DATE: 17th September, 2014

Our 2014 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Writing, Reading Comprehension and Spelling.

Our 2014 School Rules: Be RESPONSIBLE • Be RESPECTFUL • Be SAFE • Be a LEARNER

DATES TO REMEMBER

19 Sept.  Cleanaway Visit
19 Sept.  End Term 3—
“Talk Like a Pirate” Dress Up
Pirate themed Tuckshop
Playgroup 2pm—3pm
6 Oct.  Labour Day
7 Oct.  Term 4

From the Principal….

Sustainable Futures Forum….

Last Friday our students enjoyed a day full of learning about being sustainable, recycling and some interesting related activities. Our younger students participated in lino-print making and they toured the Mary Valley College frog pond and made noisy ‘frog’ craft. Students in the upper years enjoyed making necklaces, bracelets and earrings from recycled beads, painting with water colour paints and making a nesting box which we can put up in our school grounds for wildlife.

One of the key elements of the Sustainable Futures Forum was the Kids Teaching Kids program. Congratulations to our older students who presented a workshop to Year 7 and 8 students from Mary Valley College. They presented a Powerpoint explaining what we do at Dagun School on Funday Mondays - making craft, cooking and gardening and then selling our products at the Dagun Growers’ Markets as part of our Kidpreneur program. Though preparation time was a little limited given all other activities happening this term, they did a marvellous job. Well done kids!

School Photos….

A reminder our school photos are available and look great! The packs for each student are very generous and include: a whole school photo, 10 individual photos of varying size, 2014/15 calendar with photo, two bookmarks with photo all for $25 per student. Bookmarks and calendars are really useful ideas for Christmas or gifts for Grandparents! So please collect them at your earliest convenience.

Trivia Night….

Over the holidays you can help make our Trivia Night a great success by collecting donations, products, vouchers for our multi-draw raffle on the night. Also, please organise family and friends for a table of up to 8. It’s going to be an excellent night of fun and laughs! So, please help to make our night a successful fundraiser and a GREAT night!

Last Day of Term, Friday, 19th September….

In the morning, Elli Webb, Gympie Regional Council/Cleanaway Education Officer will be talking to students about the 3 Rs - Refuse, Reuse, Recycle. Her lessons are always very interactive and a fun way to learn about recycling waste and “Smart Shopping”.

Friday, of course, is “Talk Like a Pirate Day”, so please help our students to come dressed like a pirate and bring in a “clean” joke to share. During our last session (2.00pm to 3.00pm) children will participate in fun “pirate” activities. Our pre-school age children from Playgroup are very welcome to join us!

Tuckshop….

Jess and Kassie have planned some super pirate meals for Friday’s tuckshop. See attached order form for some ‘Ahoy me hearties’ pirate food for “Talk Like a Pirate Day”.

Playgroup….

This Friday, 19th September Playgroup will move to the later time of 2.00pm. Pre-prep children are invited to dress-up and join in our last day of Term “Talk Like a Pirate Day” activities from 2.00pm—3.00pm.

Farewell….

This Friday we are sad to say farewell to Jorja and her family who have moved away from the area. We thank you for being a part of our school and wish you well at your new school.

Safe and Happy Holidays……

As this will be the last newsletter for the term, we wish every family a safe and happy break over the next 2 weeks. The children, staff, and I’m sure parents, are weary and looking forward to some relaxation time to enjoy the beautiful days and sunshine. We look forward to seeing our families back next term on Tuesday 7th, October, revitalised and ready for the busy end of year calendar. Enjoy!

Jane Desmarchelier
PRINCIPAL
Enrolment Forms for High School in 2015

Both Gympie State High and James Nash State High schools are requesting that enrolment forms are received at the respective high school as soon as possible. Parents are reminded that the closing date for enrolments is Friday 19 September. Any questions about the process should be directed to the school in which you wish to enrol.

Want to study at university but don’t meet the entry requirements?

The University of the Sunshine Coast’s (USC) Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in undergraduate degree studies.

TPP provides a direct entry pathway to most degree programs at USC.

The following programs are available to study at USC Gympie over Summer

TPP101 (Academic Skills for Success)

TPP104 (Mathematics)

Classes commence 24/11/2014 and finish 30/01/2015

If you are interested and would like to know more about the TPP program, we are holding an Information Evening.

When: Wednesday 1st October 2014 @ 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Where: USC Gympie 71 Cartwright Road

Contact us on 5456 5800 or email gympie@usc.edu.au to find out more.