

Gindie State School – Term 4, 2023 Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 4 – 8 December	Last Parade		Flying Scientist Visit	LOTE	Last Day of 2023 School Year Report Cards Sent Home

Holidays Friday 9th December 2023 to Sunday 21st January 2024

Term 1, 2024 Planner

Week 1 22 – 26 January	First Day of 2024 School Year				Australia Day Public Holiday
Week 2 29 January – 2 February				LOTE	<i>P&C Meet & Greet</i>
Week 3 5 – 9 February					

Every Day Counts

Every Day Counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community.

To do this, Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truancy can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Reminders and Notices

- Parade weekly on Monday mornings at 9am
- Library borrowing on Thursdays
- Homework due on Thursdays
- Australia Day Public Holiday – Friday 26th January (Week 1)
- 2024 P&C Meet and Greet – Friday 2nd February (Week 2)

Attendance Reminder

*What sort of start is your child getting?
Just a little bit late doesn't seem but...*



She/He is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Joke answer: Electric trains don't have smoke!



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Gindie Gazette

Week 9, Term 4 2023
Friday 1st December

From the Principal's Pen

Welcome to Issue 10 of the Gindie Gazette and the final one for 2023! With just one week of the school year left, I cannot believe how quickly the year has disappeared.



End of Year Concert

Thank you to each of the families and supporters who continue to sponsor our End of Year Awards: the Kerle, Sampson, and Eden Families, our P&C, the Central Highlands Regional Council, George Bourne & Associates, and Lachlan Millar. Congratulations to all of our students on their efforts this year and an extra special congratulations to each of our award recipients:

- Junior Academic Achievement Award: Agnes
- Senior Academic Achievement Award: Evie
- Sampson Family Encouragement Award: Miranda
- Kerle Family Most Improved Award: Rhys
- Eden Family Citizenship Award: Charlotte
- The Arts Award: River
- George Bourne & Associates STEM Award: Porsha
- P&C Sportsperson of the Year Award: Zoey
- CHRC Community Spirit Award: Arabella
- Lachlan Millar Leadership Award: Lucy

Congratulations to our Year 6 Graduates of 2023

Our Year 6 students have just one week left of their primary schooling careers. We congratulate them on all of their achievements and are confident that their time here at the mighty Gindie school will have prepared them well for their futures. Thank you to Mrs Estelle Daniels who has worked tirelessly with our graduates to prepare their presentation and speeches. Congratulations to:

- Maclay Brownlie and Arabella Daniels who will attend Marist College, Emerald,
- Miranda Gowlett who will attend Emerald State High School, and
- Lucy Roebig who will attend Rockhampton Girls Grammar School.

See You Again Soon, Families

This year we also say 'See You Soon' to a number of our families who have been a part of Gindie State School for quite some time. These families have made valuable contributions to our school over the years and, while we will definitely miss their presence as direct family members, we hope to see them at one of our events on the school calendar. Thank you to the following families and best of luck in supporting your child as they begin their next chapter: The Brownlie Family, The Daniels (Sally & Harvey) Family, The Gowlett Family and The Roebig Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year break. If you're travelling, please do so safely as this is always a busy time of year, especially on our roads. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back for the 2024 academic year right here at the mighty Gindie school on Monday 22nd January.

Kindest Regards, The Gindie SS Team & Mr Davis



2023 Gindie SS Goal (Our Explicit Improvement Agenda):

Improvement of student outcomes in Mathematics through high-quality pedagogical practices and coaching within our team and across our cluster.



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Our Core Values

Acceptance
Responsibility
Safety
Manners
Excellence

Attendance Data

Goal: 95%

Week 7: 94%

Week 8: 96%

Week 9: 90%

At Gindie State School...

Every day counts
Every child counts
Every lesson counts

Behaviour Focus

Week 10: Acceptance

You Can Do It

Week 9/10: Confidence

Brain Teaser

If an electric train is traveling south at 10 miles per hour and the wind is blowing North at 10 miles per hour, which way does the smoke blow?



JCU Centre for Rural & Remote Health

We extend a massive thank you to the James Cook University Centre for Rural and Remote Health and students on placement from Central Queensland University: SLP students Abby and Georgia and OT students Sophie and Emily. Over the last four weeks, they have worked diligently to complete language and early development screeners with some of our students and playgroup children and deliver sessions on the Alert program to our Junior Class to help develop their emotional regulation skills.



Staffing for 2024

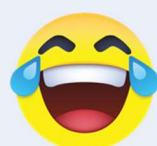
As announced in the last few weeks, Gindie SS will see some staffing changes as we move towards 2024. Unfortunately for us, Mrs Walsh will be returning to a full time position at Emerald North SS. Thank you, Mrs Walsh for all that you've contributed to Gindie SS over the last two years. We will welcome Mrs Jill Ryan as our HPE teacher next year. We will also welcome Mrs Monique Podolak to our teaching team. Mrs P will join us fortnightly on Fridays and will teach Music and The Arts across the school. Mrs Johnson will be taking leave in 2024 and I'm very excited that Mrs Sally will be working with us full time. I have appointed our new school cleaner, Mr Robert Nobile, who will join us in the new year. Ms Eves, our Grounds Officer will also be taking leave during 2024 so we have also appointed Mr Nobile to this role. We look forward to welcoming Mr Nobile to our beautiful school and know that he will do an amazing job keeping it clean, tidy, mowed and well maintained.

While we will see some changes, I am very excited that Mrs Murdoch and Mrs Daniels will return as our amazing Teacher Aides and Mrs Orford will continue as our Administration Officer who we could not survive without. Miss Chew, Mrs Chick, Mrs Gray and Pak Sumadi will also continue as part of our teaching team. I thank them all for their continued investment in our school and look forward to again working with them in 2024.

Lastly, I am very proud to share that I have received confirmation of my own permanent appointment to the role of Principal here at Gindie State School. After three years, I am very grateful to have security in knowing where I'll be and it's right back here in 2024! I look forward to continuing to lead our dedicated team of staff to support our students and school community in the new year.

Jokes of the Week

- Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
A: Because the chicken wasn't born yet.
- Q: Why can't Elsa have a balloon?
A: Because she would only, "Let it go, let it go!"
- Q: Which town building has the most stories?
A: The library.



2024 Captains

Congratulations to each of our Year 5 aspiring leaders who presented their speeches on Monday's parade. Congratulations to our 2024 School and Sports Captains who were announced at our concert last night. We are confident that these students have demonstrated the Gindie core values to a very high standard and know that they will serve well as leaders and role models to our students in the new year. Congratulations to our 2024 School Captain, Evie Sullivan and our 2024 Sports Captain, River Heumiller.



Student of the Week and You Can Do It Awards



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