Border Rivers Sing

If you love to sing, have never sung or just want to know what makes choral singing so good for you, 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 982 402 or register at www.ticketebo.com.au/borderriverssing This is a weekend not to be missed!

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY @6.00PM
P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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IN
LIBRARY
ALL WELCOME

Lions Community Camp, Super-Clinic and Hawks Club Sign-on!

4 - 6.30pm Tuesday 21st February at Ridders Oval
Come along and register your interest in Juniors (U12, U14, U16)

Be there to meet two
Brisbane Lions players!

For more information contact
Sam Dunmill on 0429 111 088

Junior Hawks

Thursday afternoons 3.30 - 5.00
Costs $25 and includes Hawks shirt and hat
Ages 5 - 8
Every Thursday starting 23rd February
and finishing at the end of Term 1
Sign-on at the Super-Clinic

All Qld students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers only. Students will need to use their school email address to sign in and the subscription lasts for as long as they are a Qld state school students.

To download visit portal.office.com using your school email, click through to install and follow the on screen process. Detailed instructions are available at education.qld.gov.au/office2016

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All parents are warmly invited to attend a 15 minute interview with class teachers next week, on Tuesday 21 February from 3:30pm onwards. These interviews will be held in our Multi-Purpose Hall. This is one of two formal interview times we will offer this year – the next being after Semester One reports have been issued. Please read the letter of invitation sent home this week, and return it to book in your preferred time. Specialist teachers (Physical Education, Classroom Music, Instrumental Music, LOTE, Special Education and Support Teachers) will also be available to discuss particular subject areas and support provided. We look forward to welcoming you next Tuesday. Following are some tips for parents about getting the most out of a Parent-Teacher interview:

10 tips to help you when talking to the teacher

The parent/teacher meeting is an important time to share ideas and information with your child’s teacher. You can also discuss ways to help your child develop strengths and overcome challenges. These 10 tips will help you get the most out of your time with the teacher. Remember: at many parent/teacher meetings, your time will be limited.

1. Be prepared. Before meeting the teacher, think about what you want to know and understand about your child’s school experience. Review the report card and write down key questions you want to ask.

2. Ask yourself questions. Focus on what you want to get out of your parent/teacher meeting by asking yourself questions. For example, “What methods are being used to teach my child?” or “What can I do to get involved in my child’s learning?”

3. Talk to your child before. Ask your children what they think they are good at and what needs improving. Let them tell you how they feel about school, the teacher and getting along with others.

4. Arrive ready. Be sure you come to the parent/teacher meeting in a positive frame of mind and with all the materials you need. Bring the questions you prepared in advance along with your child’s report card.

5. Relax and feel confident. You know your child best and want what’s best. Remember, the teacher also wants your child to be successful.

6. Be clear about what’s being said. If you need clarification or have concerns about an answer the teacher gives, ask the teacher to explain it further. Don’t be satisfied until you fully understand.

7. Think about what was discussed. Take some time to think about what you and the teacher talked about. If you are still unclear about something or want to ask more questions, don’t be afraid to call the teacher to talk further.

8. Follow-up at home. Talk with your child after you have met with the teacher. Discuss what was talked about in the meeting, focusing on the positive and how to achieve the goals that you set.

9. Keep a log or journal. Write down the actions you take and any observations about your child. This is important information that can be shared with the teacher at the next meeting.

10. Arrange the next meeting. Set a date when you will call the teacher for an update on your child’s progress or to arrange another meeting.

Source: Parent and Community Engagement Framework, Ontario Dept of Educ
From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 4. I cannot believe how quickly the term is going with next week marking half way of a term full of learning. Our new Wise Owls, Albert and Ollie help acknowledge great class attendance, with students striving to achieve the school goal of 93%.

Thank you to all who attended our Easter Fete meeting yesterday. Lots of fun and laughter are planned for this day, with children being our focus.

6A had the great privilege of Skyping with the Governor General of Australia this week, having the chance to ask questions as well as share information about Goondiwindi with him. What an excellent preparation to the Year 6 Camp which visits Canberra. Mr Verney gave the class a brief lesson to help the class brush up on their knowledge of Australian government, helping the students ask some really insightful and thoughtful questions. We were one of three schools across Australia to be offered this wonderful opportunity.

Our Whole School Assembly on Monday where we presented student leader badges was a lovely opportunity to congratulate our young leaders and wish them well. Thank you to the Goondiwindi State High school leaders, Ellie Billsborough (past school captain of GSPS) and Rian Le Roux, for their speeches and for Mr Hallett and Mrs Bishop for their attendance. Thanks once again to Mrs Lewis, our P&C President, and Ms Harris, Vice President for presenting our Class Captains badges. I wish all students a very rewarding year of learning and growth.

