School News

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Last week’s hero:

Lucas Poletti

This week’s focus rule:

Use the toilets for their intended purpose.

Student Improvement:

Last week I received a NAPLAN report from the Department which shows the Relative Gain of our students from Year 3-5 (or how much our students have improved, expressed in Standard Deviation Units) in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Numeracy, in comparison to the nation. It also shows Queensland’s overall improvement against the nation.

Positive numbers show that our school/ State has gained at a rate higher than the nation. Negative numbers indicate that our school/ State has gained at a rate less than the nation.

Our 2014-2016 gains are well above those of the State and Nation, which can be attributed to the quality teaching and learning practices our students have experience over the last two years.
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Melbourne Cup Fundraiser:
Thank you to the P&C for your efforts to coordinate another great Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the pub last week.

QPARENTS:
If you have already completed the QParent account owner details form, this week you will receive an email inviting you to register for QParents. Following your registration, the school will approve your request, in readiness for the start of next year. A letter with further information will be sent out to those parents who have completed the QParent account owner details form.

If you are yet to complete the QParents account owner details form, please complete the form attached to today’s newsletter, and send it into the office.

Remembrance Day:

Remembrance Day is on Friday, 11th November. Poppies are available at the office for students to purchase for $1.

Music Performance:
Next Monday, 14th November, the William Ross State High School music group will visit to put on a performance for our students.

Newsletter:
Next week’s newsletter will come out on Wednesday as both Stefanie and I will be at a finance workshop on Monday.
Past Student Successes:

Recently Ayr State High School held its Annual Awards Night. A number of former Giru State School students received awards. Congratulations to the following students:

- **Subject Dux:**
  - Thomas Papadimitriou (Yr11 – English Communication, Graphics)
  - Emma Lyons (Yr12 – Biology, Chemistry, Music)

- **Academic Excellence:**
  - Giselle LeFeuvre (Yr7)

- **Achievement Awards:**
  - Giselle LeFeuvre (Yr7),
  - Oliver Hudson (Yr7),
  - Charleen Lyons (Yr8),
  - Khali Anderson (Yr9),
  - Emma Lyons (Yr12)

- **Junior Sports Person of the Year (for students in Yrs7-9):**
  - Giselle LeFeuvre (Yr7)

- **Cultural:**
  - Outstanding commitment to backstage production – Joshua Wales

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey 😊

**Use word parts to determine the meaning of words:**

No matter what age, readers occasionally encounter new words that they must break apart in order to read and understand. Looking at parts of words helps readers to break the word’s meaning apart and gives them a strategy to understand new words. When looking at familiar word parts, readers are able to use their background knowledge of these word parts, along with their knowledge of the text, to understand the meaning of the word. Although each year children learn many new words in the classroom, there is no way they can be taught all of the words they will come across when reading. Learning the strategy of using word parts to determine the meaning of words, gives readers a tool to figure out words they come across when reading.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?
1. When stumbling on a new word, remind your child to ask, “Do I know any part of this word?” This question directs the reader to search the word for a prefix, suffix, chunk, or blend they are familiar with.

2. Help your child infer the meaning of the word based on familiar parts of the word. Look for a prefix or suffix and discuss how it affects the meaning of the word.

3. When you have a few extra minutes, give your child a prefix or a suffix and talk about what it means. Give your child two minutes to come up with a list of words that include that prefix or suffix.

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Source: Allison Behne. www.thedailycafe.com

**Student Council Messages**

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

**Chappy’s Chat**

A “pinch and a punch for the first of the month” and all that stuff....this year is just flying!! We are now half way through Term 4, so let’s roll up our sleeves and get the best out of it we can.

We have exciting stuff happening this week: Book Fair is on Wednesday to Friday. Our theme is Aussie Country, and Thursday is the day to come dressed up as your favourite Aussie book character. You will then be perfectly dressed for the sausage sizzle at big lunch – a really Aussie thing to do! I love reading....and eating sausages!

Also this week on Friday is Remembrance Day, when we pause in silence to gratefully remember those who have given of themselves and suffered to defend this beautiful country we live in.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, the guns of World War 1 were silent. Peace at last, but at a horrible cost. As we spend our minute of silence, let’s pray that we will be a nation of peace.

Chappy John
Preparing for QParents

To make the QParents registration process as smooth as possible, please help us out by filling out the details below and returning them to us at your earliest convenience.

Decide which parent is the preferred QParents Account Owner (QPAO) and write their name, email address and mobile phone number below. Note, the QPAO must be a parent or legal guardian. Please print these details clearly.

Student's name ..............................................................
Name of preferred QPAO ............................................
QPAO's email address .................................................
QPAO's mobile phone number .................................

Why are we asking for this information?

