Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It is with great pleasure and a sense of anticipation that I welcome you back for Term Two at Gindie State School. I trust that everyone enjoyed their Easter break, filled with family, fun, plenty of relaxation and hopefully a little chocolate!

It is set to be a jam-packed term. Attached to this newsletter is our Term Two calendar - already marked with the Anzac Day March, Athletics Carnival, NAPLAN testing and Senior Camp. This is also the term for student reporting.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kendall Seccombe and I have been teaching for the last eight years at Murgon State School, west of Gympie. It is a country school with approximately 200 students. In that time I have taught all grades to Year Seven in the roles of Classroom Teacher, Learning Support Teacher and Relief Teacher. Murgon was my rural service with the department; however, after only two years there I loved the country lifestyle enough to buy a house and settle there for the next five years. Last year I participated in a Teacher Exchange to Ontario, Canada, where I taught Grades Four and Prep. My favourite past times include travelling, camping and spending time with friends and family. I grew up in Brisbane; however, my brothers and sisters are now all over the country—my brother is a police officer in Yarrabah, my other brother is a builder in Brisbane and my sister works in Logistics in Darwin.

This is my first Principalship and I am excited to rise to the challenge. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, concerns or comments over the Term.

I was fortunate enough to be able to meet some parents yesterday as they did school drop off and pick up. I feel like I have hit the jackpot arriving at Gindie State School. The staff, students and parent community have been warm and welcoming and I am looking forward to a great term.

In only two days, I have already seen many parents helping out around the school, and I know that many will be involved over the next week readying the school for the Athletics Carnival. I know that it is a busy time for many families and I would like to say a HUGE thank you in advance for all of your input and efforts. I have no doubt that, over the next fortnight, I will get to meet you at the Anzac March, P&C Working Bee and Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to Mr Sproxton and Don (Mrs Mac’s partner) for getting in and mowing the school ground ready for the new school term. We really appreciate the time you take to make our school grounds look so neat and tidy.

I have included some updated information on upcoming events.

Have a great week and a safe long weekend.

Yours in Education,

Kendall Seccombe
PARENT HELPER SIGN IN
We love Parent Helpers at Gindie State School and are very appreciative of the time they give us. Just a reminder that it is a legal requirement that all Parent Helpers sign into the school office each time they come and volunteer. It is also important for the school auditing purposes. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

ANZAC DAY PARADE UPDATE
When: Friday 25th April at 10.15am
Where: Lion’s Park (cnr Yamala and Ruby Streets)

Students are asked to meet Miss Seccombe at 10.15am at the Lion’s Park to enable marshalling. The parade will leave from the Lion’s Park on the corner of Yamala and Ruby Streets, proceed down Egerton Street and turn left to the Cenotaph intersection, where the main service will take place. Students are asked to wear full school uniform and school hat. Students are encouraged to wear the medals of deceased relatives on the right hand side of their chest. On completion of the service, the parade will march to the Council Office at the corner of Egerton and Borilla Streets, where a cold drink will be offered to those who take part. Our School Leaders will be laying a wreath on behalf of our school. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

P&C WORKING BEES
When: Sunday 27th April at 8.00am
Join us this Sunday at the school for our Athletics Carnival working bee. We have plenty to do and we would appreciate any time you can give us.

Thursday 1st May at 2.00pm
Join us next Thursday 1st May to help set up our Athletics Carnival. Anytime from 2.00pm.
Thank you in advance for your help.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Mrs Sullivan is organising our Mother’s Day stall for Friday 9th May at second lunch. Gifts will be on sale from 50 cents to 5 dollars. Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to the Junior Parents for making the time to come in for Parent Teacher Interviews with Miss O’Dea. These Interviews are a great way to share your child’s progress and discuss your child’s goals for the school year.

SHOW POSTER
Before the holidays, students brought home a piece of coloured card and an information sheet about our show display. The school has been asked to create a poster around the International Year of the Farmer. This week, their homework task is to complete the task and return their work to school. A big THANK YOU to Mrs Thomson for coordinating the display.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Friday 2nd of May, is our Annual Small Schools Athletics Carnival. We look forward to seeing all our families attend and enjoy this community event. Students have been learning athletics skills in the HPE lessons and over the next two weeks, students will be practicing ball games, marching and relays to ensure our students are prepared.

