Greetings all.

We are well and truly at the business end of the school year now, with only 11 days of school left for 2015. Despite the school year rapidly disappearing, we still have heaps of activities for the students to participate in before the year draws to a close.

The first of these activities is our annual small schools swimming carnival that is being held tomorrow at the Kandanga pool. This annual event is held between ourselves, Amamoor and Dagun and is split into a P-7 session and a 4-7 session. The younger children complete their events first up in the morning followed by the 4-7 class. Unfortunately we are unable to offer any exact times that particular races will be held. Following the completion of their events, our younger students will be returning to school for the remainder of the day. Students that have parents attending are free to travel home with their parents at the completion of their events. We will ensure that students that have pre-ordered their lunch or morning tea will still receive their food whether they are at the pool or have already returned to school.

Next week is an extremely busy week, particularly for our year 4-7 class. On Monday, our year 6 students are off to Gympie High/James Nash for their orientation day. This is followed on Tuesday with our year 7 students off to the same High Schools for their orientation day.
Students attending either High School for their orientation day are required to wear full school uniform. Transport is available by the regular High School bus runs that service our area. Gympie High are offering a lunch time BBQ but students are still required to take their own morning tea. We encourage all students attending these days to take their hat, lunch if not provided and a water bottle.

The excitement will continue for our year 6/7 students on both Thursday and Friday next week with some very exciting activities planned. On the Thursday, our year 6/7 students will be joining with the senior students from both Amamoor and Dagun to participate in a High Ropes challenge day at Gympie East State School. Transport is being provided by way of a shared bus. Students will need to be wearing appropriate clothing (sunsmart) and bring along their water bottles and morning tea/lunch. Permission forms and medical forms for this activity have been sent home with today’s newsletter. These forms need to be returned by Tuesday next week to aid in the planning of this activity.

Following the High Ropes on Thursday, we have our recently postponed canoeing trip to look forward to on Friday. This trip is for all of our year 4-7 students and will take place at Borumba Dam. Transport is once again being provided by bus. This is a culminating activity for the leadership program that we have been running on Friday’s under the guidance of Anthony Schofield. Medical forms for this activity have also been sent home with today’s newsletter. Years 6/7 students will only need to complete one medical form for both activities. The cost of both of these activities is being fully met by the school.

One of the reasons that we are able to offer such a wide range of activities for our children is the wonderful support provided by our parent base that continually volunteer their own time to help fundraise for the school. As a small thank you, we will be holding a volunteers morning tea on Wednesday the 10th of December. If you have volunteered throughout the year, keep an eye out for your invitation.

On Sunday the 7th December, there will be a community funday held here on the school grounds. The aim of the day is to provide the local community with the opportunity to gather for some festive pre-Christmas type celebrations.

Finally, each Tuesday the Courier Mail runs a multipage Newspapers in Education (NIE) section that traditionally focuses on something topical such as the recent G20 Summit held in Brisbane. Next week (Tuesday the 2 December) their feature articles will be about Kandanga State School. Whilst the article is predominantly a profile of our school, there will also be ties to our upcoming centenary celebrations. I am yet to see the final copy but the initial discussions were based around a two page colour spread. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote our school and I encourage you to grab a copy of next Tuesday’s Courier Mail. The Kandanga Snack Bar have ordered in extra copies but it may be wise to reserve your copy beforehand to ensure you don’t miss out.
Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow is our Swimming Carnival. The carnival is designed to give students the opportunity to demonstrate the skills learnt during the school swimming lessons.

Students are asked to arrive at school at the usual time. Classes will be walked down to the pool in time for a 9-30am start. Lower Primary students will swim from 9:30am to approx. 11:00-11:30am with Upper Primary students swimming afterwards. Students will need to bring morning tea/lunch and a drink if you haven’t already ordered tuckshop.

Don’t forget sunsafe precautions and appropriate footwear.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Outstanding Invoices

Parents who still owe money for school activities will receive a statement with their newsletter today. Please could you make payment as a matter of urgency as we are finalising our end of year accounting. Thanks.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop for Tuesday 02nd December
- Home Made Pasta Carbonara
- Home Baking
- Icy Pole
- Serve of Fruit
- Popper

GYMPIE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
2015 Junior Secondary

ORIENTATION PROGRAM - Ready for 2015!

Year 7 in 2015 - Monday 1st December 2014

Year 8 in 2015 – Tuesday 2nd December 2014
9.20am – 2.15pm – Meet at Hamilton Hall – Cootharaba Road – Gympie SHS

All enrolled students for 2015 are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are not yet enrolled please contact Gympie SHS to secure your place in this program. Further details are available from your school or from Gympie SHS.

Any queries can be directed to Anna Cox – Head of Department Junior Secondary by phone 5489 8333 or via email acox92@eq.edu.au
Head Lice

Head lice have been detected in the school.
It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY.
If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.
Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.
Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.
Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.
To reduce your child’s risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.
Remember - anyone can get head lice - they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.
If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school by telephone.
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Centenary Scout Group invite you to a Movie Fundraiser

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Come and join us for this evening of fun to help Centenary Scouts
Where; Sovereign Cinema, Monkland Street, Gympie
When; 4 December 2014 18.20   How much; $12.00
Call Sandra for your ticket 0458279683   Or buy on the night!
Find us on Face Book: Centenary Gympie Scout Group