

# Gindie State School – Term 4, 2024 Planner

|  | Monday                                      | Tuesday | Wednesday    | Thursday | Friday              |
|--|---|---------|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>Week 4</b><br>21 <sup>st</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup><br>October   | Playgroup<br>Prep-Prep<br>Transition 9-11am |         |              |          | World Teachers' Day |
| <b>Week 5</b><br>28 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>November  | Prep-Prep<br>Transition 9-11am              |         |              | LOTE     | Music               |
| <b>Week 6</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | Playgroup                                   |         |              |          |                     |
| <b>Week 7</b><br>11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup><br>November | Remembrance Day Ceremony                    |         |              | LOTE     | Music               |
| <b>Week 8</b><br>10 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup><br>November | School Captain Speeches<br>Playgroup        |         |              |          |                     |
| <b>Week 9</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup><br>December   |   |         | Picnic Lunch | LOTE     | Music               |
| <b>Week 10</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | Concert and Awards Night<br>Playgroup       |         |              |          |                     |



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October



## From the Principal's Pen

Welcome to Issue 8 of the Gindie Gazette, the end of week three has come very quickly. Thank you for working with me and our wonderful staff while Mr Davis is on leave.

### Thursday Morning Fitness- CrossFit

Thank you to our amazing P&C for organising and financing our Thursday morning fitness sessions for the term. The kids are keen to get fit and be involved and we thank you for investing in our children and school. The senior leader students will also be on the hunt to award Gindie Good Ones to those students who arrive on time, eagerly participate and have a go.

### Awards and Concert Night

Our awards and concert night date has been changed. It has been moved forward one day to **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. We would love to have you all there, so please mark your diaries. As usual Santa will make a visit and spoil our Gindie kids. All of the students enrolled at Gindie will receive a book on the night. If you have a child who isn't attending Gindie, but would like Santa to give a gift then please send a wrapped book to school with your child's name on it and give to Miss Sally or place on the blue desk in the office.

### Attendance

We are getting very excited about attendance this term. It's a busy term of learning poetry, fractions, working with money and lots of fun in science and other subjects too. I can guarantee each day is jam-packed with important and fun things that your child needs to be at school for. On the last page is a reminder about the time your child misses and what it equates to. We cannot make up for lost time! I thank you all personally for the efforts you are going to, to ensure you little ones are at school, 100% this week! I am a mum and totally understand the morning chaos and routine and being on time. Together, we've got this! The challenge for this term has been set... we are having a Pizza Party for the class with the highest attendance in Week 11. On Monday's parade each week we will reveal the class that is in the lead. The kids are super excited!

### Student Leaders for 2025

In the coming weeks our Year 5 students will be invited to nominate for a school leadership position. What an honour to represent our school. I encourage the Year 5 parents to have a conversation with their child about leadership and begin writing their speech, which will be shared at our Week 8 parade.



### World Teachers Day

Next Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October is World Teachers' Day. I want to take this opportunity to mention how awesome our teachers are. In my years I have work across a lot of schools in different capacities and I can tell you the teachers you have at Gindie are some of the best. They are worth their weight in gold. **Happy World Teachers' Day to Mrs Gray, Miss Chew, Mrs P, Pak Sumadi and Mrs Ryan.** Thank you endlessly for the love and dedication you show our students.

## 2024 Gindie SS Goal (Our Explicit Improvement Agenda):

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

## 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
- truanting 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
- CrossFit on Thursday Mornings 8:15 – 8:45am

## 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               |





## Our Core Values

- Acceptance
- Responsibility
- Safety
- Manners
- Excellence

## Attendance Data

Goal: 95%

- Week 1: 92%
- Week 2: 92%
- Week 3: 100%

At Gindie State School...  
 Every day counts  
 Every child counts  
 Every lesson counts

## Behaviour Focus

- Week 3: Manners
- Week 4: Excellence
- Week 5: Anti-bullying
- Week 6: Acceptance
- Week 7: Responsibility
- Week 8: Manners
- Week 9: Responsibility
- Week 10: Acceptance

## You Can Do It

- Week 3/4: Getting Along
- Week 5/6: Organisation
- Week 7/8: Persistence
- Week 9/10: Confidence

## Brain Teaser

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?



## Water Update

Our beautiful little oval is looking very sad. Hopefully the water has been fixed and we can start watering around the buildings again. I commend our wonderful students for their resilience, as they head out at lunch to the oval to play cricket or other organised games without giving it a second thought. **How awesome are your kids!**

## Curriculum- Termly Overviews

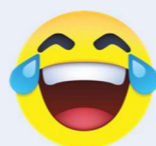
We have a very busy term with so much happening and the students are learning lots of wonderful things in all of the different subjects we offer. This term in English we are studying humorous poetry. The kids are having a blast and enjoying the poetry battles and learning about all the tricks that make poetry fun. Inside the newsletter is the Termly Subject Overview for our Term 4 subjects. Have a read and learn all about what we are up to.

## 100% Attendance- CONGRATULATIONS



## Jokes of the Week

- Q: Why is it impossible to starve in the desert?  
A: Because of all the sand-which is there!
- Q: Why did the doughnut go to the dentist?  
A: To get a filling.
- Q: What did one ocean say to the other?  
A: Nothing, they just waved!



## Partnership in Learning

I have been involved in education a long time and view our wonderful parents as an essential partnership in the learning journey of our most precious item, our children. Over the years I have learnt, and research suggests, that there are some essential things that we can do to ensure our children have the most success they can. These include,

- At least eight hours sleep per night and a regular bed routine such as **going to bed at 6.30-7.00pm** and reading a story before bed.
- Nutritious meals made of bread, cereals, fruit and vegetables.** It takes a lot of brain power when students are learning and these clever little minds need to be fed. If they are hungry, they cannot concentrate and this affects their learning and ability to store learnt information.
- Homework and regular study patterns.** I understand this is a hot debatable topic, but I cannot stress the importance of homework. I get it can be a real struggle, but I promise in the long run the struggle will pay off. Through regular study and home reinforcement parents are part of the learning process, students learn good life habits which transpires to paying bills, doing tax etc. in the adult world. I have included a flyer with more benefits. I try to encourage students and remind them that teachers do homework too, like organising lollies and chocolates for games, laminating and making resources, setting up displays and activities etc. These are all extra things that teachers do just for them.

**Thank you** for your continued effort and support in fostering and building your child's learning partnerships with us..

## Student of the Week and You Can Do It Awards



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