Border Rivers Sing

If you love to sing, have never sung or just want to know what makes choral singing so good, then this weekend is for you! Come along on the weekend of the 18/19 February to the Golden Age Centre and join in this fabulous workshop facilitated by Stephanie Eaton from Brisbane. On Saturday there will be a community choir session commencing at 11am while Sunday’s session, commencing at 8.30am, will be aimed at students from years 4 – 12. Everyone is welcome!

On Saturday night there will be a special screening of the documentary “When We Sing” at the Goondiwindi Cinema. For more details contact Benita Klowss on 0403 982402 or register at www.ticketebo.com.au/borderriverssing

This is a weekend not to be missed!

GOONDIWINDI JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
SIGN ON DAY!!
SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2017
9:00am - 2:00pm @ The Clubhouse

Cost:
Under 7’s - Under 10’s $110.00
Under 11’s - Under 16’s $130.00

Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate if this is their first time playing for GJRL.

SCHOOL BANKING HAS STARTED IN 2017
Bring your bank books and deposits to school each Thursday and hand in at the tuckshop to be banked.

If you do not have school banking for your child yet, please see Angela at the Tuckshop on Thursday mornings or enquire at the Commonwealth Bank

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Term 1  Week 3
09 February 2017

FEBRUARY
13   Full School Assembly - Leaders Induction
22   Zone Basketball trials
24   Zone Tennis trials

MARCH
1   Regional Swimming trials
10   Zone Netball & League trial
21   Meet & Greet evening
21   HARMONY DAY
22   Zone Cricket trials
24   Zone Touch trials
25   GUNDY STATE FANTASTIC FETE
31   Cross Country Carnival

APRIL
1   EASTER HOLIDAYS
18   Return to school for Term 2

CHOIR BEGINS
Choir starts next week for all students. Year 2 & 3 (GJV) rehearsal will be on Tuesday while Years 4-6 (GSV) will rehearse on Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their folder ready to start. Students in 2DM will be swimming during their choir time so can join choir once swimming finishes in week 8.
From the Principal…
Welcome to Week 3 and another hot one. Looks like a cooler change might be on the way next week, so here is hoping for a break in the weather.

Our Literacy Blocks are in full swing with all literacy interventions: MiniLit, MultiLit and Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) underway. These supports are aimed at assisting those children who need additional support in decoding and comprehension and have proved to be very helpful in improving students results and confidence in literacy.

We also welcome back our Literacy Consultant, Ann Korab, from Melbourne who will continue her work with all teachers in the teaching of reading and writing. We are also updating our reading assessments, using a new resource, which Ann will provide professional development in for key staff members. This updated assessment tool will allow our staff to gain greater insight into students reading strengths and needs, to better inform their planning and instruction as well as provide clearer feedback to students as to their “next steps” in learning.

Mrs Pearcey, Mr Verney and I have been at professional development earlier this week to assist us in refining our assessment processes as well as how to better support staff in their teaching practices. We have some really great insights into new research and ways to add to our current school practices to improve the teaching and learning for all students.

Thank you to Mr Rod Morris and his band of happy helpers who assisted in setting up the tents for the Hell of the West last weekend. It was also great to see the large number of staff and families who volunteered their time to make this such a successful weekend. I just loved cheering on our students in the Saturday event. They are all winners in my book.

I look forward to our first Fete meeting next Wednesday afternoon to start the ball rolling for our Easter Fete. Mrs Anita Smith did a great job of this year’s fete. I would love to see some extra helpers at this meeting as sharing the load really makes the load lighter in preparing for this event. Our children just love it as well as it being a good fundraiser for our school practices to improve the teaching and learning for all students.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Reminder
This week our classes will be working with their teachers on the topic of Bullying, as covered in our BounceBack social skills program. Following is some information for parents from the website ‘Bullying - No Way’

Parents and other carers have a key role in preventing and responding to bullying.

You can:
Learn what bullying is and what it is not. This is the first step in talking about how to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. ‘Bullying’ is a word that is used for lots of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious, but may require different responses.

Talk about bullying with your child at home to make it easier for them to tell you if something happens. Make sure they know what bullying is and how they can respond. Help prepare your children to prevent online bullying and to know what to do if it happens.

Recognise the warning signs of bullying. Although there may not be an issue, you should talk to your child if you have any concerns. Raise the topic generally if you don’t want to ask directly. Be aware that many times children and young people won’t ask for help, so it is important to know what to look for.

Learn about how to respond appropriately if your child tells you about bullying. You can reassure your child by remaining calm and being supportive.

Find out as much as you can about what has happened by talking calmly with your child. A good understanding about what has happened can also help you in communicating with the school about the situation.

Contact the school if bullying has occurred and the school needs to be involved. Read about how you and the school can work together to support your child, whether your child was bullied, bullied others, or witnessed bullying.

From the Deputy…
Leaders Investiture Ceremony
All parents and school supporters are warmly invited to attend our Leaders Investiture Ceremony, to be held next Monday, 13 February at 9:00am. Our special guests for this assembly will be our P and C President and Vice President, and the newly selected GSHS Captains, along with Mr Brett Hallett, their Principal. Class Captains, House Captains and our eight school leaders will all receive their badges of office. Because of this full school assembly, there will be no Junior Assembly next week (Thursday 16 February).