School News

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Last week of Term 2 hero:

Lily Hudson

This week's focus rule:

Be safe on the bus.

Semester One:
Last semester, our school continued to achieve great results in reading, with a number of students exceeding their reading level goals. For English, student results have continued to improve with 97% of our students achieving at a ‘C’ standard or higher. Teachers and students, in partnership with parents, have worked very hard to achieve these results. Congratulations everyone!

Celebration of Learning:
Thank you to all parents who attended Celebration of Learning events at the end of last term. The students very much appreciated being able to show you the programming work they had completed in Digital Technologies last semester as well as some of the writing and other work they had been completing in the classroom. I was most impressed with the Digital Technologies work I saw as well as student writing. We look forward to seeing you at our next Celebration of Learning at the end of this term.

Parents, you are most welcome to visit your child’s classroom at any time to see the work they are doing and to have a conversation with your child’s teacher regarding any aspect of their schooling.

DATE CLAIMERS

11th July: Start of Term 3
11th July: P & C Meeting
13th July: Free Dress Day
26th July: Yr 6 2nd Transition Day
27th July: Open Afternoon at Ayr High
5th August: Combined Athletics Carnival
12th August: District Athletics Carnival
25th August: Prep-Yr 4 Excursion-Little Red in the Hood-Burdekin Theatre
30th August: NQ Athletics Carnival
4th September: XFire Laser Tag Tournament

SCHOOL RULES

Safe
Respectful
Successful

SCHOOL FOCUS AREAS

- Reading
- Spelling
- Positive Behaviour for Learning
Athletics Carnival:
Congratulations to all students on your outstanding efforts, sportsmanship and behaviour. It was lovely to see our students waiting and cheering on fellow competitors in their own house and the opposing team’s house.
Congratulations to our winning team, Haughton, and to the following age champions:

- 2004 Boys: Zac Leslie
- 2004 Girls: Abby McGrath
- 2005 Boys: Orlando Danziger
- 2005 Girls: Layla Marson
- 2006 Boys: Beau Leslie
- 2006 Girls: Chloe May
- 2007 Boys: Lucas Town
- 2007 Girls: Zoe Jack

Thank you also to Brad and Kerry Garner and Ashley, Sharon and Riley Stockham for volunteering your time to assist Tim to complete the line marking ahead of our athletics carnival and for your contributions towards the maintenance of our school grounds. Thank you also to all volunteers for your assistance to set up, help run events and pack up after our carnival. Your efforts and assistance are very much appreciated.
Disco:
Students had a wonderful time at our school disco on Wednesday, 23/6/16. Thank you again to Melissa, Jim, P&C, staff and students for your contributions to this event.

NAIDOC Week:
This year, NAIDOC Week was celebrated from the 3rd-10th July. As NAIDOC Week fell during the school holidays, students participated in NAIDOC Week activities on Friday, 24th June. Students participated in a variety of activities including learning Aboriginal symbols and using them to create a picture, dot painting, boomerang art, storytelling and a variety of outdoor games.
Chooks:
Thank you to the Hudson family for caring for the school’s chooks over the holiday period.

Tuckshop:
Our tuckshop has now been refurbished and is more user-friendly for our tuckshop volunteers. Thank you to the P&C securing a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant to enable this upgrade.

Bus Travel:
Today, a copy of the Queensland Government’s Parent/Carer fact sheet regarding student bus travel as well as a copy of the current Giru State School Bus Committee Bus Guidelines has been set home to all families who have children travelling on our school buses.

Sunscreen:
Giru State School is a sun smart school. Therefore, the school has a bottle of sunscreen in each classroom for students to access. If you would prefer that your child does not use the school’s sunscreen, please advise your child’s class teacher.

Calendar:
Please find attached a calendar with dates for some known events for this term. As more events are added to our dateclaimer in the newsletter throughout the term, please add these to your copy of the calendar.

LOTE:
This term our Year 6 students will be taught by Yeongmin Dwon. Year 5 students will continue to be taught by Jade McKay.

State of Origin:
This Wednesday, the school will again have a free dress day for State of Origin. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details.
Year 6 High School Transition:
On Tuesday, 26th July, from 9am to 2pm, Year 6 students will have their second high school transition visit to Ayr State High School. Ayr State High School will also hold an open afternoon for parents and students from 5pm-6pm on this day. A separate letter and flyer with further information has been sent home today.

Little Red in the Hood:
We are planning to take P-4 students to Little Red in the Hood at the Burdekin Theatre on Monday, 25th July. Letters with further information have been sent out to parents of P-4 students today.

Adopt-a-Councillor Program:
Giru State School is going to participate in the Burdekin Shire Council’s Adopt-a-Councillor program. The goals of the program are to:
- Foster better relationship between schools and the council,
- Nurture a sense of community mindedness in students,
- Improve student knowledge of council services,
- Encourage students to become actively involved in community life by putting forward their opinions when the council seeks feedback, and
- Promote council initiatives.

QPARENTS:
QPARENTS is a secure online portal, which was officially launched by Minister Kate Jones on 30/5/16, that gives parents quick access to student information such as timetables, report cards, invoices, behaviour records and attendance. Parents can also use this portal to report absences, update student addresses and medical records, and pay outstanding invoices.

The school is now preparing for the roll out of QPARENTS in our school from the start of next year.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey ☺️

Student Council Messages

Eggs for Sale:
This week the Student Council has 1 dozen eggs for sale. If you would like to purchase eggs ($4/ dozen), please contact the school.
Free Dress Day

Wednesday, 13th July

Come to school dressed in your favourite origin team's colours for a gold coin donation.

Funds raised will go towards our Student Council.
Save the Date

**X-FIRE LASER TAG TOURNAMENT**

Teams of 5
$10 pp

Raffles & Prizes on the day

Sunday 4th September
Giru State School Grounds
Starting at 9:30

For Registration Contact
Amber: 0458913715 or Amanda: 0419940527

Please come along to our fundraising event to help students attend an Annual Leadership Camp
Chappy's Chat

Welcome to Term 3!

I hope you all had a lovely holiday, and had a chance to very diligently and energetically (NOT) wonderfully do nothing for a little of your time off. But in saying that – I also hope you did something useful for somebody with your time too!

I had a Scripture Union Camp to help run in the first week of the holidays. I then collapsed over the middle weekend! Have you adults ever noticed how much energy kids can take out of you at times? Then for three days last week Heather and I retreated to Bowen just to charge up our body batteries for Term 3. Bowen was like a paradise with perfect weather and the stunning views it provides.

This Term we are looking forward to “Jeans For Genes” and “Operation Christmas Child” as our student outreaches. We usually do well at these, so please put your heart into them again this year. I will give more info in next week’s newsletter.

Chappy John

Ayr State High School

Open Afternoon
For Prospective Parents/Caretakers and Students

Wednesday 27th July 2016

5pm-6pm

Resource Centre
YOU’RE INVITED

Burdekin Shire Council
Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday 19 July 2016

Special Presentation
Family and Child Connect
10.10-10.30am

Stay for morning tea with the Mayor, Councillors, Council Officers and Family and Child Connect Representatives 10.30-10.55am

Please RSVP names and attendance numbers by Monday 6 July 2016 for catering purposes.

For further information please contact:

Lauren McKaig - 4783 9906
lauren.mckaig@burdekin.qld.gov.au

Tammy Quagliata - 4783 9832
tammy.quagliata@burdekin.qld.gov.au

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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
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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 0457 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, 18th July 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.