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Last week’s hero:

Maria Jeffery

This week’s focus rule:

Be ready to learn.

Swimming and Local Excursion Permission Forms:
Our swimming and local excursion permission forms have been reviewed and updated. These forms were sent out to parents last Friday.

Thank you to those parents who have already returned these forms. If you have not already done so, could you please complete and return these forms by this Wednesday, 15th February.

Parent Information Sessions and Year 5-6 Camp Meeting:
A reminder...

Parent class information sessions and a Year 5-6 camp meeting will be held on Monday, 20th February.

A free sausage sizzle will also be available on this day for all families.

Please see flyer attached to bottom of this newsletter for further information. Stefanie – please re-insert flyer from last week’s newsletter.
Student Council Representatives:
Last Monday, our Year 1-5 Student Council representatives were presented with their badges on parade.

Below is a photo of our proud students.

GRIP Leadership Conference:

Last Thursday, the Year 6 students and I headed off to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Townsville, along with many students from many other schools in our region.

Throughout the day the students learnt a range of practical leadership skills and applied these to various given scenarios. Our students have already begun identifying initiatives that they can undertake at Giru State School. While the students enjoyed these highly engaging, interactive challenges, the highlights for them were the fun games such as spell-bow, the “Loud Noise” segment each session, and the dance off at the end of the day.

At the end of the day, I asked the students what the most important thing they learnt, and here were their responses:

- Beau – Leaders work out how to solve problems.
- Lily – How to learn others’ strengths.
- Japheth – Leaders always help others.
Mitchell – Leaders never give up on their big ideas.
Maria – How to be a leader with or without a badge.
Orlando – How to put good ideas into action.
Phoebe – How to uphold the trust of others.

Our students are already beginning to demonstrate strong leadership skills, and it will be exciting to watch them continue to grow and develop as leaders throughout the year.

After the conference, the students and I went to Cannon Park for a fun-filled, team-building afternoon at Kingpin Bowling and concluded with dinner at Hogs’ Breath.

Swimming/ Water Polo begins this Wednesday:
Swimming and Water Polo lessons begin this Wednesday. Please ensure your child packs their swimming gear for this Wednesday.

Please note: All students are required to wear a rash shirt (or t-shirt) during lessons.

Reading Groups:
From this Wednesday until 22nd March, reading groups will occur straight after first break on a Wednesday. Reading groups will occur from 9am-9:40am following the conclusion of water polo/ swimming lessons.

School Mobile:
The school now has a mobile phone. This phone will only be utilised when students are at off-campus activities (and will, therefore, be switched off and not checked for messages when students are not out of the school).

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.
Parent Information Sessions,

Camp Meeting

and

Free Sausage Sizzle

Monday, 20th February

Come along to our parent information sessions in the classrooms:
- 3:30-4:00pm - P-2
- 4:00-4:30pm - Year 3-6

Year 5-6 parents, please stay and join us for a camp meeting in the Year 3-6 classroom from 4:30-5:00pm.

A free sausage sizzle will also be provided for all families in the parade area from 4:00-5:30pm. Please come along for a snack, meet other families and have a chat.
Tonight, Monday 13 February, we have our first P&C Meeting for the year at 7.00pm in the staff room and I invite you to attend.

The Tuckshop AGM was held last Monday and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee, Karyn Johnson, Renay Wylie, Sharon Stockham and Amanda Maltby, for their hard work, time and effort in ensuring tuckshop ran smoothly 2016 and to Lisa Frasson for the organisation at the start of 2016.

The new tuckshop committee for 2017 consists of Sheridan Jeffrey as Chairperson, Kim Breeze as Secretary, and Melissa Hudson as Convenor. The position of Treasurer will be filled at the P&C Annual General Meeting and these positions will be formally adopted then. I would like to thank these people for making a commitment to fulfil these roles that are vital for the tuckshop to operate. Congratulations!

Just a reminder, the Annual General Meeting is on Monday 13 March at 7.00pm.

Thanks
Tracey Town
P&C President
P&G 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, 20th February - 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.
**CHAPPY’S CHAT**

I know many of you have moved houses at some stage of your life. Some of you have done so very recently, as you are new students to Giru State School.

Our son is right in the middle of moving house right now, and our garage is chock-a-block full of his furniture and stuff. My car cannot fit all of itself in – the tail end sticks out into the sun and rain! But yesterday I helped him lift a big load to his new house, where I hope he will settle and be happy.

I wish for the same good things for you new students at Giru – that you will find the Giru area to be a friendly place to live, and the School a great place to spend your days learning. Please know that as your Chaplain, I am happy to be your friend and help you however I can.

I heard all of the Grade 6 students who went to the Leadership Training course last week, had a great time. Sounded like you had a ton of fun and did lots of enjoyable activities to enable your leadership skills. I am looking forward to seeing these great things show in your roles as School leaders this year.

Chappy John

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**KEEN TO PLAY TENNIS IN GIRU? JOIN US!**

**Junior Coaching for Primary School Students**
- Prep – Grade 6
  - Friday mornings – 8.00am to 8.45am
  - (During School Terms)
  - $6 per student (payable at lesson)
  - Giru Tennis Court (beside the school)
  - Racquets provide or bring your own
  - Coach – Arron Klumpp 0419 795 548

**Adult Cardio Tennis**
- Friday morning 9.50am to 11.00am
- (During School Terms)
- $10 per adult (payable at lesson)
- Racquets provided or bring your own
- Coach – Arron Klumpp 0419 795 548

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME FROM BEGINNERS TO ADVANCE!**