Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Cricket Day - Congratulations to everybody involved in the Gindie Ashes Cricket Day. The P & C did a fantastic job organising sponsors and managing the day. From the catering, to the ground marking and setting up, to the bar staff, MC, jumping castle supervisors, donators to the raffles and students’ stalls, all who helped to pack up and the players, a sincere thank you. Apologies if I’ve forgotten anybody. The day was a great success. I have never seen the car park so full.

District Sports - Congratulations to Griffin on his selection in the Central Highlands Regional Schoolboys Cricket team. Griffin will attend the Capricornia Trials to be held in Emerald from September 4th to 6th, vying for selection to compete at the State Trials. Good luck Griff (Griff was itching to play in the ‘Gindie Ashes’ too but was just a touch too young. He will no doubt be a great player for Crinum Crows when he gets his chance!).

Many of our students participate in various sporting pursuits on the weekends, ranging from football and netball to bmx bike riding and athletics, to name a few. As finals are approaching for some of these sports, good luck to all competitors. Brad travelled to Longreach last week and achieved well in athletics, winning several medals. Ranger is playing for a combined Springsure schools’ team in the Steve Bell/Josh Hannay Cup in Capella this Friday. Let us know what your children are up to so that we can acknowledge their achievements.

Same Day Absence Notification 0472 832412 - The SMS texting of student absences to the designated number has been implemented and has proved to be an excellent system for communicating absences. Already, we have seen a decrease in unexplained absences thanks to parents using the system. If you have not yet done so, please save the number in your phone in order to notify school by text on the day if your child is absent.

Favourite Books - Over the course of this year, staff have been contributing stories on their favourite books and authors. We have nearly heard from everybody, but I will be chasing up Mrs Shuttleworth and Mrs Ryan in the next few weeks to hear about their reading preferences. Stay tuned!

Warm clothes for school - There are still several unclaimed items of warm clothing at school that belong to our students. Please check if your children are missing any jumpers or long pants. Lost property has also grown since our Cricket Day. (If anyone is missing a colourful poncho and a sombrero, please enquire at the office, before they end up in the dress up box).

Jump Rope for Heart - Mrs Ryan is organising a Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off at school in Term 4, on November 7th. During PE, the students have been practising many different skipping rope techniques and are getting quite adept and fit. In the next newsletter, we will provide an online link to use if you would like to sponsor your children in the jump off.

Staff leave - Welcome back to Mrs Daniels from three weeks leave. We have missed you at Gindie SS and trust that you enjoyed your family wedding. Mrs Teagle and I are on leave for the last two weeks of this term to celebrate 25 years of marriage. We are visiting New Zealand. Mrs Chick will be Principal during Weeks 9 and 10, and Mrs Raine will assume Learning Support and the Arts teacher roles.

If you know of anybody that would be interested in the job of school cleaner for the last two weeks of this term please let us know. The job might then lead to a permanent position.

For the Senior Class, Parent/Teacher interviews will be arranged early in Term 4.

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Mayoral Lunch - Our school captains and sports captains attended the Mayoral Lunch in Blackwater last week. The students enjoyed guest speakers and presentations by students from other schools, as well as lunch with the Mayor. Thank you to parents for providing transport.

Parenting Ideas - This week’s Parenting Ideas pamphlet discusses the topic of measuring children’s success. It is a timely read having recently received NAPLAN results.

Off Road Drama Visit - Remember that on Friday, students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a gold miner from the Eureka Stockade era.

Yours in Education,
Peter Teagle

PARENT REMINDERS AND DATE CLAIMERS

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Brain Teaser

What force and strength can not get through, I with a gentle touch can do. Many in the streets would stand, if I were not as a friend in hand.

What am I?

Answer under calendar

Quote of the Week:

“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary”

– May Smith

Library News

Don’t forget library borrowing tomorrow! Please return your books.

Book Week will take place in week 8 of term 3, and the theme this year is ‘Australia: Story Country’. We hope everyone has some exciting costumes planned for our dress up day!

Book Club Issue 6 will be sent home this week. Orders are due back by 31st August.
**Social Skill Focuses for Term Three**

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

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**You Can Do It Parade Awards**

In the table opposite are the You Can Do It Capabilities. Our Senior Leaders will be presenting weekly awards based on these focuses each Monday on parade. Senior Leaders look for students displaying the focus capability throughout each week.

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**P&C News**

Our Gindie Ashes Cricket Day was a great success. It was lovely to see so many of our families at the event and helping out. We have had positive feedback from visitors and this is a great promotional day for our school and community. Thanks to everyone for their valuable contribution to this fantastic fundraising event.

