Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

**Staffing**

Enrolment numbers for 2017 indicate that we will maintain our current level of student enrolments and possibly slightly higher. This is great news for keeping our staffing numbers, with a teacher each for the junior and senior classes, as well as visiting teachers for HPE, the Arts, LOTE and principal’s admin day. We are also likely to continue with teachers for our Literacy and Numeracy program, Learning Support intervention, and Investing For Success. If you know of any circumstances that might impact on our enrolment numbers, please let us know as it will enable us to plan for next year.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Thanks to Mrs Ryan for organising our ‘Jump Off’ last Monday and for the parents that came along to watch and join in with our students. We saw some talented skippers, and despite the hot weather, all students put in a great effort (and so did some of our parents - especially turning the rope).

**School Opinion Survey**

Thank you to everybody that participated in the School Opinion Survey. It provides valuable feedback about our processes and how we can continue to improve our school. Some areas where we achieved well included, ‘Staff at this school are approachable’, ‘I would recommend this school to others’ and ‘I can talk to my child’s teachers about my concerns’. An area for improvement was identified under, ‘The school provides useful information online’. It is great to receive feedback about aspects of school where we can work harder and continue our improvement strategies. A copy of the survey results is available at the office.

**Same Day Absence Notification**

We have fine tuned our Absence Notification system and the process is working well in ensuring that all students are accounted for the same day every day, either in attendance at school or their absences being explained. Parent / Caregiver cooperation in using our texting ‘hotline’ has certainly minimised unexplained absences. Please give a reason for absences when texting in so that our electronic roll data is as accurate as possible.

Also, remember that the mobile number is for texting only. The ‘texting’ phone is left often unattended and checked only to view text messages advising of absences. If you wish to speak to staff or to leave a voice message, please use our landline. Both numbers are included in the panel to the side of the next page of this newsletter.

**Swimming**

At the time of printing this newsletter all of our students are participating in the District Swimming Carnival. Good luck to all competitors, especially those vying for Age Champion. Next Monday, November 14, Learn-to-Swim commences. Details have been advised previously. Please ensure that students bring a water bottle for Mondays as they can get very thirsty at the pool. Students will take their lunch to the pool and they will not be permitted to use the canteen.

At this time of year it is very important that students have a healthy lunch packed every day. Their best learning occurs when they have eaten well and are hydrated. Water bottles are advised to be kept in the classrooms, especially in the senior class which is furthest from the drinking taps.

**Items for Tender**

We have several ICT items for tender, details of which are on documents attached. On reviewing our ICT requirements and capabilities, we will move to purchase some wireless laptop computers for next year. These will be more compatible with our network and existing desktop computers. Consequently, we have some iPads, flip cameras and iPods to tender.
Reminder: Prep Open Days
Open days for our 2017 Prep students are being held on Tuesday, November 22 and Thursday, November 24. These days are designed to assist with the transition into school for our Prep students. More information has been sent out to families that have children to enroll in 2017. As from next year, Prep is compulsory for all children of the appropriate age.

Parenting Ideas Brochure
This week’s Parenting Ideas brochure is titled ‘Raising Mighty Boys’. It provides very interesting information about ‘understanding what makes boys tick and the keys to teaching and raising them’.

Concert and Awards Night
Our Christmas Concert and Awards Night will be held on Friday, December 2. The format will follow the same procedure as last year, with a meal first in the undercover area, followed by performances and presentations in the senior class, and dessert/supper to finish. More information was included with the invitations sent home with our previous newsletter. If you have a perpetual shield/trophy from 2015 please return it to the school office so that our 2016 names can be engraved, ready to be presented at this year’s awards night.

School Leaders 2017
Our current Year 5 students will be nominating for school leadership positions and presenting speeches at school in order to convince students and staff that they have the qualities to represent Gindie SS as a School or Sports Captain. Our 2017 leaders will be announced on Awards Night.

Yours in Education,
Peter Teagle

Brain Teaser
Which tyre doesn’t move when a car turns right?
Answer under calendar

Quote of the Week:
“Success is nothing more than a few simple disciplines, practiced every day!”
– Jim Rohn

Library News
For our Book Fair next week we will have a CHRISTMAS theme! Book Fair will be starting Monday 14th November. The library will be open every day next week from 8.00-9.00am and 3.00-3.45pm.

