School News

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Last week’s hero:

Zac Leslie

This week’s focus rule:

Include everyone in your games

Year 5-6 Camp:
Our Year 5 and 6 students had a great time on camp. Thank you to Mr Max, Mrs Garner, other staff and parents who helped to make this event possible for our students.

Please read the detailed camp report, which can found further on in this week’s newsletter.

Swimming shirts:
For sun protections during Wednesday and Friday swimming lessons all students are required to wear a swimming shirt. If your child does not have a ‘rash’ shirt, please a t-shirt will be fine.

2017 Prep:
This Friday we will have our first Orientation Day for 2017 Prep students from 8:50am-11:00am in the P-3 classroom. There will also be a ‘Meet and Greet’ for parents in the library.
Japanese Cultural Day:

Last Friday, Prep to Year 4 students spent the day immersed in a Japanese cultural experience. Sushi making started the day, with all children having fun spreading sticky rice onto their nori (seaweed sheets) and rolling their choice of meat and vegetables into their own sushi rolls. The day then followed with a variety of rotation activities, ranging from learning and writing symbols (Kanji) for Japanese numbers, singing Heads and Shoulders in Japanese, origami, fan making and a number of Japanese arts and crafts.

Children enjoyed the Japanese traditions of wearing only our socks indoors (usually Japanese people wear slippers) and sitting around a large “table” on the floor to eat our sushi. Children proudly wore name tags with their Japanese names, which Mrs Lanes created, and had fun trying to pronounce their names with their best Japanese pronunciations.

Day for Daniel:
As part of Health this term, students will learn about personal safety and part of these units will include key messages from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Giru SS will do a Day for Daniel (Morcombe) on Wednesday 26th October (as this is the day that they do HPE). On this
day, students are to dress in red for a gold coin donation. Funds raised will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

**P-3 Library Borrowing:**
For this week only, P-3 will borrow on Friday afternoon.

**Bus Travel:**
The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) is conducting a review of contracted school transport bus services in the Giru/Brandon/Ayr area during the week commencing 24 October 2016.

In this period officers from DTMR will be conducting tasks such as travelling on school bus services, following bus services, counting students getting on and off buses (at schools and bus stops) and meeting with a number of bus operators, parents and schools. Officers involved in these activities will be wearing or be able to produce photographic identification issued by the department.

**QPARENTS:**
QPARENTS is a secure app that gives parents quick access to information about their child such as timetables, report cards, invoices, behaviour records and attendance. The app can also be used to report absences, update addresses and medical records, and pay outstanding invoices.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the QPARENTS registration form.

If you have not yet completed the form requesting QParent account owner details (which was sent out to all families in Week 1 of this term), it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the form and return it to the office (so that the school can send you an email invitation to enable you to register for QPARENTS).

A copy of the form requesting QParent Account Owner details has been attached to this week’s newsletter.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey 😊
Author’s Purpose:

Every time an author writes, he or she writes for a reason. As readers it is important for us to understand why a piece was written because we infer the meaning of the text based on the author’s purpose for writing it. Identifying why the author wrote a text deepens our understanding for how to read and comprehend the text. Although there are many different reasons for writing, we mainly focus on the following:

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

1. When you sit down to read with your child, begin by looking at the book and having your child predict what he/she thinks the author’s purpose is. Is the author trying to persuade, inform, entertain, or is there another reason the author wrote the book?

2. After your child states what he/she believes to be the author’s purpose for writing the book, ask your child to look for clues in the story that support their conclusion. Use the following prompts to encourage their thinking:
   - Do you know anything about this author? Some authors write specific genres.
   - Is the selection going to teach you something, make you laugh, or try to get you to do something?
   - What clues can you find in the text that support what you think?
   - How might you approach reading this text, knowing the author’s purpose?
   - After reading the selection, do you still agree with your prediction about why the author wrote this text? If not, what do you think is the author’s purpose now? What in the text made you change your idea?

3. Have your child practice predicting author’s purpose by selecting different books off of the bookshelf and asking your child to predict the author’s purpose. Always have your child explain his/her thinking to encourage self reflection. Then, after reading the text, revisit the prediction. Ask the author’s purpose again after reading the text.


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**Student Council Messages**

**Eggs for Sale:**
This week the Student Council has 8 dozen eggs for sale. If you would like to purchase eggs ($4/ dozen), please contact the school.
Year 5-6 Camp Report

On Monday the 10th of October the Year 5s and 6s left Giru to go to Camp Kanga, Proserpine. After collecting the 5/6s from Clare we travelled to Bowen where we stopped for morning tea. After that quick stop we set off again and an hour later we arrived at Camp Kanga.