AFTERNOON NIBBLES
When: Friday 2nd May 3.30 – 4.30pm
Join us after the Athletics Carnival for a Nibbles Meet and Greet. It would be great to meet you all. Bring your own drinks and come along for some nibbles. Look forward to catching up with you all then.
NAPLAN TESTING
This National testing of children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is being held from Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th May. The tests are based on work in Mathematics, calculator skills, reading comprehension, spelling and general English skills. Mrs Chick will be working with our year 3 and 5 students this term to ensure that or students are prepared and ready for the tests.

It is pertinent that we all understand the importance of this testing to both the individual student and for our school community. The skills that students learn in these preparation lessons also support their classroom learning and give them skills that they will need to gain success for the entirety of their school education.

SPORTS REPRESENTATION
Congratulations Katie and Fraser who have been selected to represent Gindie State School at the C.H. soccer trials in Moranbah on Wednesday 30th April.

Well done to Marshall who is representing Springsure in football.

Congratulations to Wyatt who ran the District Cross Country and placed third! Wyatt will now compete in the CH District Cross Country next Friday. Well Done!

We wish them all the very best.

FAREWELL
Sadly we are saying goodbye to one of our families, we wish the Mathies’ best of luck for the future. They have been an integral part of our school and they will be missed.

WELCOME
Welcome to Sianah. We look forward to having you be part of our Gindie family!

P&C News

Farewell:
A few mums have organised to have a farewell dinner for Donna to thank her and the Mathies Family for their contributions to Gindie SS over the past eight years. The Mathies have always been so generous in donating their time and hard work towards our fundraisers and school events.

All mums are invited to join Donna for a girls night out from 7.00pm on Saturday night 3rd May at the Maraboon Tavern (on Hospital Road). Hope to see you there!

Sports Day Catering:
Information and a roster is attached to the newsletter. Please help by donating cakes, slices or sandwiches and filling in a shift on the canteen roster.

Emerald Show Bar Ticket Sales
Our P&C has the opportunity to fundraise by selling drink tickets at the show bar again this year. This has been a very successful fundraiser for us in previous years. A form is attached to the newsletter with information and a roster. Remember: All of our kids benefit from our fundraising efforts!

Emerald Show Picker Pull
In previous years our Dads have usually come away with a win and a big donation towards our fundraising by entering a team in the picker pull. We are hopeful to enter a team again this year, however we will not be nominating until a team has been organised. Please contact Kerryn 0459220067 if you will be able to make it to the show on Tuesday night 3rd June and can be a part of our team. Thanks!
News from the Junior Room

Welcome Back! The Juniors have been very excited to write about and share all the wonderful things they have been up to over the Easter Break. It seems all the children have enjoyed the break and are eager to begin our new learning tasks for Term Two.

In science, the Juniors have already begun their new unit of work entitled ‘Earth’s Wild Weather’. This week the Juniors have been recording their initial theories to display what they already know about the inquiry questions for this unit of work. These questions are:

- What is weather?
- How does weather affect everyday life?
- How does weather affect buildings?
- How do I conduct a Fair Test investigation?

Over the coming weeks the Juniors will be exploring different types of weather, recording various types of weather using some scientific instruments, learning about different types of soils, observing different building materials and how they are affected by weather and learning about how to conduct a scientific investigation using the fair test process.

In English over the next five weeks, the Juniors will be learning how to create and present a written retell of familiar stories.

In Math, the Juniors will be receiving individualised feedback regarding their results on their Term One Benchmark test. Over the next two weeks the Juniors will be engaging in various number and place value activities. We are very pleased that our ‘Great Results Guarantee Grant’ has now come through and that all the Juniors have begun to receive additional learning support in math with Mrs Shuttleworth.

A reminder that reading groups will continue as of Week 2. Please let me know ASAP regarding your availability for our class reading groups in Term 2.

News from the Senior Room

We might only have been back for a day, but the children and I are already learning about one another and working together on classroom expectations and routines. It is my aim to keep learning routines as consistent as possible; however, there will be some slight changes that I will introduce to students. I have discussed this with the class and we will work together on establishing any new routines together.

This term all of the year levels will be working on C2C units for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Mrs Chick will continue to take the class each Wednesday for my Administration Days and our Teacher Aides will continue in our class four days each week.

Parent communication is very important to me and I ask you to always come and make a time to see me if you have any queries, questions or concerns.

I understand that Parent Teacher Interviews were not conducted in Term One for Senior School. This term, report cards will be written and I will be offering interviews after these are sent home. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress and goals later this term.

I will be sending home more information in our Class Newsletter next week. Here’s to a great Term Two!
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