It is also time to start our end-of-year overdue book round-up. Please return all outstanding library books—there are still some overdue from last term. Thanks.
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P&C News

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14 at 6.30pm in the senior classroom. If you would like anything added to the Agenda for discussion, please contact Lisa Job (secretary), or David Keene (President) by Friday, November 11.
News from Miss Fearnley

It’s been an epic time for Juniors recently. As we are half way through the term, we have been busily assessing reading levels and sight words, which is also always done again at the end of the term. Each student’s performance is recorded and that information informs planning and the Junior’s own personal reading goal, such as retelling a story (Jabba the Reteller), making connections with a text (Kit-Kat Connector), or stretching out a word (Stretchy Snake). During big-book reading and reading groups, all students have been developing one of the strategies. The last two week we have made wonderful progress with Lips the Fish, with all of us making sure that we articulate the sounds required for each word. We have had so much fun speaking tongue twisters, I’m sure they would like to practise some at home too (they can get tricky to say fast)!

We have all had a huge week last week on addition and subtraction across all of the year levels, an admirable effort. We have been adding and subtracting single digits for preps, and using strategies such as counting on/back, doubling/halving, and rainbow facts for year 1 and 2s with increasing difficulty.

As term progresses, please make sure that our lovely munchkins are getting enough sleep, as with swimming practise approaching, we may need a bit more energy.

Miss Fearnley

News from the Senior Room

The senior class students have been constructing gadgets with kits from our science resources. They have been showing some great imagination to design and build an item that ‘has a purpose, and can be a novelty’, as is the definition of a gizmo. Part of the assessment task will be to make a solar oven using a pizza box (so if you have any pizza boxes to donate, it would be appreciated).

In English, students have been working on their writing assessment tasks which are, for Year 5/6, to present a point of view about the effectiveness of a literary or informative text in conveying its message, and for Year 3/4, to write and present a persuasive speech about a topic of their choice. Our next units will be centred around quest stories. Last year we read ‘Rowan of Rin’ and this year we will be reading ‘Victor’s Quest’. Students will attempt to write their own quest story and will contribute to an online blog about their thoughts on ‘Victor’s Quest’.

PE will now include our Learn to Swim program, while Geography will continue each Wednesday. In Digital Technology, students have been learning about coding and using a program called ‘Scratch’. We are also utilising a free trial of an online touch-typing program called ‘Typing Tournament’ to see if ‘ten finger typing’ can be improved.

Year 5 students will be working on persuasive speeches to try to convince others to vote for them for school leadership positions for 2017. They will present these speeches on Tuesday, November 29, at 9am in the undercover area. Good luck to all students vying for a leadership role next year.

Peter Teagle
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4th October - LOTE  
5th October  6th October  7th October |
| Week 2 | 10th October | 10th October - Newsletter  
11th October - 11th October - Picnic Lunch  
12th October  13th October  14th October |
| Week 3 | 17th October | 17th October - STUDENT FREE DAY  
18th October - LOTE  
19th October  20th October  21st October - “Peter Pan” excursion |
| Week 4 | 24th October | 24th October - Newsletter  
25th October  26th October  27th October  28th October |
| Week 5 | 31st October | 31st October  1st November - LOTE  
2nd November  3rd November  4th November |
| Week 6 | 7th November | 7th November  8th November - Picnic Lunch  
9th November - District Swimming (Springsure)  
10th November  11th November |
| Week 7 | 14th November | 14th November - CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR  
Learn to Swim (Emerald)  
15th November - LOTE  
16th November  17th November  18th November - Pizza and crazy hair day |
| Week 8 | 21st November | 21st November - Newsletter  
Learn to Swim (Emerald)  
22nd November - Prep orientation & Open Day  
23rd November  24th November - Prep orientation & Open Day  25th November |
| Week 9 | 28th November | 28th November - Learn to Swim (Emerald)  
29th November - LOTE  
School leader speeches for 2017. 9am  
30th November  1st December  2nd December - CHRISTMAS CONCERT & AWARDS NIGHT |
| Week 10 | 5th December | 5th December - Newsletter  
Learn to Swim (Emerald)  
6th December  7th December  8th December  9th December |