



# The Giru Gospel

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Happy Birthday to...

APRIL/MAY

Gloria  
Kory  
Tyrone  
Lexi



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RESPONSIBLE and  
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We acknowledge the  
traditional custodians of this land  
and pay our respects to the Elders  
both past, present and future.



## From the Principal

Dear Families,

### NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of the Year 3 and 5 students who participated in NAPLAN this year. I was very proud of the effort you all put in and your positive attitudes leading up to, and on the testing days. Well done!

### District Cross Country

Last Friday Deane, Koby, Mia and Jasmine represented our school in the District Cross Country trials. Each of them did an amazing job and tried their very best and I wish to congratulate them for this. Jasmine has now been selected in the Burdekin Under 12s Cross Country Team and will compete at the upcoming Northern Trials on June 1st. Good luck Jasmine!

### Under Eights Day

On Thursday 20th May, we will be hosting an Under 8's fun morning at the school from 9am-11am. There will be plenty for the little ones to see and do, so please help us spread the word around about this exciting event and get as many families and children here as possible! There will be a sausage sizzle at 10:30am, please order at the tuckshop in the morning on arrival. (School students have already received a pre-order form).

### Book Fair

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th May, we have Book Fair at our school! This is an opportunity to engage kids in reading and literacy through providing them access to new and exciting books to purchase.

This year's theme is a space theme called "To Book Fair and Beyond!" and Mrs Lanes has done a wonderful job decorating and setting up an area in the Library to display everything. I would like to invite all families in the community to visit to browse and/or purchase from the display. There are options for 'Wish Lists' (write down things you might like to buy, purchase later), online payment or cash at the school. Opening times will be Monday-Thursday mornings at 8:15am-8:45am and afternoons at 3:00pm-3:30pm. It was so wonderful to have the Kindy visit this week and be one of the first to see the Book Fair display... they even got to name the astronaut!

### School Disco

Thursday 3rd of June we will be holding a space themed school disco! The Student Council will have various things for sale on the night and the P&C will also have food for sale. Non-school siblings will be welcome, but will need to have parent supervision. More information to come soon! (Start planning your costumes!)

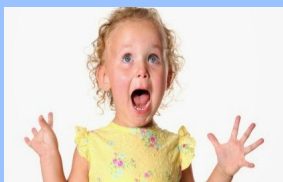
Regards,  
Lauren Little

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**17-20 MAY** Book Fair  
**19 MAY** Nation  
 Simultaneous Story Time  
**19 MAY** Burdekin Library  
 Visit  
**20 MAY** Under 8's Day  
**3 JUNE** Disco  
**08-11 JUNE** Yr5/6 Camp  
**09 JUNE** Prep Vision  
 Screening  
**22 JUNE** GSS Athletics Day  
**23 JUNE** Show Holiday  
**25 JUNE** Last day of Term 2

## Tuckshop News

**New Menu!!!!**



## Whole School Attendance Rate

**95%**



Our school target  
is 95% or higher



## ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

(Don't let it be  
unexplained)

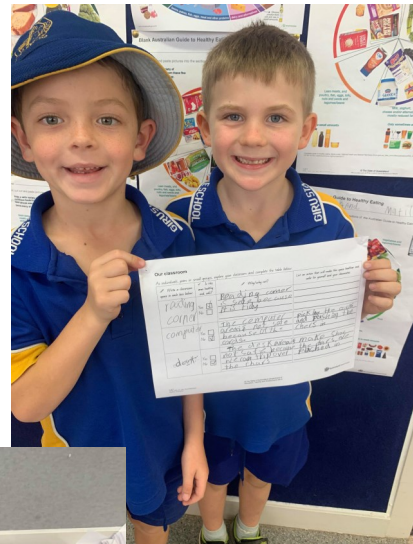
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Leave a message if the  
phone is unattended

## From the Classroom P-2

The last 2 weeks have gone by so fast! The whole class have shown a lot of interest in their English unit as we read lots of dreamtime, creation stories. The preps have been doing lots of reading and sounding out words, which they have been using to retell Traditional stories.