I had the privilege of presenting the Year Level Captains badges at the Goondiwindi State High School Investiture this week. Wonderful to see our students continuing to shine in their high school years. The guest speaker, Mrs Joy Owls, spoke about the importance of believing in yourself and giving more than you expect to get, as fundamental to leadership.

Literacy Links

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Prep M  Taia McGlashan, Zac Brady
1B  Whole Class
1C  Riley Syme, Parker Quinnell
1H  Whole Class
1M  Mason Lloyd, Lachlan Leadbetter
2DM  Chyna Bell
2H  Kate Smith, Levi Charles
2R  Millie Stratton, Claeton Mullins
3C  Bodie Vaughan, Grace Thompson
3SY  Briley Boston, Kyra Kross
4H  Hayley Crawford, Whole Class
4L  Paige Brennan, Thomas Cook
4MA  Gemma Maloney, Michael Brassel
4/5M  Lily Sutton, Kyne Upton
5BC  Layla McGrady, Sheridan Brady
5C  Katelyn Martyn, Setaya Dawson-Dray
5DY  Natalie Smith, Matthew Schultz
6A  Keira Perry, Jayden Boston
6JC  Bryan Greenland, Ellie Lewis
6P  Hayley Moorcroft, Tamika Lirrg
6V  Ebony Trebeck, Kohwin Martyn

**Gundy State Fantastic Fete**

25th March 2017

11am-3pm

- Start collecting your items and bottles for the bottle stall—ideas: hair clips, lollies, pencils, stickers, small toys, soft drink—all donations can be left at the office
- Put on your thinking caps for our Easter Bonnet Parade, there are going to be some new categories this year—watch this space for more info
- Any donations towards our plant stall would be greatly appreciated, including empty pots and potting mix
- We are after donations towards our Easter Egg Raffle, which will be drawn at the fete. Please send all donations of Easter items into the tuckshop by the 3rd March. Ticket sales will begin Monday 6th March, and the raffle will be drawn at the fete. Thank you.
- Watch this space for more information coming soon

**From the Deputy…**

Music Sub Committee

I would like to congratulate the office bearers of the Music Sub Committee of our P and C Association, who were elected at the AGM held on Wednesday this week. They are:

- President: Kim Balmer
- Vice President: Jennine Craig
- Secretary: Rachel Gower
- Treasurer: Sarah Whitby

We look forward to working with the committee as they support all children doing music in our school—which is, EVERY CHILD! Exciting events planned by the Music Sub Committee for 2017 include the very popular Music Trivia Night, planned for 12th May and the excursion to the Creative Generations State Schools On Stage show on Friday 14 July. The Sub Committee will also fund raise through events such as the APEX Eisteddfod in August, and the Plucked Duck B and S in September.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Reminder

This week, our students have been reminded about following directions give to them by an adult at our school. This could be in class, in a specialist lesson, on an excursion or camp, or on our school buses. When students are not willing to follow instructions, this can cause loss of learning time through disruption, and could place other students or staff in an unsafe situation. Thank you to all parents who follow up with their children concerning our reminders every week.

POKEMON Cards

Many students are bringing these cards to school to play with swap etc with friends, and they usually are great fun and very attractive to children. Unfortunately, the cards are the cause of disagreements between students over rules of the game, unfair swapping, or just taking cards from others. We ask that students do not bring Pokemon cards to school—if they are seen, they will be kept safe by teachers, and parents called to collect them. We certainly do not want to see learning time being lost because of disputes over Pokemon cards.

Kind Regards

Lew Verney

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**News from the 2’s**

Whoosh! The rocket zoomed into outer space. Dog and Magpie were off on an adventure.

- The year twos have been busy this term learning all about narrative writing. They are learning the structure—including an orientation, complication and resolution, as well as using interesting noun groups to improve their descriptive writing. We have been reading the book ‘Fox’ by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks, and the students have used the characters to create their own story.

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and even into the 100s has been a focus lately for the year twos! We have studied the hundreds board looking for patterns and ordered some very big numbers from smallest to biggest—with the ones, tens and hundreds column. Also this term the students have been working with calendars and months/days/seasons.

- The year two teachers would love if you could make sure your child is reading every night, and handing in their homework on a Friday. Thank you!

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**LOST & FOUND**

If you have lost a red ‘Rentokil’ swimming bag please collect from the office