Welcome to
GIRU
STATE SCHOOL
P & C MEETING
2 ND WEEK EVERY MONTH
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State School

STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

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School News

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Last week's hero:

Week 2

Phoebe Lyons

Week 3

Layla Marson

This week's focus rule:

Be resilient.

ANZAC Day:
Our school ceremony ran smoothly on Friday, 22nd April, despite having no power. Thank you to staff, students and parents for your contributions towards this ceremony.

“We Will Remember Them”

Students, teachers, staff, parents and visitors gathered at the school’s cenotaph on Friday 22nd April, to commemorate the mateship and courage of Australian soldiers on the Western Front.

Student Leaders, Dana, Holly, Layla and Abby commenced the service with an Introduction, a brief summary of the Landing at Gallipoli and remembered those brave ANZACS. Mr Hornsby delivered a commemorative Address and this was followed by a prayer from the school’s chaplain. The poem ‘Flanders Field’ was read by Layla.
The Order of Events followed with fellow Year 6 Students – Emily, Michelle, James and Zac each playing an important role in wreath laying and the flag protocol. Wreath bearers from each year level then walked through a pathway of poppies to lay their wreaths during the playing of ‘The Little Red Poppy’.

_The Red Poppy has become a powerful symbol used in commemorating Anzac Day_

Students were encouraged to honour all those who served Australia by participating in the making of wreaths, bookmarks and other activities during History lessons.

_‘Lest We Forget’_
The P-3 class also displayed a garden of red poppies on their classroom windows.

Students, teachers and staff then represented the school at the community march held on Monday, 25th April. Students Leaders undertook important roles in this event – the reading of the Ode, flag responsibilities and wreath bearers.
Thank you to the staff and students who represented our school at the Giru Township ANZAC Day ceremony.

**Thank you:**
Students, teachers and parents would like to thank the Royal Australian Air Force, Giru Ambulance Centre and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services for their donation of books to the school in commemoration of Anzac Day.

*Lest We Forget*

Emergency Services visit:

On Tuesday, 26th April, the Giru Fire Service visited our school to conduct a safety lesson with our lower school students. Thank you again to Sheree and Robyn for taking the time to work with our students on this day.

**50 Year of Decimal Currency:**
This year marks 50 years since decimal currency was introduced in Australia. To acknowledge this 50th anniversary, special coins are being made and will begin circulating in the community. Students have been given coin collection folders so that they are able to begin collecting these coins when they begin circulating.
Cross Country:

On Wednesday, 27th April, we held our annual school cross country. Congratulations to all students for putting in your best effort on the day and to the following students who were awarded placings at our carnival:

2003 girls: Michelle Layland (1st)
2004 boys: Remo Hurse (1st), Zac Leslie (2nd)
2004 girls: Dana Wyllie (1st)
2005 boys: Orlando Danziger (1st)
2005 girls: Holly Johnson (1st), Emily Hoyle (2nd), Lily Hudson (3rd)
2006 boys: Japheth Hornsby (1st), Beau Leslie (2nd), David Richards (3rd)
2006 girls: Phoebe Lyons (1st), Chloe May (2nd)
2007 boys: Lucas Town (1st), Kevin Trang (2nd)
2007 girls: Jacinta Jeffery (1st), Jessica Boyd (2nd), Charlie Little (3rd)
2008 boys: Bailey Johnson (1st), Isaac Little (2nd), Cooper McGrath (3rd)
2008 girls: Mahala Thorne (1st)
2009 boys: Deane Lyons (1st), Jai Jack (2nd), Aden Howie (3rd)
2009 girls: Emily Town (1st), Chantal Richards (2nd)
2010 boys: David Trang (1st)
2010 girls: Jasmine Little (1st), Nakita Hornsby (2nd), Addison Ironside (3rd)
P-2 Science:
Recently in P-2 Science, students investigated the strength of different materials and their suitability for holding and carrying objects.

NAPLAN Testing:
On Tuesday the 10th, Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th May, Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing.

Testing will be completed before morning tea each day. The table below shows which tests will be completed each day:

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Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students, please ensure your child/children have a good breakfast before school on each day of the NAPLAN testing.

Please also send an additional healthy snack to school for your child to eat between the Language Conventions test and Writing test on Tuesday, 12th May.

For additional information on the NAPLAN testing, please access the parent information brochure on the following website:

If you would like a paper copy of the information brochure, please contact the office.

