School News
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Last week’s hero:

Remo Hurse

This week’s focus rule:

Walk

Crazy Hair Day:
Last Thursday, we had a Crazy Hair Day to recognise the whole school achieving another 500 SRS tokens. Students, your hair looked amazing!

SCHOOL RULES
Safe
Respectful
Successful

SCHOOL FOCUS AREAS
• Reading
• Spelling
• Positive Behaviour for Learning

DATE CLAIMERS
9th May: P & C Meeting
10th-12th May: NAPLAN
17th May: Under 8’s Day
20th May: Walk to School Day
15th June: QSR Verification Meeting
20th June: School Photos
Burdekin Cross Country Trials:

Congratulations to all students who represented our school and gave their best effort during the trials.
Quadrennial School Review:
Our QSR team have had two meetings to date and have analysed what has and hasn’t been achieved in our current 4 Year Plan and what our school has done well over the last 4 years and areas for improvement.

The majority of goals from our 2013-2016 Strategic Plan have been fully achieved, with a very small number of goals being partially achieved. Increasing student enrolments was one goal that was not achieved.

Thank you to the parents, students and staff for taking the time to respond to the 5 QSR questions for parents. This data has now been analysed.

Full School Review recommendations, which were published in the newsletter earlier this term, will form part of our school’s 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. The team has also identified the following as potential areas of focus for our school’s 2017-2020 Strategic Plan:

- Maintain focus on attendance, English
- Introduce a numeracy focus
- Increase enrolments
- Increase community involvement in the school
- Address technology-related issues

NAPLAN Testing:
A reminder that NAPLAN tests will occur in the first session tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students please encourage your child to:

- Try their best
- Skip difficult questions and come back to them at the end (if there’s time)
- Have a good night’s sleep before each test
- Eat a healthy breakfast each day; and
- Bring an additional snack to eat between the Language Conventions test and Writing test tomorrow

Reading Groups:
This week, due to NAPLAN testing, there will be no reading groups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Roll of Honour:
Schools from all around Australia are being invited to participate in the Remember Me project which aims to collect recordings from thousands of school-age children to commemorate the 62,000 fallen soldiers of World War One. Further information regarding the project and a permission note will be sent out today.
National Walk Safely to School Day:
National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday, 20th May. The annual event encourages primary school age children to walk and commute safely to school. According to the Pedestrian Council of Australia, until children are ten years old, they should always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

If possible, please encourage your child/children to walk safely to school/their bus stop/do some extra walking on this day.

HPE/Science:
Due to study commitments, Mrs Carlson has had to resign from her position as a HPE and Science teacher in our school. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mrs Carlson for the work she has done in our school this year. Miss Kaycee Fairbrother will be our new HPE and Science teacher until the end of this term.

Casual Cleaner:
If you are interested in becoming a casual cleaner at Giru State School, please contact the school on 4784 3333 for more information.

Regards,

Stacey 😊

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**CHAPPY'S CHAT**

Mothers' Day!

My Mum was a very special lady who always made sure I had the best. Every day while Dad was at work, Mum was home keeping our old home nice, sewing our clothes, cooking the yummiest meals, and making sure my sister Mim and I had the best we could have for our modest family income.

I think the important things were that we were safe and healthy and happy. This came from our Mum who loved us so much, that at times she would miss out because she gave it to us.

**Mothers' Day** is one of those occasions when we can show and tell our mums that we love them. What did you do for your mum yesterday? Did you bring her breakfast in bed? Did you give her a nice bunch of flowers? Did you hug her and tell her how much you love her? **Did you forget?**

It is not too late to do any of these things for your mum – just give her a cuddle right now and tell her how special she is! After all, Mothers' Day is just one day out of this whole year....but your mum is loving you and giving her best for you for all 366 days of this year!!

Chappy John
Choosing book for young children:

There is a bewildering array of enchanting picture books for today’s young readers. There are more good books available now than ever before and people often ask how they can distinguish the best possible value for their money. Think about:

- Content of the book,
- The illustrations, including the medium and style of illustration, and
- The format of the book.
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, 16th May
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.
Giru State School proudly hosts

Under 8s Day 2016

Early Learning, Everyone Learns

Join us for a celebration of early childhood learning

Tuesday 17th May
9am-12pm

We would love to share the morning with you.

Phone 4784 3333 for further information

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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
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