Hello Gympie East Community,

Welcome back to a new year. I hope everyone had a wonderful festive season and enjoyed having the kid’s home for the last 6 weeks. We have had a very smooth start to the year with all students settling into their new classes and lots of learning happening. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and hope you enjoy your time at Gympie East. I would also like to welcome Mr Barley to our teaching staff and wish him all the best for 2017.

This year at GESS we are continuing our school wide focus on reading, embedding all the wonderful reading practises introduced in 2016. Our priority is to embed our balanced reading program using Sheena Cameron’s comprehension strategies and the gradual release model, which ensures explicit teaching of reading, happens on a daily basis. As part of our reading focus, Year 3 and 5 students will continue to participate in Daily Rapid Reading (DRR) during Semester One. Ms Michelle and Mr Watson will take each student for a 15min session which will focus on children reading out loud and comprehension strategies. This will enable us to focus on each individual student, inform teacher’s delivery of English lessons and help to track student’s misconceptions and improvement.

On top of our reading focus, we are also continuing with Spelling Mastery and embedding our systematic delivery of curriculum through a united whole school curriculum plan. This allows students to work on their own individual programs for spelling and reading while teachers' delivery the Australian Curriculum using best practises. Due to the commitment of Teachers and Teacher Aides at Gympie East, all children are receiving a high level of quality assured education.

Our enrolments for 2017 have been very exciting. We have 111 students enrolled at the moment, which is 8 more that at the same time as last year. Thank you for your support and sharing positive stories about our school.

Thanks for your continued support.
Cheers
Josh Seaniger
exemption to attend school. This form is available from the office.

**Early Departure & Late Arrival** – If your child is late to school they must come to the office first to be signed in. The reverse applies for early departure if you would like to collect your child early you must do so through the office.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**
8.30 am – 3.15 PM – Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday
8.30 am – 3.00 PM – Wednesdays

Finance times for office 8.30 to 3.00 pm.

**Library News**

**Book Club**

Book Club has started again. There’s heaps of great stuff in the latest catalogue. Make sure you check it out, it’s such good value. Orders need to be in to the office by Thursday 9th February. If you want to order online you can use the LOOP ordering system which is really easy. Just follow the steps on the brochure. If you are ordering online please have your orders in by the due date so all the books can be delivered together.

**Book Fair**

We have another Book Fair coming in March. It will start on Wednesday 8th March and finish on Thursday 16th March with last sales on Thursday morning. (The fair needs to be packed up on Thursday to be taken away first thing on Friday). Hope to see you there.

**Library Bags**

Thanks to everyone who has made sure their child has a library bag for borrowing. All classes will be borrowing on Thursday except for the 4/5 class who will borrow on Wednesday. All students need a library bag to borrow books. It helps keep the books away from any nasties that may be lurking in the bottom of school bags. Books can be borrowed for up to two weeks. After that they need to be returned or renewed. Remind your children that they can also borrow during lunchtimes or before school. I am here Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Have fun reading with your kids. I hope to see you at book fair.

Helen Bailey
Teacher-Librarian

**TUCKSHOP DISH UP!!**

Tuckshop days have changed this year from Tuesday to Wednesday. Fridays will remain unchanged. If you would like to order please put order in a brown paper bag with your child’s name and class clearly marked. **ORDERS MUST BE IN BY TUESDAY, 9.00 AM for Wednesday and THURSDAY, 9.00 AM for Friday.** (Or alternatively you may like to order the week’s tuckshop at one time. We also require some help in the tuckshop. You would only be required to help with preparation. If you are able to give a few hours it would be appreciated. Please fill in the slip below & return to school.

Wednesday – 1 February – Pop n Dog ($2)
Friday – 3 February – Savoury Mince Roll ($2)
Wednesday – 8 February – Ham & Salad Wrap ($2)
Friday – 10 February – Fried Rice ($2)

**Items below are available Wednesday’s only**

- Poppers of Juice or Flavoured Milk - $1.00
- Jelly Cups – 0.50c

**Items below are available Friday’s only**

- Popcorn made to order – 0.50c
- Paddlepops - $1.00
- Quelch Fruit Juice Ice Block – 0.50c
- Poppers of Juice or Flavoured Milk - $1.00
- Fruit Muffin – 0.50c
- Jelly Cups – 0.50c
- Fruit Salad - $1.00

---

**Polleys**

*With go this morning!*

Please note:
You may be required to re-register your student for bus travel in 2017.
Contact Polleys (5480 4500) to collect your forms before the rush! Register over the holidays to avoid having to pay fares at the start of Term 1.
You will need to re-register your students for 2017 if:
1. They were in Grade 6 in 2016
2. The student’s home address has changed
3. If the student is changing school

---

**Uniform News...**

Our Holiday Uniform Shop will be **OPEN**

**THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IN 2017**

2.30 pm till 3.00 pm

Please remember
Cash or Cheque only on the day.
Please pop in for a look,
we have a great variety of stock on hand-
Shirts & Skirts, pants & jackets, hats, pencil cases, backpacks, library, sports & chair bags.
*all available at competitive prices*
We sell at cost or with a small profit.

*Shop at School*
ART STARS SESSIONS
We look forward to a new year of fun for kids with ART STARS creative sessions for kids starting on Saturday 4 February at the Gympie Regional Gallery. Two sessions: 10am-12noon for children aged 5-9yrs and 1pm-3pm for young people aged 10 years and up. Costs $2 to cover materials. Simply turn up. Facilitated by Sandra Ross. Also Tiny Tots Artplay for little kids with their parents begins on Friday 24 February from 10am-11am for littlies aged between 18 months and 3 years. Facilitated by Sabine Gaber. Please book for this one as numbers are limited. Phone 5481 0733 for any further information.

Sandra Ross
Education and Public Programs Officer
Gympie Regional Gallery
39 Nash Street (PO Box 155)
Gympie Qld 4570

HOT SHOTS TENNIS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
Gympie and District Tennis Association Coach Matt Watkins will commence the HotShots Tennis program on Wednesday 8th February at Gympie East State School. Lessons will be held Wednesday Lunchtimes from 11.30am to 12.00pm for a minimum block of 7 weeks. Costs will be $75.00/pupil, $140.00 for 2 children or $190.00 for 3 children in the same family.

To register for the program please contact Matt Watkins on 0417070129 or return the completed form back to the office by Wednesday 8th February

Name………………………….Age…. Grade….
Contact
Phone/s…………………………………….Email…………………….

Parent or Guardian Signature………………………. We accept the Get Started Sporting Vouchers.
Cash or Cheques made payable to Brett Cottrill please.
Direct Deposit B & COTTRILL BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786
students name as reference please.

Join our Excellence Program and our weekly Hot Shots Competition for 1 child $140, 2 children $200 or 3 children $250 per term. Our Hot Shots Competitions start Thursday 2nd February at The Reg English Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd from 3.30pm. Every player that registers receives FREE Gympie Junior Tennis Membership and Tennis Australia Membership.

Cedar Pocket Hall

MINI MARKETS
4th February 2017
8.00am to 12.00pm
Indoor and outdoor sites
Plants, Vegetables, Books, Household items and more.
Sausage sizzle and Devonshire Morning Tea

Mini Markets will be held on the 1st Saturday of each month – mark your calendar

Enquiries and Hiring of Hall – Phone 5486 6037

PARENT HELPERS FOR TUCKSHOP

NAME: __________________________________________
CONTACT NO: __________________________________
Days Available: ________________________________