Dear Parents,

NAPLAN

Thank you for the parents of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed their NAPLAN testing this week. All students seemed well rested and prepared for this point in time test. Results will be sent through around September this year.

HOMEWORK

Homework seems to be causing some issues in some of our homes. Please speak to either Mrs O or myself if your child is struggling or if your family situation means that completing homework is just too difficult. At the very least, we would dearly love to see the students reading every night. If your child needs help with their homework, and you are unable to offer assistance, please have them bring their homework folder in to school and one of the staff will sit with them at lunchtime to go through the questions they are stuck on. Thank you for assisting us in helping you with homework.

EARLY ARRIVAL

Some students have been arriving very early to school. We understand that sometimes an earlier drop off is required for family reasons. Please contact me if you know your child needs to be dropped off any earlier than 8:00am. It is preferred that no children are at school before 8:00am to ensure there is a staff member here to supervise. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The date has been set for our athletics carnival—Thursday 16th June. This carnival will be held at the Laidley Recreation Grounds. More information regarding this day will come out to you shortly, including tuckshop order form and permission note. Please keep an eye out for those and mark the date in your calendar.

GAME PLAY GETTING A LITTLE ROUGH

I spoke with most of the students recently about the nature of our play at school. Some students are taking the competitive spirit a little too far and it is causing arguments within our school. Please remind your children that we are playing only a friendly game at school and to treat others the way they would want to be treated. Thank you in advance for your support around this.

Have a great fortnight.

Erika Hassett
News from the Junior Room

Dear Parents

The Year 3 students have had their NAPLAN tests this week and they have worked extremely well throughout the testing.

We have been very busy with our group work in Reading, Spelling and Maths. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thankyou to all those parents coming in to assist the students in these groups.

In Science we are discussing different types of heat transfer – conduction, convection and radiation.

In History we have commenced work on the history of Australia’s Coat of Arms and what each symbol represents on the Coat of Arms.

In Art the students did an excellent job of designing shoes for their Mother’s Day cards as you can see from the following designs. The students are also moving along well in their skipping and dancing! Please don't forget to find sponsors for our Jump Rope for Heart Day on the 24th June.

Sandy O’Sullivan

Phoebe Millard
Jennifer Beezley
Jack Moss

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 17th of May 2016
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
ALL WELCOME
LIBRARY NEWS:

Library Lessons
This week our students got an introduction to the books we will be using for our Reader’s Cup next month. The books we will be studying are: A Pig’s Tale, Wombat Stew, I Wish I Had a Dinosaur, Fit for a Prince and Giraffes Can’t Dance.
All the students are looking forward to the event and are already asking many questions and looking for clues.

School Readers Cup
Friday 3rd June will be the day our students will compete in teams to answer a variety of questions about the book titles listed above.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

PARENT RIDDLE

Q: A doctor and a boy were fishing. The boy was the doctor’s son, but the doctor was not the boy’s father. Who was the doctor?

A: In the next newsletter😊
School Awards: Weeks 3 & 4

**Junior:**

Student of the Week: Phoebe Millard (3) & Darcy Kelly (4)

Music: Rick Pollock (3)

Math: Rick Pollock (3)

Science: Rick Pollock (4)

Art: Joe Foxlee (3) & Belle Roebig (4)

Writing: Belle Roebig (4)

Act of Kindness: Phoebe Millard (3) & Paxton Woodward (4)

Handwriting: Joe Foxlee (4)

English: Zoe Bould (4)

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Boe Millard (3) & Charlotte Moss (4)

German: Damien Jones (3) & Charlotte Moss (4)

Art: Penny Taber (3)

Library: Lachlan Litfin (3) & Charlotte Moss (4)

Music: Jada Phillips (3) & Joanah Millard (4)

PE: Ashley Taber (4)

Reading: Joanah Millard (3)

Spelling: Jada Phillips (3)
News: Notices

Come along and support our local community!!!

![Image of poster for Band-O-Coots bush dance]

**The Band-O-Coots Bushband**

**Come to Mulgowie for a Bush Dance!**

**Saturday 28th May 2016**

Mulgowie Hall - 10kms from Laidley

Sausage Sizzle from 5:30pm - Music starts 6:30pm

**Adults** $10

**School Children** $5 (free for under 5s)

**Family** $30

Includes:
- Tea, Coffee & Water
- Wine & Craft Beer, Cakes & Slices, Juice & Soft Drinks Available for Sale

**Book Early to Save Disappointment!**

**To Book Contact**
- Wendy 0407 633 283
- Anne 0413 126 114
- Annelise 5465 9186

Mark your diaries now! Gather up your family and friends, check out your country & western gear and be all set for a Funtastic Evening for All Ages

Proceeds in aid of improvements to the Mulgowie Hall
Dear colleagues

The first day of May marks the beginning of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and provides an important opportunity for all state schools and workplaces across the department to raise awareness of domestic and family violence with employees, students and school communities.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has a lead role in helping to prevent domestic and family violence. A video outlining our response to the Not Now, Not Ever Special Taskforce Report can be seen on the DET YouTube page.

This year’s theme for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is Not Now, Not Ever. The Queensland Government is challenging all individuals and organisations to put in place local initiatives to prevent domestic and family violence.

I urge schools and DET workplaces to raise awareness of domestic and family violence by promoting the Queensland Government’s Not Now, Not Ever campaign through newsletter articles, information sessions or awareness raising events.

Schools are encouraged to use and promote the department’s newly developed Respectful relationships education program. This important P–12 resource can be found on the Learning Place.

Gympie State High School’s whole school approach to building respectful relationships has been showcased in the government’s Not Now, Not Ever campaign. To hear about what Gympie State High School are doing, visit the Department of Communities website.

This is a great example of a school working with their community to tackle this significant social issue. I would like to encourage all schools and workplaces to share what you are doing by emailing Communication.OFFICEDG@dete.qld.gov.au. Your activities will be featured on OnePortal.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services would also like to hear about the positive initiatives schools, workplaces and others are taking to stop domestic and family violence. Pending student and parent consent, stories can be contributed via the Not Now, Not Ever Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month campaign page.

Remember — domestic and family violence is never acceptable, and we all have a responsibility to act.

Regards

Annette Whitehead
Acting Director-General