forming of positive relationships with teachers and children, and between children.

Because of the mixed age group, the younger children benefit from the positive models of older children, often aspiring to their levels of capability. At the same time, the older children rise to the expectations of the younger children and teacher – being very responsible and having opportunities to lend and use their expertise.
Parent Information Sessions:
Parent information sessions will be held in your child’s classroom on Wednesday, 17th February at the following times.

- Yr3-6 – 4:00pm-4:30pm
- P-3 – 4:30pm-5:00pm

If you are unable to attend this session, please contact your child’s class teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Swimming:
We plan to begin swimming lessons as part of HPE on Wednesday, 17th February and we plan for lessons to end on Wednesday in the last week of this term (23rd March).

Attendance:
Everyday minute, everyday counts.

It is a requirement under the Queensland Education Provisions Act 2006, that parents and carers ensure children of compulsory school age are in attendance at school every day. Occasionally, illness or other circumstances may prevent your child from attending school. When this occurs, the school must be notified.

Use of Text Message (SMS) system in Emergencies
By providing your mobile phone number/s on enrolment you give permission for the school to use your number(s) to send you emergency text messages e.g. school closures due to extreme weather. Mobile phone numbers are only provided to companies that the Department of Education and Training instruct to carry the messages – no names or surnames are provided and stored. Any messages sent will be for parents to take note or for action.

Grounds Person Position:
The Giru State School casual grounds person position (5 hours/week) is currently vacant. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the school for further information.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey ☺
Read Appropriate Level Texts that are a Good Fit

Have you ever spoken with a doctor, auto mechanic, or computer support person that has given you advice or directions in a language that was difficult to understand? This is comparable to reading a book that is too difficult. For readers to have high success in reading, they must spend time reading material they can read with 99-100 percent accuracy. We encourage students to select books that are a good fit so that they are successful and enjoy reading. Working on the strategy of reading appropriate level texts that are a good fit will help your child read smoothly, engaging in texts they can read without difficulty.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. When your child goes to read a text, have him or her use the I-Pick method to explain why that specific text was chosen. Ask your child, “Is that a good-fit book for you?” The I-Pick method is described below:
   - I - I pick a book
   - P - Purpose (What is my purpose for choosing this book?)
   - I - Interest (Am I interested in this book?)
   - C - Comprehend (Do I understand what I just read?)
   - K - Know (Do I know most of the words?)

2. Model the I--Pick method for your child. Take a book you are reading and go through I--Pick to set an example for what it looks like and sounds like to review reading selection choices.

3. Help your child recognize when a text is too difficult. Teach them to ask:
   - Are there five or more words on a page that I don’t know?
   - Is this book hard to understand?
   - When I read it does it sound choppy and slow?

Source: Allison Behne. www.thedailycafe.com

CHAPPY’S CHAT

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Giru State School for another exciting year of learning, of growing as people, and of enjoying the experience of school. Let’s jump into this brand new 2016 God is bringing us, with a passion!

Hello to our new families. I am John Mackay, the School Chaplain, and my prime role is in the pastoral care of your children. Students are welcome to come to me with their tears and problems, and as a caring school we shall do our best to help. I am also happy to speak with parents and carers about concerns related to your children.

You will find Giru School a place of excellent learning; a place of a great variety of activity; and a place where the ages mix in a welcome kind of “country” warmth. It is a great place for kids to mature into youth, while learning the ABC’s and 123’s.

I am at the school on Mondays and Fridays, so if you would like to have a chat with me, please ring Stef at the Office and she will book a time for us.

I am looking forward to a rewarding and joyous year!

Chappy John
People often ask “What is the P&C?”, so today I have included the definition provided in the P&C Qld support guide below.

“What is a P&C Association?

A Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.

Research has shown that parent involvement in a child’s education makes a significant contribution to the child’s success at school” P&C Qld Support Guide.

Tonight, Monday 8 February, we have our first P&C Meeting for the year at 7.00pm in the staff room and I invite you to attend.

We also have our Annual General Meeting on Monday 14 March at 7.00pm.

At the AGM we elect our P&C Executives and our sub-committees, so you might like to think about becoming involved. Included in today’s newsletter are three items for the AGM: The Roles of the Committee and Descriptions, P&C Executive Nomination Forms, and an Application for P&C Membership form. Remember your contribution can be as large or as small as you can manage.

