



NEWSLINK 2023

Goondiwindi State School

It's just GREAT at Gundy State

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From The Principal – Marina Clarke

Enrolment Interviews

Enrolment interviews across P-6 have commenced for the remainder of 2023 and to commence in 2024. All information is available on our school website or by contacting the school office directly on 46777333. GSPS is an inclusive school with a focus across the whole school on Equity and Excellence.

Schools Camps

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 students will all have the opportunity to attend camps over the coming months. Regular school attendance and appropriate behaviour at school prior to attending camps is a requirement of attending any off site activity held by the school. We ask that parents speak with their children to remind them of this.

Arriving and Departing School

Some children riding bikes/scooters etc have recently been noticed acting unsafe during these times. Parents please remind your child/ren of road rules and how to safely interact on footpaths when community members are using them also.

School Uniform Policy

We encourage all students to wear the uniform and remind families that second hand uniforms may be purchased from the tuckshop (limited sizes available). Please discuss the importance of wearing the school uniform every day with your children. All items should be clearly labelled. Only basic jewellery (eg stud

earrings) are allowed to be worn. The Uniform Policy also states no nail polish or coloured hair during the school term, these are best kept for the holiday periods.

School Attendance Goal for 2023 is 92%.

SCHOOL MOTTO -

'Whatever you do, do well'.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS –

Give your best; Respect; Enjoy; Act safely; Team-work.

Important Dates September

- 4th Year 6 Camp Begins
- 5th Year 6 Camp
- 6th Year 6 Camp
- 7th Year 6 Camp
- 8th Year 6 Camp Returns
- Year 4 Camp Deposit Due
- Mac Young Writer's closes
- 11th P&C Meeting 5:30pm
- 14th R U OK? Day
- DOT DAY
- 15th Prep - 2 Funday
- Last Day of Term 3

October

- 3rd First Day Term 4
- 8th Year 5 Final Camp Payment Due

Instrumental Music

Invoices are now overdue. Please make payment ASAP to avoid lessons being cancelled.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

The last couple of weeks at GSPS, we have been celebrating reading! We had our book week dress up, which is always such a fun way to celebrate our favourite characters and books. Our Book Fair was a huge success and was always packed, morning and afternoon. Huge thanks to Mrs Ford in the library for organising these fantastic events. We also have our MacIntyre Young Writer's entries due this Friday, and classes have also been engaging with online writing workshops this term, so our students are not only reading a lot, but they are also creating their own reading material!

PBL News

The PBL Team has been busy organising our Dot day for Thursday 14th September. Dot Day is an opportunity to acknowledge each of our students for their contribution to our school and their individual growth, including academic, behaviour and attendance growth. Have a chat with your student about the activity that have chosen to do on Dot Day and more importantly please identify with your child the positive things they do at school that make it Great at Gundy State!

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Dot Day Term 3

Activity	Dots
Card and Board Games	50
Senior Playground (P-2 Only)	50
Grass Heads	50
Dream Catchers DIY	50
Jewellery Making	50
Wool Craft	50
Movie	80
Cricket (4-6 Only)	80
Football	80
Computer Lab	80
Karaoke	100
Computer Lab	80
E-Sports	100
Bike Riding (P-3 at school, 4-6 off grounds)	100

Reading

Why does my child struggle with reading?

Unlike speaking, reading does not come naturally. It is hard! For some children and even adults, reading is something that has to be actively worked on, but it doesn't necessarily mean there is a serious problem that can't be overcome. There are lots of reasons why your child might struggle with reading and there are things you can do at home to help.

Reading frequently with your child will help you identify what parts of reading they are struggling with. Are they struggling to remember what the sounds are? Are they able to easily blend the sounds together to make words? Do they struggle to comprehend what they are reading? Maybe they don't know the meaning of words. Once you are aware of which part of reading they are having trouble with, you can then help your child to overcome the struggle.

Give your children a range of reading experiences. The school and town library provide so many quality reading books and don't cost anything! The internet can also be a great source of reading material. Finding something to read that engages your children will help motivate them to practise! Maybe they love learning about animal facts, or Ancient Egypt. Maybe they love fantasy stories, or friendship stories. Explore books with your children, talk about texts and help them find things that they love to read about.

Having your child's hearing and vision regularly can help identify early issues, and these 2 factors have a huge impact on a child's ability to learn to read. Even temporary moderate hearing loss can have a significant negative impact on a child's ability to learn to read.

Talk to your child's teacher about how they are progressing in their reading, especially if you are having some concerns.



