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With Eisteddfod done and dusted for another year, we would like to let you know (and have a brag) about some of the GREAT achievements we had in what was an inspiring and exhausting week!

The following groups received first place in their sections:
- GSPS Beginner String Orchestra - Large Ensemble (less than 12 months tuition)
- GSPS String Orchestra - Large Ensemble
- GSPS Guitar and Bass Ensemble - Small Ensemble (less than 12 months tuition)
- GSPS Student String Ensemble - Small Ensemble
- GSPS Percussion One - Trios and Quartets
- GSPS Trombone Duet - Brass Instrument Duet

The following groups received second place in their sections:
- GSPS Concert Band - Large Ensemble
- GSPS Clarinet and Sax - Small Ensemble (less than 12 months tuition)
- GSPS Wind and Brass Trio - Trios and Quartets

The following group received third place in their sections:
- GSPS String Ensemble 9:00am group - Small Ensemble

We took 89 Instrumental Music students to the Eisteddfod this year, with about half of those only receiving lessons for about 6 months! We also took out a major award with the GSPS String Orchestra receiving the ‘Goondiwindi Apex Eisteddfod St. Mary’s School P & F Award for Best Performance in a Primary Ensemble Section. Please congratulate these kids when you have the chance.

The teachers did brilliantly too, with Mr & Mrs Jensen along with Mrs Sheridan winning Best Instrumental Trio, and Mrs Brown winning best Duet (shared with Piper Rowe, ex GSPS student). 5 members of our staff are members of En Canto who won Best Open Choral Award! Mrs Phillips also won the ‘Most Outstanding Contribution to the Eisteddfod’ award.

GSPS choirs won the following awards as well
- GJV - 3 first places, 2 second places.
- GSV - 4 first places, 1 third place.
- GSV - ‘The Champion Primary School Choir’

How’s that????! Music Rocks @ Gundy State!
In addition congratulations to Prep S, Yr 2 & Miss Davis and Yr 5 with Mrs Brown for their 1st places in Class Verse Speaking.

Eisteddfod

Playful Preps

There once was a group of Preps, Who only took little steps, They may look small, And always give their best!

But this rhyme, put us to the test!!!!

Finding lots of words that rhyme
We are really trying our best
If you haven’t already guessed
And off to the big school they cruise!

My oh my they are getting clever
They can add two numbers together
If only they could tie their shoes!!

They have learnt to count in two’s
When the trees are bare
They planned what to wear,
And debated which season is wetter.

And always give their best!

But their tales are tall
They may look small,
Who only took little steps.
From the Deputy.....

Facilities Upgrades:
We were successful in gaining the SSS scheme funding for the refurbishment of Prep with a project budget of $240,000. Tender documents have been finalised and will be sent out this week. We are aiming for all works to be completed by the end of the Christmas break with as little disruption as possible to Prep.

We were also successful in gaining a $300,000 grant to upgrade our Support Learning Centre facilities. We met with Building Asset Services today to discuss plans for the internal refurbishments of this building which supports students from across all year levels. Works may commence in September, however, it may be more likely for them to proceed in November/December.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Reminder
This week, students are being reminded about the following points for using our toilet facilities:
- toilets are not play areas. We use the toilet, wash our hands and leave
- we do not take food or drink into the toilets
- we respect others privacy in the toilets
- we use the toilets at the end of each break time, to avoid wasting our learning time

Thank you to all parents who support our teachers by stressing these reminders at home.

GSHS Structured Work Placements
This week we have been hosting five Goondiwindi State High School students completing their Structured Work Placements. Thank you to Tyla (4MB), Beck (2H), Matthew (6C), Georgia (5A) and Natalia (1HB) for your help this week – it has been great having you with us.

P and C News
Here are a few of the topics discussed at our P and C Meeting on Monday night:
- planning for the replacement of the Senior Adventure Playground
- discussion on our school Recipe Book, released in time for Christmas
- support for the Goondiwindi Horse Sports 19/08
- Fathers Day stall coming up soon

Our next meeting will be on Monday 12 September at 6:00pm – come along and have your say about our school.

