Our 2013 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Writing, Reading Comprehension and Spelling.

From the Principal….

We extend a warm welcome to Cassia (Year 6) and her family to our school. Cassia has certainly settled in well this week, to classroom routines and school life. The girls are certainly enjoying having another girl in the upper classes!

Getting Ready For High School—2015….

As parents are aware, students who are currently in Years 5 and 6 will be moving to Years 7 and 8 in high school together in the year 2015. From then on, the last year of primary schooling will be Year 6. In order to prepare for this major transition in Queensland schooling, there will be meetings held for parents and students, and the first of these meetings is on Wednesday, 28th August at Gympie State High School.

Getting Ready for Secondary Schooling information evening precedes our Year 7 information night on Wed 28th August from 5-6pm. The intent of this meeting is to engage as many parents and students as possible to ensure our community is informed about the changes planned for Year 7 into high school.

Parents are invited to attend these joint meetings for prospective students to Gympie State High School and James Nash State High School, and are asked to please advise Dagun school if you wish to attend, so we can advise organisers our numbers for catering purposes.

CAMPS:

Daydream Island Camp….10 weeks to go!
Planning for camp is progressing well — and bookings are being confirmed. Could parents please complete the attached Permission Note and return to school with a deposit of $30 by next Friday, 30th August to confirm your child/rens place on the camp. I remind parents they are welcome to pay off any amount each week or pay the full amount at any time. By paying it off, the total amount becomes more manageable.

Mon Repos Camp…. date still to be confirmed!

German Verse Speaking…. Congratulations to Cameron and Sam who practised hard and participated really well in the Gympie Schools, German Verse speaking competition yesterday. They both performed well, and Cameron achieved a Highly Commended. They enjoyed sharing German activities for the day with other Gympie students.

Mary Valley Show…. The hard work of our children preparing exhibits for the Mary Valley Show has paid off. By preparing their best work and participating in the show, every child has achieved, and we congratulate them on their terrific efforts. Some children were lucky enough to receive a prize, and we congratulate the following students:

Peace Poster Competition:
Prep Bella 3rd
Year 1 Kayla 2nd
Year 2 Bailey 1st; Ellie 2nd; Jorja 3rd
Year 3 Lilijanna 1st; Heath 3rd
Years 4-7 Cameron 2nd; Eli 3rd

Essay Competition:
Year 5 Jodie-Anne 1st; Kayden 2nd; Eli 3rd
Year 6 Sam 1st; Max 2nd; Brent 3rd
Year 7 Kacey 1st; Cameron 2nd; Zac 3rd
Overall Champion Essay: Sam

Handwriting:
Prep Imogen 1st; Islajae 2nd
Year 1 Sophie 1st; Evie Highly Commended
Year 3 Heath Highly Commended
Year 5 Jodie 1st
Year 7 Zac 1st; Kacey 2nd

Art:
Prep Sienna 1st
Year 1 Sophie 2nd
Year 2 Ellie 1st

Creative Biscuits:
Prep Imogen 3rd
Year 2 Ellie 3rd

Students of the Week….
Congratulations to the following students who received a Student of the Week Award:

Week 6 Kayl
Week 7 Indiana

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Bush Poetry Competition....
Our next major focus is The Mary Valley Schools Bush Poetry Competition. Practice….practice…..our children continue practicing their poems and are making excellent progress with recitals and now adding expression and actions. If parents could please encourage children to practice at home and to think about what they might need for a costume to wear, that would be greatly appreciated. Parents are very welcome to attend Amamoor school on this day—it’s a great day and very entertaining! Could you please let us know if your child/ren will require bus transport on the day by completing the attached permission form for students to travel by bus to and from Amamoor School on Friday, 6th September, for the Bush Poetry Competition. These need to be returned to the office by Friday, 30th August.

Sustainability Expo....
On the 2nd last week of term, all students will be travelling to Mary Valley College to participate in a Sustainability Expo day. This is very informative for both children and any parents who wish to attend. Further details will be available in due course. In the meantime, parents are asked to please fill out the attached permission form for students to travel by bus to and from Mary Valley College, Imbil on Friday, 13th September and return to the office by Friday, 30th August.

P & C Meeting......
Thank you to our parents who were able to attend our last meeting. Amongst many of the routine discussions, we were able to discuss the following, and ask parents to note these dates:

- **Working Bee ....** to be held Thursday, 12th September from 2.00 p.m. Any parents who are able to help with some gardening and grounds work at School would be ever so welcome! The P & C will provide a sausage sizzle for parents and children who can lend a hand to spruce up our school grounds and clear some vegetation in and around the rainforest area. We need to maintain our grounds as a safe place for our children, particularly with the onset of spring and snake season.

- **Family Fun Trivia Night ....** to be held Friday, 18th October. Keep this date free and get all your family and friends to help make this a great fundraiser to help support camp costs. Watch this space for more details as planning gets under way!

School Photos....
Our school photos have arrived at school and look great. The packs for each student are very generous and include: a whole school photo, 7 individual photos of varying size, 2013/14 calendar with photo, two bookmarks and 4 “swap shots” and for a cost of $20 per student. Bookmarks and calendars are really useful ideas for Christmas or gifts for Grandparents! So please come up to the office and view your child/ren’s photos at your earliest convenience. A sneak preview of the whole school is attached.

*Jane Desmarchelier*  
**PRINCIPAL**