From the Principal…

Welcome back to an exciting new year! Our new students, six Preps and Mia in Year 1, have settled well into their new routines and new teacher. We welcome Miss Sally Ryan to Dagun. She has already made all our students feel very comfortable in her classroom and relaxed with their learning.

The year ahead looks very exciting, with interesting events already on the calendar, including an inaugural Primary Leadership Day in Gympie for our Year 6 and 7 students on 4th March.

This year is special for Year 6 students across the State, as they will be the first to move to High School next year to complete Year 7.

Gympie Times Newspaper Prep Photo….

Each year the Gympie Times runs a special segment to showcase the Preps starting school. This year that edition will be available on 1st April. Photographers will be visiting Dagun School to photograph our Preps in the next few weeks. Parents of Prep students are asked to complete the attached Permission Form, advising if they wish their child to be photographed and published in the newspaper. Please return permissions to the office by this Friday, 7th February.

PLEASE NOTE: The Gympie Times has advised that they have a long-standing policy that first and surnames of all people photographed in their newspaper must be published.

Music Teacher….

We welcome Mrs Katherine Palm, our music specialist teacher who will be conducting music lessons on Wednesdays. We are planning to build students’ skills in ukulele and marimbas, hopefully building to a whole school marimbas ensemble by year end.

Music Lessons with Satoru….

Satoru Yamaguchi will again be available for private music lessons in guitar, drums or keyboard on Tuesday afternoons. If students are interested in participating in these lessons, could you please fill out the attached permission form and return to the office by this Wednesday, 5th February.

Swimming…

Physical Education lessons have changed to Fridays this year and we welcome Mr Phil McEnery, specialist teacher. It follows that our swimming lessons will be on Fridays, commencing Week 4, 21st February.

Tuckshop….

Tuckshop will recommence in Week 3. At this stage a day has not been decided, but it will not be a Friday.

Parent Information Meeting….

Tomorrow afternoon at 4.00 p.m. we will be holding a Parent Information meeting. Sally and I will give an overview of planned classroom procedures, routines and curriculum. We will be available to answer any questions or queries you may have about your child/ren’s learning.

P&C Meeting….

Following our Parent meeting, we will be holding our first P&C meeting for the year, commencing at approximately 5.00 pm. The agenda for the P&C will include key discussions for:

- Gympie Show Tender—Traffic Control
- Tuckshop—change of day and convenor
- Motorbike rally day
- Swimming lessons

Attendance at this meeting would be greatly appreciated to ensure we hear all viewpoints on these issues.

Farewell….

It is with sadness we farewell Niccy, Lilijanna, Taelen and Islajae, who will be leaving us this Friday to live in north Queensland. We wish them well in their new home and school.

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL

Attachment:
St John Cadets—Anybody interested in joining please contact Tess Reardon on 0404 108 013. Sign on will be at Jaycee Park, 2pm, Saturday, 1st February.
MUSIC LESSONS—SATORU YAMAGUCHI

(PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY THIS WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY)

I, ___________________________ wish my child/ren ___________________________ to participate in music lessons with Satoru Yamaguchi on a Tuesday as indicated below:

Please tick:

☐ $13 per student group lesson
☐ $24 per student individual lesson

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Signature              Date

PREP PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION

(PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY)

I, ___________________________ DO / DO NOT give permission for my child ___________________________ to be photographed by The Gympie Times (date to be advised) and for it to be published in their Prep feature on 1st April.

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Signature              Date