If you are invited to be a QPAO and we have your email address, the invitation (which contains your unique invitation code) will be sent to you by email. This will make it easier to start the registration process by simply clicking on a link in the email. If we do not have your email address we will send a letter with the invitation code and instructions for registration.

Regards,

[Signature]

Stacey Werder (Principal)
Come dressed as an Aussie Character 10\textsuperscript{th} November

and join in the fun with some activities

- Guess how many serpents there are in the bottles.
- Put your face in the front cover of a book title!!!!
- Sausage sizzle, fruit and an ice-block at 2nd break.
BOOK FAIR: 9th, 10th, 11th NOVEMBER...
SCHOOL LIBRARY

A selection of books will be on sale from Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th November, before school and during lunch breaks.

Every purchase you make earns learning & literacy resources for our school.

Many thanks for supporting your child’s love of books and their passion for reading.

- On Monday and Tuesday, students will have the opportunity to:
  - View the selection of books in the Fair, and
  - Complete (and take home) a wish list of items they’d like to buy.
You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

AUSTRALIA!
STORY COUNTRY
FIND YOUR STORY AT THE
Book Fair!

Date: 9th, 10th, 11th Nov
Time: 8:00am - 1:10pm
Place: Library

Purchases for our school!

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Crikey! Just some of the bonza!

**Elf**
$15
Aaron Blacey
Elf loves Christmas more than the world's greatest Pug's long list for Sants!
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ | 🇦🇺

**Don't Call Me Bear!**
$15
Aaron Blacey
Don't Call Me Bear! Warren the Koala is many things—a marsupial, cute and furry, a bit of a grump—but the one thing he's not is a bear!
8439356 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ | 🇦🇺

**The Cat Wants Custard**
$15
Kevin the Cat has a craving. He wants custard, and he wants it NOW!
8412093 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 4+ | 🇦🇺

**Row, Row, Row Your Boat**
$10
Great Value
Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Row down the stream with the Aussie animals as they try to squeeze into the boat. But look out... someone else is following too!
8435316 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ | 🇦🇺

**Tiny Timmy Living the Dream**
$10
Living the Dream!
Timmy wants to play for Australia and all he needs to do is win the soccer trick competition. Can he show off his skills in time?
8449347 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+ | 🇦🇺

**The Bad Guys, Episode 3:**
$9
The Furball Strikes Back
Mr Wolf and his bad, bad buddies have messed with the wrong guinea pig. And this nasty little furball wants revenge!
8403066 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+ | 🇦🇺

**The Bad Guys, Episode 4:**
$9
Apocalypse Meow
Sit back and watch the fur fly as the world's baddest good guys take on Mad Marmalade's meowing monsters!
8472782 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+ | 🇦🇺

Why not stock-up on extra presents and...
New Class

It's exciting to be starting at the Jedi Academy but as to make new friends, get your sister's good side, star school performance and to use the Force!

$12

Tales of the Rebellion

Three all-new action-packed stories with your favourite heroes and villains!

$8

Candy Art

Super sweet candy-inspired designs for you to colour and complete!

$7

Skyfire

Seven teenagers must stand together to solve the mystery of the Seven Signs with only seven days to save the world...

$13

Huge selection of Australian authors and illustrators. Look for this icon!

400 Minutes Of Danger

Ten dangerous situations. Ten terrified kids. Only 40 minutes to survive!

$12

Zoo Rescue

Can Ella help the zookeepers when a cheeky penguin has a mind of its own?

$8

Friends Not Forever

It's Ella's big chance for a starring role in this year's school play. But when Zoe ends up winning the prize part, will Ella and Zoe's friendship be over forever?

$9

Tracy Lacy is Completely Coo-Coo Bananas!!!

Tracy has come up with the perfect plan to be normal and make it through high school that is until her plan is RUINED!

$13

HOW TO CODE

Learn to code, build games, and more with these step-by-step projects.

$20

Dig World

Rip and Mei are trapped inside a new video game. They must play to survive and find a way out or they'll be stuck... forever.

$10

Dragon Land

Rip and Mei escaped Level 1, but they're still trapped in the game and it's getting harder to stay alive!

$10

Super Good Skills (Almost...)

How will Tom survive when his whole family (Fossils included) are going to the most BORING campsite ever?

$14

Rewards for our school?

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs
Dear Parents,

Getting your child to read frequently can be a challenge but there are specific strategies you can use to encourage them.

Research shows us that 91 per cent of children aged 6–17 years agree their favourite books are ones they pick out themselves.


A Scholastic Book Fair is the perfect place for autonomous choice — children can discover a love of books and ignite a lifelong passion for reading. Look through this invitation with your child to preselect some possible choices and pay for them at the Book Fair.

