



# The Eastern Endeavour

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

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 Ms Deb Bloomfield and Mrs Natasha Riley to our teaching staff and wish them all the best for 2018. Deb is teaching 1/2 and comes to use from Tin Can Bay she brings a wealth of experience and I know she is excited to be teaching in a small school setting. Natasha comes to us from Pomona and has already formed a dynamic team with Mrs Jenny Chammen in 3/4. Natasha will also be our special needs and learning support teacher while the lovely Ms Bailey is on maternity leave. We wish her all the best for her leave. This year I will not be teaching a class directly but will be teaching health and social skills across the school as well as doing some work with our students who can be lifted into the upper two bands. This lets me teach across the school and gives me the opportunity to interact with every child on a weekly basis.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our school community for their contribution, care and love surrounding Rosina Griffin and her family. It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to her today. We will always remember her contribution to our great little school. She will be forever in our memories.

Keep your eye on our school notice board for P&C AGM date.

This year at GESS we are continuing our school wide focus on reading. As part of our reading focus, Year 1-3 students will continue to participate in Daily Rapid Reading (DRR) during Semester One. Ms Michelle, Mr Watson and Ms Mowatt will continue on from where they left off with last year. Our main focus will be on numeracy with your children doing pre and post diagnostic testing each term to guide teacher planning and to help us individualise the curriculum for each child. There will also be a consistency of planning and practice across the school with misconceptions identified and addressed,

daily warm ups, and open ending questioning featuring heavily.

Our enrolments for 2018 have been very exciting. We have 131 students enrolled at the moment, which is 20 more than at the same time as last year. Thank you for your support and sharing positive stories about our school.

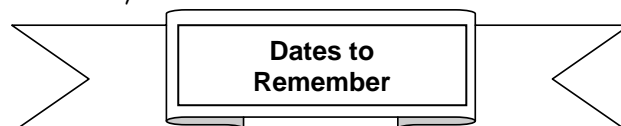
Please remember to use our crossings in the carpark, we set the example for our children. With new enrolments the car park is as busy as ever. Please show care and patience towards our children and each other when entering and leaving the carpark. Thank you already for those who are diligent and attempt to keep our drop off zone moving freely by not reverse parking in this area or getting out of your vehicle.

If you are volunteering in our school (classrooms, garden, tuckshop) it is vital that you first sign in at this office and out when you leave. This is mandatory in case of an emergency so that we know who is on our school grounds.

Have a great long weekend, enjoy our great country. Thanks for your support we have a magic school

Cheers

*Scott Thompson*



Wednesdays	SCHOOL BANKING
Jan 26	Australia Day Holiday
Feb 2	Parade – Badge Presentation
Feb 8	Bookclub due

**Car Park/Bus Area** - When parking on the school side of the car park please be aware of the bus times and collect your child quickly to avoid congestion. Any students waiting for parents should be at the bus shelter to allow easy sight and quick departure. I would like to ask all parents picking up children to use the **crossing** which will also teaches students good road safety.



**Student Absences** - All student absences need to be reported to the school, whether it is by phone call or a written note to the class teacher. If you would like to take your child out of school for more than 2 weeks (10 days) for eg. on a holiday, you must apply for an exemption from school. This form is available from the office.

**Early Departure & Late Arrival** – If your child is late to school they need to 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.

Also, if you are not able to collect your child please let the office know.

### 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.

REMINDER OUR PHONED NUMBER IS 54877 111

#### Library News

##### Borrowing

It's all go for the New Year and borrowing will start next week. There are quite a few new additions to the library which we acquired at the last Book Fair which was once again very successful. Your child's teacher will tell you which day they will be borrowing (either Wednesday or Thursday). **All children need a library bag in order to borrow books.** Please make sure they bring their library bag on the appropriate day. If your child doesn't have a library bag they can use a thick plastic shopping bag, a green shopping bag or a pillow case. Please don't put library books in the child's school bag as they can get food/drink on them.

##### Book Club

The first Book Club for the year has been sent home. Orders are due back by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. If you aren't sure how to order books please come in and see me on Wednesday or Thursday. Orders can be handed in at the office with payment or alternatively there is the LOOP online ordering system. If you order online the school still benefits from your order and the books are delivered to the school for your child to bring home.

