From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

School Captains’ Investiture  On Monday parade on February 9th I had the pleasure of presenting the School Captains and Sports Captains investiture. Four very proud students were formally acknowledged as the school leaders. Marshall and Ellen are the 2015 School Captain and School Vice Captain respectively. Wyatt and Kai are the Sports Captain and Vice Captain. There were several proud parents in attendance and the photo opportunity was certainly not missed. Well done to all.

GRIP Conference  The first official event that our School Leaders are invited to is the GRIP leadership conference, held in Emerald next Wednesday, February 19th. Arrangements are being finalised and I look forward to hearing all about the conference.

Budget Workshop  On Tuesday, February 10th, Helen and I attended a full day budget workshop, conducted by District Finance Officers, in order to determine school revenue and to allocate expenditure for the coming year. It is an enormous task and I thank Helen for her expertise in advising as to all of the finance matters that need consideration for the job to be done properly and correctly. Next Wednesday I will be at Comet SS for a Finance Induction to further develop these very important matters.

Grounds Maintenance  The school grounds are in wonderful condition at the moment. Mother Nature must take some credit but thanks again go to the brilliant band of volunteers that have mowed the grass and maintained the tidiness around the school. Particular thanks to Darren and Jack and Jocelyn for their hours of mowing and to any other volunteers that have helped out that I might not have spotted.

If you would like to help out around our school with maintenance, mowing, reading, covering books or just volunteer your time we would appreciate any assistance you can offer.

Day 8 Numbers and Staffing  Last Thursday was the crucial day in submitting our enrolment numbers to District Office in terms of our staffing arrangements. I have been advised that within the next couple of weeks a final determination as to our staffing will be decided. We are guaranteed to keep two full time teachers but some adjustments will be made around the organisation of visiting teachers and support staff. I will advise as soon as these arrangements are confirmed.

Finance Audit  On Monday and Tuesday next week a Finance Auditor will visit our school to ensure that EQ Policies and Procedures are being maintained correctly around Finance and Budgeting. A very broad range of matters fall under this category.

P & C Meet and Greet  It was a pleasure to meet so many parents at the Meet and Greet last Friday. I hope to see you all around regularly.

Principals’ Conference  On February 26th and 27th I will be attending the annual Principals’ Conference in Brisbane where I hope to gain further knowledge of Department requirements and expectations.

Yours in Education,
Peter Teagle
PARENT REMINDERS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Homework
Thank you to all of our parents for ensuring the children arrived with all of their homework. For the current homework policy please refer to the school website or see your child’s class teacher.

District Sports
Various District Sports selection trial dates have been determined. These trials are for students turning 10, 11 or 12 this year. Interested students are invited to attend. Own transport arrangements are required. A $3 payment is charged and is payable to our school prior to attending the trials. Please make note of trials that you may be interested in.

Swimming: Timed nominations submitted by Feb 16th. Verified times form swimming club or recent trials are required. See Peter Teagle
Netball trials: March 16th at OLSH (Springsure) 11 and 12 yrs
Rugby League trials: March 3rd. 3:15pm Springsure RLFC. 11 and 12 yrs
Cross Country: May 4th. Direct nominations to Springsure via Gindie SS
Touch football: March 27th. 3:15pm SRLFC boys and girls
Rugby Union: May 15th. 3:15pm SRLFC
Track and Field: Gindie SS attends with small schools to Districts at OLSH
Cricket: August 5th at Springsure SS

If wanting to nominate for any other sports, please speak to Peter Teagle about the possibility to arrange a trial at Regional level (to request special compensation).

Bullying. No Way!
The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, is being held across Australia on Friday 20 March. The National Day of Action gives schools an opportunity to promote and acknowledge their initiatives and strategies that they use to counter bullying all year. Our school will be participating in this day and will learn about bullying and ways to prevent it.

Student Resource Scheme Invoices
We have attached invoices to cover the cost of workbooks and other resources that have been issued to students for their use during the school year. The invoices are payable by Friday 6th March. You may pay be cash, cheque of by direct deposit into the school’s bank account, which is noted on the bottom of the invoice. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Welcome
We would like to welcome the Job family to Gindie State School. We look forward to having them as part of the Gindie family and wish them well in their educational journey at our school.

Library News
Library borrowing day is on each Thursday. A big thank you to the students who are bring in their library books each week, you are STAR readers!

Please remember to bring your books back in a library bag so they can be looked after and borrowed by many students.