When we all work together we can extend the learning opportunities for our students at Giru State School and help to make our school a greater place for students, staff, parents/guardians and the community.

Thanks
Tracey Town
P&C President
**P&C Notices**

**P & C Notes**
To help our P & C meetings run more smoothly, and in a timely manner, items that you would like brought before the P & C, need to be added to the agenda on the Friday before the meeting.

If it’s not on the agenda, it probably won’t get discussed until the following meeting.

You can contact Karyn Johnson on 0427 279 384 or email jeffandkaryn@bigpond.com

P & C Executive

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**SCHOOL BANKING**
Monday is School Banking Day

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**UNIFORMS**
Uniforms/Hats can only be purchased from Tuckshop on Mondays

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**Tuckshop Roster**
A friendly reminder for Tuckshop on Monday 15th February, the following volunteers have been rostered:

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*Please note: It is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement if you cannot attend your rostered day.*

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**Tuckshop Menu attached**
Wraps
- Chicken Strip Wrap (Crumbed chicken, lettuce, tomato, cheese & mayo)
- Ham and Salad Wrap
- Bacon and Egg Wrap

$3.50

Burgers
- Chicken Fillet Burger (Chicken lettuce & mayo)
- Beef Burger (Meat Pattie, cheese & BBQ sauce)

$3.50

Hot Snacks
- Chicken Chippees $0.50
- Party Pies $0.80
- Sausage Rolls $2.50
- Pizza (Ham & cheese or Ham & Pineapple) $2.50
- Quiche $2.50
- Fried Rice $3.00
  - (Rice, egg, bacon, onion, carrot, peas, soy sauce, garlic)
- Chicken Pasta $3.50
  - (Pasta, chicken, flour, milk, butter, cheese, peas, chicken stock)
- Cheese & Vegemite Scroll $1.00

Toasties
- Cheese $2.00
- Cheese & Tomato $2.50
- Ham & Cheese $3.00
- Ham & Tomato $3.00
- Ham, Cheese, Tomato $3.50
- Chicken $3.00
- Chicken & Cheese $3.50

Sandwiches
- Egg $2.50
- Egg & Lettuce $2.50
- Ham $3.00
- Chicken $3.00
- Tuna $3.00

Extra Fillings $0.50
  - (Lettuce, tomato, carrot)
  - Cheese & cucumber

Salad Bowls
All Salads include lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot, egg, cheese & pineapple

Small $3.00
Large $4.00

Add Ham, Chicken, Tuna or Quiche for an extra $1.00

Drinks
- Juice Cups $1.00
  - (Apple, Tropical, Apple & Blackcurrant)
- Milk $1.00
  - (Plain, Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry)

After Big Lunch Treats
- Frozen Juice Cup $0.50
- Frozen Yoghurt $1.50
- Custard Cup $1.00
- Custard & Peaches $1.50
- Custard & Jelly $1.50
- Custard, Jelly, Peaches $1.50
- Peaches Cup $1.00

Snacks
- Choc/raspberry muffin $1.00
- Apple/Cinnamon Muffin $1.00
- Pikelets $0.50
- Popcorn $1.00

This menu complies with the Smart Choices Strategy for Qld Schools.
Tuckshop orders MUST be handed in on the Friday prior to tuckshop day.
Clearly write child’s name, class, and lunch order on separate bags for each lunch break. (20c surcharge if no bag)
Have your child place lunch bag (with money inside) into basket provided in their classroom.
Please tell younger children what you have ordered so they know if they need to collect drinks, custard cups, etc.
If Monday is a public holiday, tuckshop will be held on the Tuesday for that week.
All prices listed are individual price, eg. Chicken chippees are 50c each.