Please return all Hawaiian shirts and tutus (washed if possible) so that they can be put away for our next fundraising event.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 29th August at 6.30pm. Please contact Lisa or David if you would like an item added to the agenda. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.
Our lovely Juniors have just finished our Information unit in English and have all written sentences about their chosen dinosaur. There are sentences about diet, behaviour, physical traits, time periods, and other gruesome facts. The Year 1s and 2s have completed their PowerPoint, typing up their work and decorating their slides. Come and pop by to see our beautiful print-outs and sentences! Until the end of term, we have just began our Poetry unit with lessons structured to build students’ understanding of meanings in poetry, and also by Week 8, to adapt and create our own! I’m sure we will enjoy learning of nouns, verbs, rhyme, and syllable counts!

For Geography, our 1s and 2s have learnt positional words and have been creating different representations of familiar places. We have used blocks to show the proportions and features of the Juniors bedrooms at home, and they have made a fantastic Lego mini-replica of the playground, which is on display at the front of the room.

In Science we have been conducting a fair test experiment with our bean seedlings. This means that we keep everything the same except for one factor. At the moment we are studying whether there will be a difference in plant quality when some are on the port-racks in the full sun, on the computer desk inside the classroom, or hiding away in a small cupboard. Each plant is off the same variety and will always be watered the same amount each time. The Juniors have been producing some high quality scientific diagrams! Can’t wait to see the results!

News from the Senior Room

With the earlier printing of this newsletter, the student whose turn it was for this week’s Senior Class report will be saved for next edition. Over the last week, all students have had lots of writing to do for their English assessment tasks. These writing tasks have been compiled into a booklet by the Senior Class entitled, ‘Senior Class English Adventures’. The short stories for the Year 3 and 4 task and the ‘Letters to the Future’ for the Year 5 and 6 task have produced some very entertaining writing. Students have been able to compare their first attempts at the writing task to the writing that they were able to produce after learning about their respective genres. Having studied language features and the writing structure of their particular format, the final results were a great improvement on those first drafts. If you missed the opportunity to purchase your very own published copy of ‘Senior Class English Adventures’ at the students’ stall on Gindie Ashes Cricket Day, then send in a gold coin to school to buy a copy (proceeds go to the student council).

The Senior class have been preparing for our visit from the “Off Road Drama Group” by learning about the Eureka Stockade. During the visit, the students will pretend to be gold miners from the era involved in the uprising. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a real person from the time that they have been researching. The costume can be as simple as a pair of jeans and a scruffy shirt. We have learned that there were not many women present at the Eureka Stockade so some of the girls might come dressed as the men they have been studying.

A visit from the ‘Science Time Education Roadshow’ will take place on Friday in Week 8. The presenter will conduct an ‘Air Show’, in which students will learn all about properties of air during a hands on day of Science investigations.

Mr Teagle
**Brain Teaser Answer:** a key.
Parents Wanted!
Can you help?
(And enter a prize draw!)

I am a mum of three and am conducting research with Griffith University as part of my PhD. I am looking for parents of children aged 6-11 to participate in research exploring parenting behaviours such as communication, involvement and supervision, and protective behaviours regarding sexual abuse. Your responses can help us make children safer!

All you have to do is visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentsap6-11 and complete the survey. It should take you about 20-30 minutes.

The survey is completely anonymous – you do not have to leave any contact details.

All parents who fill out the survey will go in the draw to win one of three $100 Coles/Myer vouchers - just follow the instructions at the end of the survey to go in the draw.

I so appreciate your help!

Researchers: Prof Melanie Zimmer-Gembeck (m.zimmer-gembeck@griffith.edu.au, +61 7 5678 9085) and Julia Rudolph (Julia.Rudolph@griffithuni.edu.au, +61 (0)411404511).

Ethics: This research has Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee approval (GU Ref No: 2015/861).

**SPRINGSURE SS 8-A-SIDE CRICKET & FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Saturday, 10th September**

**Starting at 9:30 am**

**Springsure Rugby League Grounds**

**$80 per cricket team**

**Cricket Rules** Each team must have 2 ladies or 1 lady and 1 child (under 15 years) on the field at all times (including the finals)

**Rides**

Unlimited rides for the children from **10:30 am to 3:30 pm** on the Jumping castle and Giant slide

$10 per child or $15 for a family of 2 or more

**Team nominations emailed to Diane at adsullivan@activ8.net.au**

**Team nominations close 6th September, to allow for the draw to be completed**

Any late nominations will be placed on a waiting list and can play if a team pulls out

**Maximum of 12 teams**

**Team Registration: 9:00 am**

**First ball bowled: 9:30 am**

**PRIZES FOR THE BEST FANCY DRESSED TEAM**