Every purchase you make earns learning & literacy resources for our school!

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**Book Fair Wish List Payment**

If you are unable to attend the Fair you may wish to choose from the books in the invitation. List your choices below and pay in advance.

Please return this form to school with your child BEFORE the Book Fair closes

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**Payment Receipt Number**

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Online Payment: www.scholastic.com.au/payment

Be sure to choose Book Fairs payments, not Book Club.

Phone Payment: FREE automated service available 24 hours. Call 1800 557 908. Press 2 for Fairs payments.

Please provide the following details:

- First name: ___________________________
- Surname: _____________________________
- Daytime ph: __________________________
- School: ____________ Suburb/State: ________

With credit card payment you will receive an 8-digit receipt number.

Record your receipt number below:

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Books start at only $4!

**Going Home**

Dory goes on a big adventure to find her parents! But now it’s time for her to go home!

8440828 | READER | AGES 5+

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**The Big Cheeky Hunt**

It's time for the annual Big Cheeky Hunt! Cheeky Chocolate must hide somewhere inside Small Mart and the first Shopkin to find her wins a new car!

8461047 | READER | AGES 3+

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Something special happens when a child finds the right book!
Melbourne Cup Lunch

It appeared that all those attending the Melbourne Cup Lunch last Tuesday had a great day and really enjoyed themselves. There were a huge amount of prizes on offer and the paper hat/fascinator making competition was a great warm up for the sugar cube relay and crop race.

We would once again like to thank our sponsors for the day Giru International Hotel, Zoe at Revamps, Castle Crest Motel, Sealink Qld, Cruise Whitsundays, Nutrimetics: Amber Hornsby, The Johnson Family, The Stockham Family, Woolworths Ayr, Annandale Newsagency: Poletti Family, NQ Fisho, Giru Store, and Northern Rural Group. All those attending on the day left with a prize or giveaway thanks to the generous donations of these sponsors.

We would like to thank Rosalie, Andrew and Staff at Giru International Hotel for the venue, great food and assistance in organising the day, not to mention the difficult task Andrew had in judging our Fashions of the Field.

I would also like to thank Amber Hornsby, Karyn Johnson and Sharon Stockham for assisting in seeking sponsors and prizes, your contribution and assistance was greatly appreciated and made our day a success. Well done!

Thank you
Tracey Town
P&C President
Giru State School P&C

Sausage Sizzle and Drinks Sale

Local Auction Bruce Highway

19 November 2016

The school was approached by Lyndy McCathie to cater for a local Auction to be held on the 19 November 2016. We would like to assist in our local community while taking the opportunity to raise valuable funds for Giru State School. We have had a number of School Staff willing to give up their valuable weekend time and we are asking for families to do the same to ensure we have enough people to make this an easy and successful day.

Please write your name down in a time slot that is suitable for you, if you are able to help for more than an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please return this form to the school office by Friday 11 November to assist with organization for the day. We thank you in advance for your support.

Child/ren’s Name: ..............................................

Parent’s Name: ............................................. Contact Number: ..........................

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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

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Tuckshop Roster
A friendly reminder for Tuckshop on Monday, 14th November - the following volunteers have been rostered:

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Notes:

YR 6 ORIENTATION DAYS AT AYR HIGH - Dec 1 & 2 - for enrolled Students ONLY
Christmas Lantern Workshop

Thursday 8th & Saturday 10th December
9:30am-11:30am
Burdekin Library Ayr

Call 47839970 to make your booking.

Come along to a FREE Workshop &
create your very own Christmas Lantern, to
join in the Lantern Parade at
Burdekin Christmas Carols on Sunday 11th December.

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eSafety WORKSHOP

About
An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit esafety.gov.au

Learn how
- young people are using social media and technology
- to make a complaint about child cyberbullying
- we can help remove serious cyberbullying material

When
Wednesday
30 November 2016
6 to 8pm
Burdekin PGYC
MacMillan Street
Ayr
Bookings Essential: 47831609

esafety.gov.au
Summer Holidays at the Burdekin Library:
The Summer Reading Club is taking place at Burdekin Library Ayr these summer holidays.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success!
- Over 48,000 children participated across Australia, and
- more than 333,000 books were read.

The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading Club is **Heroes and Villains**. Young readers will be encouraged to engage with a variety of traditional and non-traditional heroes and heroines as they explore the themes and conventions associated with super and everyday heroes, and their villainous counterparts.

At Burdekin Library Ayr Summer Reading Club activities will run from 12th December 2016 until 20th January 2017. The library will also be hosting a Summer Reading Club activity on Tuesday 10th January 2017 from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Registration is FREE! Register at the library (and you will receive a Summer Reading Club pack) or register through the Summer Reading Club website at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)