Cybersafety Parent Talk
Author and cybersafety expert Brad Huddleston is returning to Goondiwindi to present talks to the Year 5 and 6 students, and deliver a parent information session on Thursday 08 September at 6:00pm. Brad has a great depth of information about the effects of ‘screen time’ on the brain development of young children, and is also able to give parents hints about making technology have a positive impact in your home. The Parent Information Session is sponsored by the P and C, and is FREE to attend.

Ann Korab – Literacy Consultant
This week we have hosted another visit by literacy consultant Ann Korab from Victoria. Ann has been working with teachers right across the school to refine our focus on reading. She has been observing in classes, doing demonstration lessons and conducting professional development meetings along with our Master Teacher Robyn Pearcy. Our teachers have been implementing many of the practical strategies suggested by Ann, and are noticing real growth in both reading achievement, and positive attitudes to reading in students.

Hidden History - Cultural Awareness Training
Next week, our staff will participate in this training, delivered by staff from the Darling Downs Regional Team. This Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness Training will promote a greater understanding of the histories, cultures, values, beliefs, languages and lifestyles and roles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The interactive workshop will explore an Indigenous perspective of Australian History and expand knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures. Through this work, our staff will be better equipped to:
- develop and implement Indigenous perspectives within school practice including curriculum and pedagogical practices
- challenge stereotypes and beliefs about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their communities
- recognise that Aboriginal people are distinctly different from Torres Strait Islander people, and that within these two distinct groups exists a complex mix of many language groups, belief systems, lore and relationships to the land, seas or waterways

Kind Regards
Lew Verney

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Payment due by 12 August (tomorrow)
For Year 6 Camp

SPEECH PATHOLOGY WEEK 2016
Communication is a basic human right.
Each year Speech Pathology Australia hosts Speech Pathology Week to make Australians aware of those in our community who have a communication or swallowing difficulty. More than 1.1 million Australians have a communication or swallowing difficulty that impacts on their quality of life. Every day speech pathologists are creating futures by changing lives for Australians with communication and swallowing difficulties.
During Speech Pathology Week give a voice to those who have a communication and swallowing difficulty. Join the conversation on social media by using #SPweek

What is a speech pathologist?
Speech pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication disorders, including difficulties with speech, language, reading and writing, stuttering and voice.
They work with people who have communication and swallowing difficulties that:
- arise from premature birth, or may be present from birth (e.g. cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, hearing impairments and cleft palate); or
- occur as a result of physical, intellectual or sensory disability or a mental illness; or
- emerge during early childhood (e.g. speech and language disorders, stuttering, difficulties learning to read and write); or
- occur during adult years (e.g. traumatic brain injury, stroke, head/neck cancers, neurodegenerative disorders such as motor neurone disease); or

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Please be advised that school sores have been reported in our school. Children with this ailment are able to attend school as long as the sores are totally covered and they have started a course of anti-biotics which have been prescribed by a doctor.
Remember our staff are unable to administer any medication which does not have a prescription label with the prescribing doctors name on the label.

STARS OF THE WEEK
PREP M Tinky Scott, Lucy Smith
PREP S Jacqualyn Walters, Callum Atkins
PREP T Regan Moloney, Jessica Renshaw
1F Zach Harvey, Moala Moggs
1HB Kate Smith, Eva Webb
2D Landon Kopittke, Ashton Hamilton
Taminya Bloomfield
2H Grace Thoms, Ian Thompson
Molly Tanner
2M A Team Award—Leopards
Kyara Kross, Briley Boston,
Xavier Jenkins, Mia Kitzelmann,
Mitchell Brown, Erykah McElheran
2/3G Kassee Ash, Whole Class
3J Maddison Wells
3SY Summer Golledge, Chloe Carrigan
3R Katie Bate, Hawkesbury Carney
4H Memphis Diamond, Nicholas Fallon
4M Jenna McCaly, Terry Jones
4MB Pennie Coombs, Pamela McIntosh
5A Chase Brady, Ashton Gaffney
5BC Violet Whitby, Max Parker,
Yr 5 Eisteddfod Poetry Group
5DM Shanarli Peckham, Brody Vassallo
6C Clara McGrady, Bethany Brady
6MJ Imogen Norton, A J McIntosh
6V Joe Kopittke, Seth Kross

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