Stars of the Weeks

PC	Gracie, Dusky, Jake, Lincoln, Will, Huxley	2LM	Ava, Eli, Rubi, Genevieve, Jerrakai, Madeline, Charlotte	5DC	Max, Ari, Cooper, Jock, Ashlynn Ollie, Lucy, Doug, Ivy, Hunter, Azron, Brittany, Poppy, Harrison
PH	Cash, Penelope, Bella, Angus, Kerrod, Whole Class	3B	Whole Class, Theo, Elizabeth, Will, Nate	5J	Cody, Amity, Whole Class
PM	George, Henry, Baeden, Hamish, Indi, Lucy G, Poppy	3E	Jocelyn, Cruz, Alfred, Samuel, Lilah, Dustin, Harlow, Rocky	5/6P	Kai, Audrey, James, Zac, Mason, Saxon, Hadley
1E	Regan, Hazel, Freddy, Thomas G, Layla S, Kash,	3O	Bridgette, Dexter, Evie, Georgia, Lincoln, Braith, Archie, Khaleesi, Whole Class	6P	Aldred, Jurence, Charlie
1S	Lailah, Sebastian, Nevaeh, Aaliyah, Lucas	4D	Aiden, Theo, Taalie, Poppy, Aylah, Charlotte, Elouise, Coby, Jaeda	6S	Paige, Leya, Jack, Matilda, Dre, Parker, Mason, Lauren, Rick, Whole Class
1/2H	Joseph, Mary, Charlee, RJ, Whole Class	4MM	Odin, Ned, Archer, Phoenix, Ocean,		
2CM	Kayla, Alex, Blake, Rose, Cooper, Bryant, Whole Class				

Date

Claimer:

Monday 4th
December

Celebration
Breakfast 8am,
Presentation
Ceremony
8:50am -
10:30am



**Music
News**

Rehearsals for both choirs have started up again! Students who would like to sing with us for the rest of the year are most welcome to come along and try singing in a group. Students in years 1, 2 & 3 rehearse in the music room at lunch time on a Tuesday with Mrs Lutton and students in years 4,5 & 6 rehearse in the music room at lunch time with Mrs Sheridan on a Thursday lunch time.

Wellbeing: Respectful Relationships

Our school is focused on a whole-school approach to delivering of Respectful Relationships Education. Our teachers have been consolidating their skills in this area and have been attending professional development to embed this into our curriculum in 2024.

As parents and carers, having regular conversations about what positive, happy and equal relationships look like will help your child build self-respect and learn to be respectful to others. These conversations will assist in building your child's social-emotional skills so they can successfully:

- engage positively with others
- develop a positive sense of self and resilience
- identify and respond appropriately to their own emotions and those of others
- accept and resolve differences respectfully
- challenge stereotypes
- understand consent and know how to seek help
- be confident in challenging unacceptable behaviours they see build relationships that are based on equality and respect.



P-2 Funday Program 2023

Points:

Teachers will stay with year level and help run event.

Ribbons given for sprints only.

House points given for sprints, relays and LJ/Vortex Throwing -see recording sheets.

Mr Mac – Sprints/Relays, Year 6 Leaders – LJ/Vortex Throwing/Heavy Ball Rolling, Year 6 Leaders – Sack Races.

All classes to be out to running track area by 9.15.

	Year 1/2 - Long Jump. Prep – Vortex Throwing. Heavy Ball Rolling.	Relays – Main Oval	Sack Races – Phil Day Oval
Session 1: 9.20am	Prep(9.20 start)	Year 1(9.30 start)	Year 2(9.30 start)
Session 2: 10.00am	Year 2	Prep	Year 1
Session 3: 11.15am	Year 1	Year 2	Prep
Session 4: 11.45pm	Sprints	Sprints	Sprints

****Vortex Throw:** Throw past a line, get points for house. Standing throw.

****Heavy Ball Rolling:** Roll a medicine ball and try and get it into a hoop for points.

****Long Jump:** Jump past a line get points for house.

**** Vortex Throwing - 2 Attempts each.** Points scored depending on how far you throw.

**** Heavy Ball Rolling-get ball into a hoop for points. 2 goes each.**

****Split Prep group to do first activities.**

Kindness Awards

Theo, George, Myra, Brittany, River-Rose, Ivy, Axon, Henry R, Aisha, Taalie, Doug, Poppy H, Brannyn, Cody M, Marli, Rick, Shanika, Hunter S, Mayalie, Shiesha, Blaze, Zac W, Eddie, Morgan, Indi T, Bindi, Ruby R, Matilda Z, Ranz, Zelene, Mila, Ava, Chloe, Jessie, Charlie M, Isla, Jasmine K, Jax



School Levy Payments

Please help our students learn by contributing to our voluntary levy scheme.

\$35 - child

\$70 - Family

Payments to be made at the office or via QKR! App.

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