The year 1&2s have been doing lots of collaborative work in the classroom. In health, students explored the play yard and classroom to identify how areas could become unsafe and unhealthy, and ways we could fix it. Students have also been working in groups during maths to learn about time and the different ways we can write it.





## From the Classroom 3-6

This fortnight in the 3-6 class, we have been doing a lot of learning about traditional Australian and Asian stories. Students have been learning about the historical and cultural contexts of the stories and explaining why authors make certain word choices in the description of characters.

In Technology, this term students have been looking at the different types of materials and objects that can be re-used and re-purposed. The year 5 and 6 students have been specifically looking at the way in which people accommodate for wildlife in many different environments. Students are currently looking at how they can create a safer school environment for wildlife, by inventing/ creating something where wildlife can safely co-exist on school grounds.

In PE this term, students have been working on their fitness in preparation for our school athletics Carnival in Week 10. Students participated in a circuit style workout as well as learning the skill of shotput.



# Reading

## Part 2 Understanding the essential components for learning to read

Effective reading requires:

- phonemic awareness
- phonics
- fluency
- vocabulary knowledge
- text comprehension

Readers develop five skills to help them read and understand:

### phonemic awareness

- repeats familiar rhyming verses, chants and jingles
- identifies rhyming words
- provides a word starting with a given sound
- claps the syllables of spoken words  
e.g. ba/na/na
- makes new words by changing sounds  
e.g. swap the /p/ in spin with /k/

### phonics

- identifies some letter names  
e.g. first letter of own name
- says some of the sounds for letters in a word
- writes letters to correspond with single letter sounds
- uses knowledge of sounds to attempt to read and spell unknown words

### vocabulary

- knows and uses a range of everyday words and some subject-specific words in areas of interest
- asks questions to find out meanings of unfamiliar words
- is aware that some words have multiple meanings
- uses more precise vocabulary to describe feelings and experiences

### The essential components for learning to read

### text comprehension

- responds to stories by connecting information and events to personal experiences
- retells events in a story
- predicts a plausible next event in a story
- talks about information in factual texts
- analyses and evaluates a character's actions/motives in a story

### fluency

- reads aloud accurately, quickly and with expression
- automatically recognises words, word parts and letter sounds
- fluent reading allows the child to focus on the meaning of what they are reading





Hi Everyone!

Term 2 is proving to be a very busy time for our P&C. Our 2021 Fundraising Calendar has now been finalised and a copy is attached to this newsletter.

## Upcoming Events Term 2

### MAY

- 19<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 20<sup>th</sup> U8's Day Sausage Sizzle
- 26<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 24<sup>th</sup> Pie Drive Forms & Money Due

### JUNE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuckshop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Student Council Disco Catering
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 16<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Athletics Carnival Tuckshop

We know it's easy to see all of the fundraising P&C does, but we thought we would start to also include in the newsletter the other things that we do as a committee and what our fundraising goes towards.

## Cross Country Ice Blocks

Last term, the P&C arranged for everyone to receive ice blocks at the end of the Cross Country. Judging by the happy faces, it looks like this will definitely become a regular occurrence.



## Pie Drive

As the weather is cooling down it's the perfect time to stock the freezer full of family pies. All families should have received order forms that were sent home this week.

**GIRU STATE SCHOOL P&C**

**Pie Drive**

**ALL OF THE FAVOURITES:**  
• 9<sup>th</sup> SAVOURY PIES & 7<sup>th</sup> SWEET PIES •

Steak, Steak Bacon & Cheese, Curry Steak, Steak & Mushroom, Steak & Onion, Steak & Kidney, Chilli Steak, Chicken, Curry Chicken, Veggie, Party Pack, Mushy Peas, Apple Pie, Custard Tart, Caramel Tart, Lamingtons, Peach Blossoms

**ORDERS DUE BY:**  
**MONDAY**  
**24/05/2021**

## Mother's Day Stall

Our annual Mother's Day Stall was held last Thursday and Friday Morning in the Library.