After unpacking and setting up our cabins we played some games and did some team activities, including making names for our teams and making team bandanas. We finished the day with a beautiful meal of lasagne.

On Tuesday we had a hot day at the crocodile safari where we saw lots of baby crocs and about five massive monsters. The safari was very interesting, although some of us were very tired from staying up talking the night before. We finished the safari with a great lunch and some damper and billy tea.

Back at Camp Kanga we walked to the creek for a swim – great fun. After tea we had our trivia night which was also great fun.

On Wednesday we had team challenges on the obstacle course. Later in the day we had to show our teamwork by building a raft out of planks, jerry cans and not enough rope. We then had to try and get our team across the creek and back on our rafts.

On Thursday we started our day with an early breakfast at 6:00am. By 8:30am we were on our boat to Whitsunday Island and Whitehaven Beach. On the way, we saw several big sea turtles. When we arrived at the beach we played football on the beach and had a swim in the beautiful clear water. Some of us also exfoliated our skin with the fine sand. We left the beach on the way to snorkelling, when suddenly we got bogged on a sandbank! So we had to get another boat to come and pick us up. We made it to snorkelling and it was beautiful.

The boat then took us to Whitehaven Beach where we swam and played until a third boat came to take us back to Airlie Beach. At Whitehaven Beach we saw a Lemon Shark and some sting rays.

Day five came and it was time to go home, so we packed up camp and waited for the bus to arrive. On the way home we stopped at McDonalds in Bowen for lunch. After dropping off the students from Clare, we arrived back in Giru tired but having had an extraordinary adventure.

Thank you to the P&C and everyone who contributed to fundraising in any way for making our camp possible. Also thank you to Mr Patti from Clare, Mrs Garner and Mr Max for making our camp so much fun.

By Year 5-6
CHAPPY'S CHAT

Our **Operation Christmas Child** outreach was finished last week, HOORAY!!

It was so good to have volunteer students sacrifice their big and little lunches to help me with covering and packing each shoebox, and then seeing if we can squeeze anything more into it! Kimberly and Patrick (pictured with our shoebox mountain!) were two of about a dozen students who helped.

Remember our **Operation Hot Dog Day** to raise funds to cover the fee for each **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox of gifts, will be on this Friday, being the 21st October. A yummy hot dog costs $3-00.

Last week we also had a harvest from our vegie garden, with some carrots, lettuce, cherry tomatoes and beetroot going home. Hope it was all yummy. It is good to have students keen to help me water and weed and plant and harvest from our garden.

Will be nice to hear tales from our year 5 and 6 students, of their Camp last week. Mr Max said he just wanted to go home and sleep!!

Chappy John

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

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**Everyone Welcome from Beginners to Advance**
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,

Stacey Werder (Principal)
GIRU STATE SCHOOL
Get Set for Prep 2017

Parent Information Session
Tuesday 4/10/2016
6:00pm
In Prep-3 Room
(near Library)

Meet and Greet for Parents
Friday 21/10/2016
9:00am
In Library
(while children are at first Orientation session)

Prep Orientation Days
Sessions are designed to help your child prepare for Prep. Children will need to wear closed in shoes, shorts and a shirt with sleeves to each of the orientation days. They will also need to bring a hat, water bottle and change of clothes to each session.

♦ Friday 21st October 8:50am-11:00am
  → Please bring a fruit snack

♦ Friday 4th November 11:35am-1:10pm

♦ Friday 18th November 8:50am-11:35am
  → Please bring fruit snack and morning tea

Enrolment Interviews
Enrolment interviews for parents will take place in Term 4. Book your interview time by contacting the office on 4784 3333 or email admin@giruss.eq.edu.au

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of Prep, please don't hesitate to contact the school in person, by phone on 4784 3333 or via email at admin@giruss.eq.edu.au
Giru State School P&C Association invites you to the 2016 Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Tuesday 1st November
11.00am - 3.00pm

Tickets $35 per Person
Buffet Lunch/Champagne

Best Dressed/Hat and Lucky Door Prizes
Coverage of the Race Games

Tickets available for purchase
At the Giru International Hotel
Or Giru State School (8.30 - 3.00) Mon, Wed, Fri Only
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, 24th October - 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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