Contacts
Tuckshop Convenor
Lisa Frasson 0427882821
Tuckshop President
Karyn Johnson 0427279384
KEEN TO PLAY TENNIS! (in Giru)

Junior Coaching for Primary School Students
(Prep - Grade 6) Friday mornings - 8.15am
(School Term)
$5 per student (payable at lesson)
Giru Tennis Courts
Racquets provided or bring your own
Coach - Arron Klump 0419795548
(Tennis Hot Shots)

Adult Cardio Tennis
Friday mornings – 8.45am (School Term)
$10 per adult (payable at lesson)
Giru Tennis Club
Racquets provided or bring your own
Coach – Aaron Klump 0419795548

Everyone Welcome from Beginners to Advance

BURDEKIN TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Under 14 Touch Competition

WHEN: Wednesday afternoons at 5:15 pm starting on 10 February to 17 June.
WHO: Boys and girls in Years 5, 6, 7 or 8 at school
WHAT: Touch competition for younger touch players. Enter with a group of friends or
BTA can organise a team for you.
COST: $50 per player (includes player insurance and covers 18 games)
REGISTER: Phone Bruce Johnson on 0408 060 476, complete a registration form at the
BTA clubhouse or email the BTA at burdekintouchassociation@outlook.com

CORES Burdekin
Community Response to Eliminating Suicide

One Day Suicide Intervention Training
Saturday February the 20th
Bookings Essential

Imagine these faces to be family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues.
Can you pick which one is having troubling thoughts? Would you know?
If you did suspect something, could you deal with it?
What happens if a person can’t cope ... will someone be there for them?
This one day CORES training will give you the skills and confidence
to recognise then assess a person who may be at risk of self harm or
suicide.

Venue: Burdekin PCYC 164 Macmillan Street
Ayr
Cost: Free- BYO Lunch
Time: 9am-5pm
Contact: Ross Romeo CORES Qld Co-ordinator
Mobile: 0427 455 313
coresqld@kentishrc.com.au

"By the Community For The Community"

Facebook: CORES Qld
www.cores.org.au
Burdekin Boars & Barras Competition

Venue: Weigh-in Station & Presentation Event will be held at the Clare Sports & Recreation Club. Sausage Sizzle will be held at 3pm on Sunday 7th February.

Nomination: $20 per Adult & $10 per Junior (15 years & under). Nomination forms must be purchased before Hunting & Fishing.

Hunting & Fishing Times: Afternoon of Friday 5th February through to 4.00pm Sunday 7th February.

Weigh In Times: 4.00pm – 7.00pm Saturday 6th February & 1.00pm – 5.00pm Sunday 7th February.

ALL PIGS, FISH & CRABS MUST BE WEIGHED IN BY 5.00PM SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY TO ALLOW FOR RESULTS TO BE CALCULATED IN TIME FOR 5.30PM PRESENTATION EVENT TO COMMENCE.

NO PIGS, FISH OR CRABS WILL BE WEIGHED IN AFTER 5.00PM.

PRIZES

Pigs
Heaviest Boar - $700
Heaviest Sow - $300

Mud Crab
Heaviest Mud Crab - $200

Fish
Adult: Heaviest Barra - $1000
Secret Weight - $200
Biggest Catfish - $150
Heaviest Mangrove Jack - $250

Junior: Heaviest Barra - $400
Secret Weight - $100
Biggest Catfish - $100
Heaviest Mangrove Jack - $100

Adult Lucky Nomination Draw
Junior Lucky Nomination Draw

We would like to thank our Sponsors, our helpers and all of the Contestants who take part in the Burdekin Boars & Barras Competition 2016.

All Proceeds from this event kindly donated to the Clare State School P & C Committee.

Tickets Available From:
- About Town Bait & Tackle – Ayr
- GI Joe’s Guns & Ammo – Ayr
- Clare Sports & Recreation Club – Clare
- W.A.S. Tackle – Home Hill

Please contact Chantal booth on 0408 983 595 for any information regarding this event.

BURDEKIN
TOTAL PRIZES VALUE
$5000
Boars & Barras
COMPETITION

5-7 FEB 2016
BIGGEST BOAR $700
BIGGEST BARRAMUNDI $1000
HEAVIEST MUD CRAB $200

ENTRY FEES - Adult $20 Junior $10
ENTRY TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY 5-00PM FRIDAY 5th FEB
ALL PIGS AND FISH MUST BE WEIGHED IN
AT THE CLARE CLUB BY 5-00PM SUNDAY 7th FEB
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CLARE STATE SCHOOL P&C