If you have any questions or would like to have a look at the new books please feel free to come into the library on a Wednesday or Thursday. All welcome.

Enjoy reading with your kids. It's the most fun you can have in bed.

Helen Bailey  
Teacher-Librarian

Library borrowing has finished for the year. Please ensure all books are returned as soon as possible. Classroom teachers have lists of all books on loan. Please check with them if you aren't sure of what your child has borrowed.

##### Book Fair

A huge thankyou to everyone who purchased books from the recent Book Fair. Once again our fair was a huge success. We have such an amazing community here. We now have quite a lot of new books that will be on the shelves for kids to read in the new year. It makes my day to see their faces light up when they see the new books and get excited about reading. Have an amazing Christmas. I hope you find many opportunities to share books with your children over the holidays.

Helen Bailey  
Teacher-Librarian

#### **Free Microsoft Office for students**

All Queensland state school students can download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. Students will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don't have or know their school login, school email account and password should contact their school's Managed Internet Service (MIS) administrator (Mr Watson). The administrator will help students activate their school login. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you're a Queensland state school student.

#### **Download process**

For PC and Mac, visit <http://portal.office.com>, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

A safe, fun & affordable sport  
for the whole family

## Gympie Hockey

**Get Started! Vouchers Accepted**

'Just Hockey for all your Hockey equipment needs - sticks / shoes / bags etc'

**Friday Feb 16th from 5pm  
(Bar/BBQ/Games)**

**Saturday Feb 17th - 10am to 2pm**

'Free - sausage sizzle / ice blocks / 'come and try'  
U 7(Hook in2 Hockey), U 9, U 11, U 13, Youth & Seniors (Men/Women)

Need to no more contact Ben on 0448 094 420

Or visit our website – [www.gympiehockey.org.au](http://www.gympiehockey.org.au)

Email – [rcd@gympiehockey.org.au](mailto:rcd@gympiehockey.org.au)

[www.facebook.com/GympieDistrictHockeyAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/GympieDistrictHockeyAssociation)



# JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL FUN, FITNESS, SKILLS & TEAMWORK

Sign on dates - 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Where - Touch Club House, Albert Park  
**SIGN ON BETWEEN 3:30pm-6.00pm**

**Games start - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
January**

Season dates - 31<sup>st</sup> January – 20<sup>th</sup> June  
(20 Weeks)

**Age Groups U/8's, 8-9 years,10-12  
years**

School teams very welcome or join a  
mixed team

**Cost only \$60.00 per child  
per season**

**This includes end of season pizza and  
slushie celebration at Grandfinals**

PLEASE EMAIL ENQUIRIES TO  
[gympietouch@gmail.com](mailto:gympietouch@gmail.com)

**Facebook Gympie Touch Association**

Gympie East School has a team in this  
competition, at the moment we only have a few  
members. If your child is interested in playing  
this competition register your interest at the  
sign on or let the school know.

## Shrek the Musical Jr

Gympie's biggest brightest

Broadway Musical in 9 years

Performances

Sunday, 28 January @ 6.00 pm

Friday, 2 February @ 7.00 pm

Saturday, 3 February @ 11.00 am & 4.00 pm

Sunday, 4 February @ 11.00 am & 4.00 pm

Venue: Gympie Heritage Theatre

Tickets - \$28.00 – Adults @ Kids prices

Bookings – 54837879 – Musician's Garage

## HOT SHOTS TENNIS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches **Matt Watkins** will commence **Hot Shots Tennis program** from **Wednesday 7th February** at **Gympie East State School**. Groups will be held on **Wednesday lunchtimes** from **11.30am to 12.00pm** for a **MINIMUM BLOCK OF 7 WEEKS**. Costs will be **\$80.00/pupil, \$150.00 for 2 children or \$200.00 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 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Name.....Age.... Grade.....  
Phone/s.....  
Parent/Guardians Signature.....  
Email.....

**We accept the Get Started Sporting Vouchers.**  
**Please make cash payment or cheques payable to Brett Cottrill.**  
**Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL. BSB 014-585 ACCT 583359786 including students name as reference.**