



Gympie High News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 Aug Yr 11 and 12 Parent/ Teacher Interview
- 5 Aug Whole School Athletics Day
- 9 Aug Jeans for Genes Day
- 16 Aug Yr 8 - 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 17 Aug Good Deeds Morning Tea

Gympie State High School Music Support Group

1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Music Room, F1.

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

THE LEARNING THAT HAPPENS AWAY FROM THE CLASSROOM

As I scanned the School Calendar to ensure I included all upcoming events, I reflected just how fortunate our students are to have the curriculum that we offer and the teachers who bring the curriculum alive. However our teachers are mindful of the difficult financial situations some of our families are placed in and so have reduced the time out for excursions. If your child is studying one of the following subjects take the time to ask them about their experience.

AGRICULTURE: Gympie Carcass Competition; Cattle Showing Brisbane Exhibition; **DRAMA:** Zen Zen Zo, Physical Theatre; Billy Brown's Studio, Brisbane; **ECONOMICS:** Ecoman; **ENGLISH:** Grin and Tonic; Macro Giori (Bush Poet); **MARINE STUDIES:** Underwater World; Camps Noosa Munna Point; **SCIENCE:** PHYSICS: Dreamworld; **STEM:** Robotics Excursion, University of Sunshine Coast.

All excursions take time to organise and there is a roll on effect for the teachers who have to leave their other classes behind and for the students who miss other classes as they are on excursion. I'd like to remind students that it's their responsibility to follow up with their teacher in their own time when they miss class work.

If we add to this our students' involvement in knockout sporting competitions: Netball, Futsal, Volleyball, Rugby League, Hockey and Tennis you will see just how much class time your child might be missing.

It is getting to the "pointy end of things" for the Year 12's. This is a really busy term. All students should have their Assessment Calendars by next week. All students should have a plan laid out for the semester to make sure they can take advantage of the excursions and sport while still meeting all of their assessment requirements.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I'd like to invite all parents to take the opportunity to get face to face feedback from your child's teachers. This could be an opportunity to take your student along to the interview and also hear first hand of the partnership that school and home has in our attempt to get the best outcomes for every student. Our Parent Teacher Interviews in Semester One are always well attended. Unfortunately historically it's not the case for Semester Two interviews. I'm hoping our new online booking system helps to boost our numbers this year.

UNIFORM

Our efforts over the past few weeks to make sure students are warm and still in school uniform has really been quite successful. Thank you to the families who are adhering to the school dress code. The school purchased grey stockings have been a big hit as are the knitted jumpers. We have already run out of stock and are in the process of purchasing more. I am however really disappointed with other aspects of the uniform at the moment.

Already the short, shorts are creeping back into the uniform. Students should dress for school not the beach. I don't understand the make-up, nail polish and coloured hair issue. I would hope that our parents would be supporting us here too. I don't believe our guidelines with regards to these aspects of our school uniform are unreasonable and, in fact, are quite liberal.

I want to share something with our parents with regard to our dress code. It's an example of why it's important that your child leaves home following the guidelines set out in the student diary. As a Deputy Principal I was more flabbergasted than annoyed and yet if one of our teachers had had to confront this behaviour at the start of a lesson it could well and truly ruin the tone of the lesson and the teaching and learning that went on in the lesson.

While on duty in the Canteen I asked a student why her hair was blue; at first she turned her back on me and ignored me. I gained her attention by again politely asking her why her hair was coloured bright blue. She laughed it off. I took her to one side so as not to embarrass her and asked her again and asked her name and she said something along the lines of "what of it, it's my hair" and at first refused to tell me her name. Oh my goodness is all I can say. Number one I am certain the majority of our parents wouldn't encourage their child to be disrespectful not only to me but of rules in general. Number two we have a school dress code that is endorsed by our P & C and as such all students are expected to abide by it.

Regards

Mrs Chatman

GYMPIE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

P & C Association Meeting. To be held at the Common Room in the Main Office on 9th August at 7:00pm.

Dear Parents

Over the next weeks, a sample of students and parents will be invited to participate in the Department of Education & Training 2011 School Opinion Surveys.

Responses to the survey questions provide useful information to us about how our school is progressing against a range of items. This information is used to assist us in reflecting on our programs and practice.

This year the survey can be submitted as a paper form or online. The paper response forms are anonymous and are returned to a contractor by the school for scanning and the reporting of aggregate results back to the school later this year. The online survey is completed with individual access codes.

These surveys form an important part of our monitoring and reporting processes and I encourage the sampled students and parents to fully participate in the survey.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact me on the school number 54 898333.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

Rosemary Horn

URGENT - HOST FAMILY REQUIRED

The Australian Institute of International Understanding (AIU) is looking for a family that would be willing to host a male Japanese student (age 16) currently studying in Year 11 at Gympie State High School. Host period would be Term 4 2011 and over the Christmas holiday.