A massive thanks to the ladies who organised and ran the stall over the two days.

This event is always popular with the kids who love shopping for something special.

## 2021 Student Camp Contribution

Another way P&C funds are used to help our students is by contributing \$100/per child each year to help lower the cost of school camp fees.

This year due to the high cost of the camp (\$310/per student **AFTER** P&C's contribution of \$100) P&C have agreed to also aid in covering the cost of transport. This has resulted in a radical drop in camp fees (now \$115/per student) and making it much more affordable for all students to attend.

## Giru State School P&C Events Calendar 2021

### TERM 2 – 19<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

#### APRIL

- 21<sup>st</sup> Tuckshop
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 29<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

#### MAY

- 5<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Stall
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Stall
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
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### TERM 3 – 12<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### JULY

- 14<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting\*
- 16<sup>th</sup> Paint & Sip Night
- 21<sup>st</sup> Tuckshop
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop

#### AUGUST

- 11<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting\*
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 31<sup>st</sup> Father's Day Stall

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Father's Day Stall
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuckshop
- 8<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting\*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Giru Show Stall
- 15<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 17<sup>th</sup> Slime Fun Run

### TERM 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

#### OCTOBER

- Last Man Standing Raffle
- 6<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting\*
- 20<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 27<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop

#### NOVEMBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuckshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival Tuckshop
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop
- 24<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop

#### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuckshop
- 8<sup>th</sup> Last Tuckshop Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting\*

*\*General Meeting dates are to be confirmed.*

*PLEASE NOTE: Dates are subject to change and additional fundraising events such as Special Tuckshop Days/Pub Raffles may be added during the year.*

*Calendar updated: 03/05/2021*



## Save the Date





OUTDOOR  
LEARNING

*You're Invited to Giru State School's*

# U8's Day 2021

*'Children celebrating outdoor play and learning'*

## Thursday 20th May

9-11am

**Giru State School**

**Sausage Sizzle (\$2) - 10.30am**  
Please pre-order on arrival at the tuckshop

Inviting all parents and guardians to come  
along and join in the celebration of  
Under 8's Day with us.





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# Sweet Days HOT NIGHTS *festival*

POWERED BY Pacific Hydro

THU  
27  
MAY

## FIRST FIRE

The first cane fire of the season is a sight to behold! Check out live music by local artists and fire twirling while enjoying offerings from the region's best food trucks.

AT HOME HILL SHOWGROUNDS  
5:30PM - 8:30PM **FREE ENTRY!**

PRESENTED BY  
 Evolution Energy  
McCarton

FRI  
28  
MAY

## BURDEKIN CULTURAL FAIR

A night that brings together our diverse community with an amazing line-up of cultural performances, fun activities for the kids and authentic street food from around the world.

AT RUGBY PARK, AYR  
5:30PM - 9:30PM **FREE ENTRY!**

PRESENTED BY  
 Queensland Government

SAT  
29  
MAY

## AUSTRALIAN HAND CANE CUTTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Experience a test of skill and endurance from a bygone era as cane cutters compete for the winning title. Bring the whole family to enjoy live music, free children's rides and activities and a variety of food vans.

