From the Principal......

This week is Week 6 and our term is already half over. We have many events and activities happening at The Gums during the last five weeks of term. During this time the students will be working on and completing assessments and tests relating to the units in English, Mathematics, Science, Geography and History. It is extremely important that students attend each day to participate in the learning.

Last week I had the pleasure of managing the South West Girls Cricket team at the Qld cricket carnival in Bundaberg. The girls were a pleasure to manage. They improved their performance in each game they played. The girls competed against competent teams and at their own level. South West won two games. I was very impressed with their sportsmanship.

Food for thought - how often have you encouraged your children to say ‘thank you’ after they are given something? Saying thank you is a common courtesy, that is used almost without thinking, yet it’s much more than a courtesy. Saying ‘thank you’ implies that your are not taking for granted what has been done for you.

Our pre-prep students, Isabella & Dustin, have had a warm welcome to the school by their fellow students. They have enjoyed their first two days. All the students have been good role models and ensured that they are well looked after. Isabella and Dustin have enjoyed learning in the class room situation. We welcomed a new pre-prep, Inga-Jane, to our school today.

The students will be attending block swimming lessons next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The students are to be at school to begin class at 8:30am. We leave for swimming at 11:20am and return to school at 2:30pm. The students will be allocated to appropriate groups. Prep children will be attending swimming lessons. Please ensure that all children have their swimmers, sunshirts, towel, jumper, goggles and hair ties. It would be advisable to bring sunscreen and a water bottle. There will be 2 Teacher Aides and a Teacher to accompany the students to the Moonie Pool.

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will occur on Friday 18 November. This year St Josephs is hosting the carnival at the Tara Pool. The carnival is for all children in Prep to Year 6. Children turning 9, 10, 11 & 12 in 2017 will be eligible to qualify for the Tara & District Swimming Carnival on Friday 3 February. All children are to wear full school uniform to this carnival. Please ensure that all children have a hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Food can be purchased at the pool if required. Parents are to provide their own transport to the carnival.

Student numbers for 2017 - As the school year is coming to a close we are in the processing of organising resources for 2017. If you could please complete the attached form to notify the school of your intentions for your children next year we would really appreciate it.

Report cards will be given out in Week 10 on Thursday 8 December.

Book Fair - this will run from Wednesday 16 November until Friday 25 November between the hours of 8am and 4pm. All purchases go towards new books for the school library. Please come along and support our Fair.

Please remember - Kids and Bats can’t be friends. Bats and flying foxes may carry germs which can make you very sick. Information is attached to the newsletter regarding these risks. The Fruit Bat that was handled by the children was tested by Public Health and we were advised on Monday that it was free of diseases.

Regards,

Sue

Quote of the Week

“If you believe you are the best, you cease to be the best” - Anon
DATES TO REMEMBER

11 Nov  Tallebudgera concludes
16 Nov  Pre-Prep Day
05 Dec  Kim Whitta
06 Dec  Kim Whitta
06 Dec  Presentation Night/concert
07 Dec  Music Concert

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with your email address to be added to the distribution list.
NB Families will still receive a hard copy in their newsletter folder.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Nov 17  AUSTIN
Dec 1   TREFFEN

If you are unable to work on these dates please swap with someone else if possible or notify the school.

Tuckshop Prices

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Please fill out orders on bags for 1st and 2nd Lunch and return to school with payment on Tuckshop Day. Thank you.

Uniforms

Shirts $30; Hats $10
Long-sleeved Shirts $32
School Bags $32

Tuesday is library day - Please remember your library bag

Student Banking is now every Wednesday

The Gums Gleaner
**Happy Birthday**

15th Nov  Mrs Major

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**Students of the Week**

**Week 4**

**Marcus** - for working well in all areas.

**Arabella** - for doing her best in English and Mathematics.

**Dylan** - for constantly working hard in the classroom.

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**Week 5**

**Zoe** - for doing well with her number facts.

**Johnny** - for working hard on his work and improving his playground behaviour.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Expressions of interest are being sought for the position of Pool Lifeguard for the Meandarra State School Pool.

A maximum of 10 hours per week for the swimming season, however hours are negotiable.

Applicants qualifications must include the following:

* Current first aid certificate including CPR
* Current Bronze Medallion
* Current Working with Children Blue Card
* Hold an ABN
* Current Insurance cover (to be discussed)