School News
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Last week’s hero: Michelle Layland

This week’s focus rule:

Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself

GRIP Leadership Conference
Last Tuesday, our Year 6 students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference with Mrs Shaw. For more information, please read the article further on in this newsletter by Mrs Shaw about the GRIP Conference.

Webber Shield:
Well done to all students who put in their best effort at the Webber Shield swimming carnival last week. Congratulations to Jayce Gallego who came second in his 50m freestyle event and to Layla Marson who won her freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events, and came second in breaststroke. At the conclusion of the carnival, Layla was also named the 11 year old girls age champion. Well done Layla!!!

Parent Information Sessions:
Parent information sessions will be held in your child’s classroom this 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.

Miss Poletti:
This week, we farewell Miss Poletti who has secured a full time teaching position in a Townsville school. I would like to thank Miss Poletti for her contributions to our school as a HPE and Science teacher last year and as a P-2 and HPE/Science teacher this year. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish Miss Poletti all the best in her new role.
Australian Curriculum - Health and Physical Education:
In line with the continuing gradual release and roll out of the Australian Curriculum, this year we will begin implementing the Australian Health and Physical Education (HPE) Curriculum. The Australian HPE is similar to the Queensland Curriculum.

In Health, student learning occurs under 3 sub-strands each year:
- Being healthy, safe and active,
- Communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing, and
- Contributing to healthy and active communities.

In Physical Activity, student learning occurs under 4 sub-strands each year:
- Moving our body (movement skills, sequences and application)
- Understanding movement (benefits of movement, elements of movement, and context of movement), and
- Learning through movement (working together, solving challenges, and fair play).

For further information on the Australian HPE curriculum, please visit: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

School review – opportunity to have your say
Our school is scheduled for a school review from 17th-18th March. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland State Schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. Following the review, a final report is made available to parents and the community via the school’s website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: https://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey 😊
On Tuesday, 9th February, six of our Year 6 students attended the Grip Student Leadership Conference in Townsville. It was a little overwhelming sharing the room with 300 other students and their teachers from North Queensland, but we soon got warmed up!

The day was spent learning about how the students could be effective leaders and the different ways in which they can lead. They also learnt about how, as leaders, they can help others that may be bullied and how to influence people positively. Time was also spent talking about ideas that could be implemented in our school to make it an even better place! One of the main focuses was working as a team. Although this may sound a bit dry and boring – it wasn’t. The activities were interactive and the students got to mingle with and talk to children from other schools as well as make lots of noise in the ‘Loud Noise’ activities!!!! Although the adults really needed ear plugs, it was a definite crowd favourite amongst the students.

At the conclusion of the conference we headed off to Kingpin bowling for some fun team building exercises involving skirmish and bowling, followed by dinner at Hog’s Breath. Throughout the day the student behaviour, listening skills and interactions were exemplary and showed they will be an excellent team to lead the students in 2016.

Mrs Shaw

CHAPPY’S CHAT

Only FOUR students short...
As I understand it, the big story for school funding happens on Day 8, and is all to do with bums on seats (student bums that is). Not that we are particularly obsessed with bums; it is just that bums tend to be connected to other parts of a student – to things such as smiles and brains and whole kids!! The education system classifies these whole kids as “students”.

It is student numbers on Day 8 of the school year which determines the funding; therefore the staffing levels; and therefore the number of classes to be created for the remainder of the year.

Giru SS now has TWO classes, because we were 4 students short on Day 8, of allowing us three. It would be nice to have three classes; but you know what, I am so impressed with the rearrangements our Principal Stacey and the other staff are launching into, I am convinced Giru SS may be an even better school than before!!

You see, it’s attitude - if your school staff, no matter the constraints they are compelled to work within, put their heart into the education of your kids (as I witness they certainly are), then great things will result for student education in this place this year!

Chappy John
Working Bee

The first School Working Bee will be held on

**Sunday 13th March** starting at **8.30am**.

If you can help for the morning or just an hour or two we would appreciate your assistance.

The jobs to be completed at the working bee include:
- Weeding and tidying up gardens
- Washing down a discoloured wall
- Painting yellow safety strips
- Erect Zara’s garden plaque and work on Zara’s garden

Bring along your family with their digging forks, shovels, brooms, gloves, hats, water bottles, tree/shrub trimmers, ute/trailers to remove rubbish, paint brushes and any other tools you feel will help us achieve these tasks.

We look forward to working with your family.

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Tuckshop AGM

The Tuckshop will hold its AGM on 22nd February 2016 at 2pm in the Tuckshop. All positions will be relinquished on this date and a new committee elected. This includes Tuckshop convener. You are invited to attend and if you have any questions regarding the Tuckshop committee and convener positions please contact me on 0457 279 384.

Thanks

Karyn Johnson

Tuckshop Chairperson
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 jeffandrkaryn@bigpond.com
P & C Executive

SCHOOL BANKING
Monday is School Banking Day

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

Tuckshop Roster
A friendly reminder for Tuckshop on Monday 22nd 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.

Tuckshop Menu attached
Giru State School Tuckshop 2016

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

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

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)

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

Contacts
Tuckshop Convener
Lisa Frasson 0427882821
Tuckshop President
Karyn Johnson 0427279384

- This menu complies with the Smart Choice 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.
- 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 chippies are 50c each.