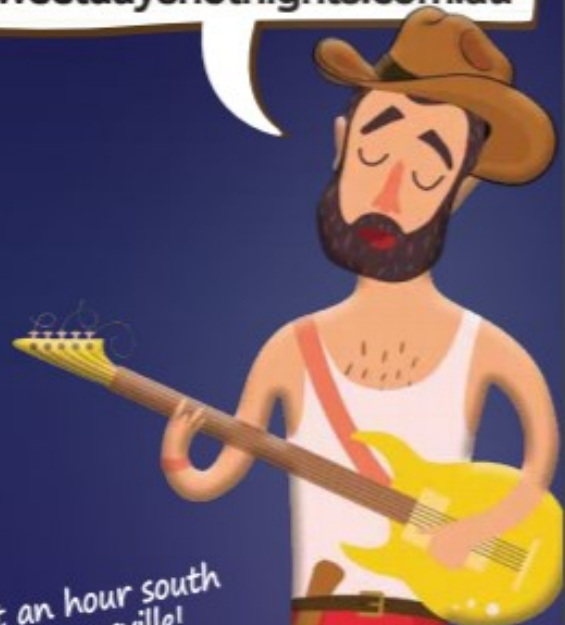
AT HOME HILL SHOWGROUNDS  
11:00AM - 4:00PM  
**ADULTS 18+ TICKETS \$5 • UNDER 18s FREE!**

PRESENTED BY  
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COME AND CELEBRATE THE START OF THE  
BURDEKIN SUGAR CANE CRUSHING SEASON!

THU 27 - SAT 29 MAY

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**BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!!!!!**

**17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Discover a whole galaxy of books in an exciting bookstore at Giru  
State School Library.

**8-8:40AM AND Lunch Times**

- Each student will visit and explore the books on display for purchase. They will be given a "Student Wish List".....this is only a wish list but if you wish to purchase, the school would earn Learning and Literacy Resources.
- Competitions during Book Week with Book Prizes to lucky winners in competing Class Year Levels!!!
- Library Visit from Burdekin Library, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May Story Telling and Activities

- Brittany Guiney: Library Assistant – Children's Services  
Burdekin Shire Council

**This Year's National Simultaneous Storytime Story will be read by astronauts from Space. We will be participating on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May...together with all students everywhere...in reading a Special Book. "Give Me Some Space"**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

## Burdekin River Bridge Rehabilitation Project

### Bruce Highway temporary closure – Night works

#### Monday 7 June and Tuesday 8 June 2021

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that the Bruce Highway at the Burdekin River Bridge, Home Hill will be temporarily closed to all traffic over two nights. This closure is to trial removing and replacing one of the sloping cord braces on the Burdekin River Bridge due to corrosion (refer to diagram below).

The trial will assist the project team in understanding the requirements, identifying any hazards, and planning for efficient and effective repairs to the remaining 39 sloping cord braces; with minimal impact to the travelling public.

For this work to be carried out, the Burdekin River Bridge **must be closed to all trains and highway vehicles**.

Works will be undertaken on these dates to coincide with other programmed Queensland Rail maintenance works when trains are not running along this section of the North Coast Line. Working at night will also allow the work to be completed as quickly and safely as possible, when traffic volumes are low.

Motorists **will not** be able to travel on the Bruce Highway at this location during the following times of closure:

**between the hours of  
7pm Monday 7 June to  
6am Tuesday 8 June 2021 \***

and

**between the hours of  
7pm and 10pm  
Tuesday 8 June 2021**

*\* The Bruce Highway will reopen between 11.30pm Monday 7 June and 12.30am Tuesday 8 June 2021 to allow for mill shift changeover and clear queued traffic.*



One of the sloping cord braces on the Burdekin River Bridge

The Bruce Highway will reopen to traffic between 6am and 7pm on Tuesday 8 June 2021; and after the trial is completed at 10pm on Tuesday 8 June 2021. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and make alternative plans while the Bruce Highway is shut.

Queensland Police and traffic controllers will be on-site while works are underway and to ensure priority access through the work zone for emergency services only (non-emergency service vehicles will not be permitted to travel through the work zone for any reason).

Pending the outcomes of the trial, TMR will provide further notice of future repair works to the remaining 39 sloping cord braces.

TMR would like to thank motorists for their patience and understanding during these important works.

#### Stay informed

For more information, contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Customer and Stakeholder Management team in Townsville:

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