If you have any further questions regarding the NAPLAN testing, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher, or me.

Reading Groups:
Next week, due to NAPLAN testing, there will be no reading groups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Steps:  
In the last couple of weeks, some maintenance work has been completed at our school. Some floorboards on the steps leading up to the Yr3-6 classroom and the steps leading up to the staffroom/Science room have been replaced. Treads on some internal stairs have also been repaired. 

Under 8s Day:  
Under 8s Day has been planned for Tuesday, 17th May this year. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer regarding Under 8s Day. 

Regards, 

Stacey 😊

**Recognise Literary Elements 1**

When we read, we often recognise common elements of a story that include plot, character, setting, and theme. We use these elements to help us infer what will happen next. As readers, when we identify and understand these elements, we store this information to help us remember and comprehend what the story is about.

Literary elements work together to form the story and make it interesting. We learn literary elements separately, but we combine them when reading to give us a better understanding of the story. It is important that children specifically look for these elements as they first learn them. It is through exposure and practice that readers become good at using these elements to comprehend text.

**How can you help your child with this strategy at home?**
1. When reading a story with your child, discuss the character. Begin by asking your child who or what the story is about.

2. After determining the character, see if your child is able to tell you where and when the story occurs. Ask your child how they were able to determine the setting? Did he/she use pictures, words, or infer to establish the setting?

3. Continue to read the selection and discuss with your child important events that occur in the story. Ask your child what the problem is in the story and how the problem was solved.

4. Conclude the story by talking about the theme of the story. The theme is the underlying message, or meaning, of the story. Encourage your child to use what they know about the characters, setting, and plot to help determine the theme.

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays are always exciting, especially when it is your own! No, it is not my birthday, but last Friday was my daughter Anne’s 21st, and I was excited!

21st Birthday’s are a time for celebration: In the “old days” it was a sign that the person had grown up to become an adult, meaning they can take their place in society as a fully responsible citizen. Today we often substitute 18th or even 16th birthdays; but me being old-fashioned, I still have a special place in my heart for a 21st.

Well, we had a lovely party for Anne, bought her an expensive dress, and got her hair done beautifully for photos from a professional photographer. It was a precious moment in time for Anne to remember for the rest of her life.

Birthdays are always a special time for all of us. I like to think that God created me in my mum’s tummy for a reason, and I am glad I am here for however long it will be. But it gives me a sense that I need to make my birthday count, and do some good things for others.

I know my “little girl” Anne is on her way in life to bless others. How about you – what good thing will you do today for someone, so that your birthday really counts?

Chappy John
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

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, 9th May the following volunteers have been rostered:

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<td>Mel</td>
<td>Dianne Jeffery</td>
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Please note: It is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement if you cannot attend your rostered day.

REMINDER: Mother’s Day Stall 4th to 6th May VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
**Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held this week in **the library** on the days and times listed below.

**Wednesday 4th May**
8.30 – 8.50
11.00 – 11.20 (Little Lunch – only lunch time available)

**Thursday 5th May**
8.30 – 8.50

**Friday 6th May**
8.30 – 8.50

If you want to purchase a Mother’s day gift for your mum please remember to bring your money and come to the library on these days.

We are still looking for Volunteers to assist on these days, if you can help please contact Amber Hornsby on 0458 913 715.

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**RCWA Giru Branch are holding a...........
MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA
AND CENT SALE**

**SATURDAY, 7TH MAY 2016**

**RCWA HALL GIRU**

Commencing at 2.00 pm

**Admission:** Adults $5.00  Students $2.00

Raffles  Lucky Door

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**KEEN TO PLAY TENNIS! (in Giru)**

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<th>Junior Coaching for Primary School Students</th>
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Giru Bowls Club
PRE HARVEST SPECTACULAR

FRIDAY 27th MAY
BAREFOOT BOWLS 5.30PM
NAMES PLEASE BY 5.00PM
FOLLOWED BY:
ROAST DINNER, MEAT, POTATO BAKE,
VEGETABLE AU-GRATIN AND GREENS
DESSERT

RAFFLES – LAST DRAW SURPRISE JACKPOT
MUSIC AND DANCING

BOOKINGS for dinner ESSENTIAL

COME ONE COME ALL

Let’s leave our hair down and celebrate with friends before crush
Phone: Betty 47 829173 Phone: Club 47 829175
By Wednesday 25th May