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Great state. Great opportunity.
School News
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Last week’s hero: Beau Leslie

This week’s focus rule:

Be safe on the bus.

State of Origin:
Last Wednesday our school had a free dress day for State of Origin. Thank you to all families who supported this event.

Have your say:
Today annual School Opinion Surveys have been sent out. These online surveys are anonymous and will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

As a school we value your feedback and would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this short survey. Data collected is used to identify areas in which the school is doing well as well as areas for improvement.
Parents are most welcome to come into the school (before/during/after school) to complete the survey using school computers. Please contact the office if you would like to use school computers to complete your survey.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival:
This year, all 9-12 year old students are being invited to attend the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Clare State School on Friday, 5th August.

Further information will come home in a separate letter today.

Reading Groups:
There will be no reading groups next Monday, 25th July, as P-4 students will be at Little Red in the Hood.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey 😊

Chunk Letters and Sounds

When teaching children to read, we are always looking for ways to help them decode words efficiently, rapidly, and accurately. This allows them to focus their attention on understanding what they read rather than focusing on the fundamentals of each word. One way we accomplish this is through teaching children to watch for familiar word patterns called chunks. Chunks are groups of letters that when put together form a recognizable sound or word. Chunks can be found at the beginning, middle, or end of a word. Your child is working on the accuracy strategy of chunking letters and sounds together. Use the following suggestions to support your child’s learning at home.

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

1. When reading with your child, have your child look for well-known letter chunks in the words they are reading. These chunks could be prefixes, suffixes, endings, whole words, or base words. For example, your child may look for the chunk *end* in the word *send*, or *air* in *chair*.

2. When chunking a word, have your child first read each chunk separately. Then, have your child put the chunks together to make the word. This will train your child to quickly and easily spot chunks.

3. If your child is having difficulty finding chunks, guide him/her to look for familiar endings and familiar prefixes.

4. Encourage your child to use his/her fingers to frame the chunks found in words, decode those chunks first, and then move on to tackle the whole word.

5. To help train your child to look for chunks in words, play a game of “I Spy” when reading. For example, when looking at the word *blend*, you would say, “In this word I spy the word *end*”. Then, switch roles with your child and let your child “spy” chunks in words.

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

CHAPPY’S CHAT

“Jeans for Genes”

“1 in 20 Aussie kids is born with a birth defect or genetic disease,” the Children’s Medical Research Institute (CMRI) tells us. That is over 12,000 affected children born in Australia each year.

To fund their vital research, CMRI relies on public donations. Our support can produce results like this: Every $20 can help prevent blindness in a child; $45 pays for a screening for epilepsy; $75 can identify a DNA Gene gone wrong; $120 funds a drug dose to help stop brain cancer; $200 prepares a cell sample to treat liver disease....

Giru State School’s Jeans for Genes day is Monday 8th August. We can all come dolled up in our flashiest Jeans, for the mere donation of a gold coin in the bucket. All money raised will go to CMRI to help their research costs.

A crazy idea just floated through my mind....a fashion parade????

Chappy John
Get in the Game
Get Started Vouchers
Funding to help kids participate

Do you have a child aged 5–17
who lives in Queensland?
Would your child like to
participate in a sport?
Are you a Health Care Card or
Pensioner Concession Card holder?

You can apply for up to
$150 for your child’s sport or active
recreation participation.

Visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/
and follow the link ‘For parents and kids’
or call 1300 656 191 to find out more.

Get Started Vouchers are part of the Queensland
Government’s Get in the Game initiative.
Rounds open in January and July.

Queensland
Government

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
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, 25th 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.
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Notes:

Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Clare State School on 5 August