Book Club, issue 1 is due back on the 19th of February. Please remember to order and pay online. If you have any questions please see Mrs Thomson in the library tomorrow. Thank you for supporting our school and investing in your child's reading!
You Can Do It Parade Awards Term One
Below are the You Can Do It Capabilities. Our Senior Leaders will be presenting weekly awards based on these focuses each week on Parade each Monday. Senior Leaders look for students displaying the focus capability throughout each week.

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Social Skill Focuses for Term One
Each week, Social Skills are explicitly taught in our classrooms. Below is an overview for our weekly focuses in Term One. We encourage you to review these focuses at home with your children.

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P&C News
Movie Premiere Fundraiser
The Premiere is on this Thursday 12th Feb. starting at 6.00pm. We urgently need donations for our raffles and prizes. Anything at all that could be included in a ladies hamper would be appreciated. Please drop donations to the school office. A huge thankyou to those who have offered to bring along some food platters on the night! We will be catering for 160 people so if you are able to cook/buy some food for the Premiere please add your name to the list on the noticeboard. This is our first of only two fundraisers for the year, let’s make it a fantastic success!

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 17th February at 3.15pm.
**News from the Junior Room**

Thankyou to all parents who spoke to their children about our Junior Classrooms rules and returned their signed note late week. I am very pleased with the children’s efforts in homework and have been rewarding them and tracking their commitment to completing their homework using our Student Homework Star Chart. I have sent home an individualised list of student sight words and would really appreciate it if you can practise these where possible with your child. The Magic 100 sight words make up 50% of the words we encounter in written and verbal material. Regular practise of your child’s sight words will support your child in achieving greater outcomes in both reading and writing.

During Automaticity Rotations this Term, all students will participate in a games based program called ‘Synthetic Phonetics’. This is a complete program for teaching reading and spelling in the classroom. At a glance, our Synthetic Phonetics program will teach your child:

⇒ That spoken and written words are composed of phonemes
⇒ How to pronounce all 44 phonemes and how each may be represented
⇒ To blend phonemes together to read a word
⇒ To segment words into phonemes to spell
⇒ To use their phonic knowledge as the primary approach to reading and spelling words.

This program was trailed with our Prep students last year and proved highly successful in improving student reading and writing abilities. We will be running two Synthetic Phonetic programs simultaneously this Term, a Prep levelled program and a Grade 2/3 levelled program.

Thank you Mrs Bate, Ms Whittingham, Mrs Crocker and Mrs Job for volunteering your me for Reading Groups this Term! :) Mrs Kayla Ray

**News from the Senior Room**

The Senior Class students have been working on activities ranging from examining short stories and narratives in English to learning about measuring time in maths. In science, we have observed our ‘Mr Seed Heads’ sprout ‘hair’ and discussed the needs of living things. We watched a time-lapse video of seeds growing into plants.

A couple of new educational websites have been used to complement our work in spelling and reading. ‘Vocabulary Spelling City’ has various activities designed to help with spelling lists and ‘Studyladder’ has activities that can help with comprehension in reading. The students will be able to show you these websites at home if you have access to the internet.

In the coming weeks we will be continuing our study of narratives and short stories. Various approaches to mental maths calculations will be examined and the Year 3 and 5 students will continue to be familiarised with NAPLAN style questions in order to be ‘test wise’ when the tests are undertaken in term 2.

Peter Teagle
Week 1
- 26th January: Australia Day Holiday
- 27th January: LOTE, School Commences
- 28th January
- 29th January
- 30th January

Week 2
- 2nd February
- 3rd February
- 4th February
- 5th February: HPE & Arts
- 6th February: Parent Meet and Greet 5pm

Week 3
- 9th February: School Captain Ceremony
- 10th February: LOTE
- 11th February
- 12th February
- 13th February

Week 4
- 16th February: School Audit
- 17th February: School Audit, P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 18th February: GRIP Leadership
- 19th February: HPE & Arts
- 20th February

Week 5
- 23rd February
- 24th February: LOTE
- 25th February
- 26th February: Principal’s conference
- 27th February: Principal’s conference

Week 6
- 2nd March
- 3rd March
- 4th March
- 5th March: HPE & Arts
- 6th March

Week 7
- 9th March
- 10th March: LOTE
- 11th March
- 12th March
- 13th March

Week 8
- 16th March
- 17th March
- 18th March
- 19th March: HPE & Arts, HPE Showcase Day
- 20th March: Bulling No Way! day

Week 9
- 23rd March
- 24th March: LOTE
- 25th March
- 26th March
- 27th March: Talent Quest

Week 10
- 30th March
- 31st March: Parent teacher Interviews
- 1st April: Parent teacher Interviews
- 2nd April: HPE & Arts
- 3rd April: Good Friday

The son of the man who was studying the painting.