The student has been in Australia for 5 months and has adjusted very well to the language, culture and climate. He has joined a local soccer club and has made a number of good friends during his stay. The suitable host family is paid a monthly stipend for the duration of the host period. Both host family and student are supported during the hosting period with regular contacts with an AIU Support Officer.

If you are interested in hosting this student or would welcome further details, please contact Karen Chamberlain (AIU Support Officer) at home after hours on 54837965.

Volunteers Needed For Reading Program

If you have a spare hour or two each week or would like a challenge, this may be for you.

As part of a plan to improve reading, comprehension and literacy skills in Year 8 and Year 9 students at Gympie State High School, volunteers are required to participate in the Volunteer Reading Program 2011, to work with individual students, improving their reading and comprehension. Reading is an essential life skill and practising improves this skill.

If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in the volunteer reading program and are eligible for a blue card, please contact Jenny Kachel on 5489 8354 to register your interest. Alternatively, respond in writing to Jenny Kachel at Gympie State High School, PO Box 22, Gympie or send an e-mail to jkach3@eq.edu.au.

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Friday: 8.00am - 10.00am

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PAYMENT WINDOW

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:00am-9.10am
12.15pm-1.00pm



Book School Interviews Online

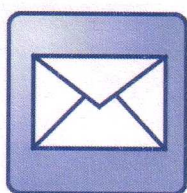
Dear Parents

Parent /Teacher Interviews for students in **Year 8 - 10** will be held between 4:00pm—6:00pm on Tuesday 16th August at Hamilton Hall. This evening will provide an opportunity to meet your child's new teachers in order to check their progress in new subjects this semester as well as check with teachers who still have them for core subjects about their Semester One results. Gympie SHS is using an online booking scheme for the parent teacher interview. You will be able to book your interview times from Monday 25 July —Friday 12 August.

To book simply go to <http://gympieshs.eq.edu.au/wcms> and follow these simple instructions.



Go to <http://gympieshs.eq.edu.au/wcms>. Click on School Interviews located in the main menu bar. You will be taken to the School Interview website. Enter the School code and follow the three simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For your convenience we have several booking options available to you:

1. Book your interview appointment online – <http://gympieshs.eq.edu.au/wcms> - click on School Interviews, enter **the above code** as the School Code and follow the prompts – your appointment will be confirmed by email.
2. Call into the school's Main Administration Office.
3. Contact your child's Mini School .

If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, parents will need to contact the class teacher directly to arrange an alternative interview time outside of the allocated schedule. Parents can change their interview times any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 54 898 333.

Hockey

On the 20th July a group of boys played hockey against St Patrick's College, James Nash State High School and Cooloola Christian College.

We played three games on the day. In the first game against St Patrick's College we came away with a draw. The second game was against Cooloola Christian College which also ended in a draw but because we had more penalty corners we advanced through to the final. In the final we went down 3-0. On the day everyone played well as a team.

The team consisted of Tom Manthey, Roady Parkes, Harry Long, Ben Jones, Zach Gagen, Sam Coleman, Aidan Patrick, Jared Parke, Jye Weller, Jed Webb, Patrick Hanlon, Dale McVicar, Jack McKean. We would all like to thank Mr Gagen for coming down and looking after us.

By
Roady Parkes (yr 12)

School Athletics Carnival

The school carnival is on this Friday the 5th August here at school on Willows oval. Students are encouraged to dress up in appropriate clothing in their house colours. The canteen will operate as well as many other stalls : facepainting, drinks, and a sausage sizzle.

Please bring a water bottle that can be used and refilled and a hat. Sunscreen will be provided.

GYMPIE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

*** TRIVIA NIGHT***

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST, 2011

TEAMS OF 8 PEOPLE

\$10.00 PER PERSON

GREAT PRIZES

PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED TEAM

LICENSED VENUE

BAR FACILITY WILL BE OPERATING

TIME: 6.30PM FOR 7.00PM START

**WHERE: GYMPIE JUNIOR RUGBY
LEAGUE CLUB HOUSE JACK
STOKES OVAL**

TEAM BOOKINGS AND INQUIRIES PLEASE

CALL KARYN ON 0414 967 467

Visiting Speaker

On Wednesday August 10th, visiting speaker John Mackay will be at Gympie State High School to give a science presentation examining the evidence for the Biblical account of Creation and current Evolutionary teaching.

Attendance to the presentation is completely voluntary and is only available with parental consent.

This will provide students with the opportunity to hear an alternative point of view and challenge him with questions.

John Mackay is an experienced speaker and has debated this topic internationally with some of the world's leading scientists.

The presentation will take place during period 3 whilst school parade is on ensuring no class time is missed. Questions will follow during the lunch break where some food will also be provided.

Parental permission forms can be collected from the school Chaplain, John Donaldson

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