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# The Eastern Endeavour

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Hello Gympie East parents, carers and community,

Students are settled into routines and classrooms are quiet, calm learning spaces which is absolutely fantastic to see. Our behaviour data is showing a decrease in playground behaviour from this time last year which we are obviously very happy to see. The new behaviour processes are working. Initially we saw a higher number of minor behaviours in the classroom, however, this is trending down with students understanding the expectations along with parents supporting the school's learning expectations.

Teachers are now confident with the new version 9 of the Australian Curriculum that we are operating with in English and Maths. In our Staff Meeting this week, teachers paired up and were discussing high impact strategies that they were implementing and how they differentiated for their students. These were great discussions to have and even better to see in practice.

### **Pick up Line - IMPORTANT**

At pick up time, students are to wait inside the gate until their parent's car pulls up in the stop and go area. We have had some students walking to cars in the line on the road, this cannot happen as it is dangerous.

If you park in the parking lot, please ensure you hop out of your car and walk your child across the crossing. We do not have a crossing guard and they cannot walk across with an adult.

### **PBL**

Our focus for Week 3 is 'Wear a hat' while our focus for Week 4 is 'Build friendships'. Each week a PBL focus powerpoint is delivered in class with a lesson and a reminder for why this focus area is important.

### **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

Online NAPLAN tests provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

NAPLAN will run from 12 – 24<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to our fantastic P&C who will provide a breakfast for our students participating in NAPLAN.



	Term 1
Feb 19	Meet n Greet
Mar 3	Prep Photos
Mar 12	NAPLAN Commences
Mar 19	P&C AGM
Mar 27	School Photos
Apr 1	Cross Country

### **Gympie District Sport**

Gympie District sports trials will begin soon for some sports, this is for students born in 2013, 2014 and 2015. For those students who took a note, please make sure you return it as soon as possible.

**Cross Country / Run Club**

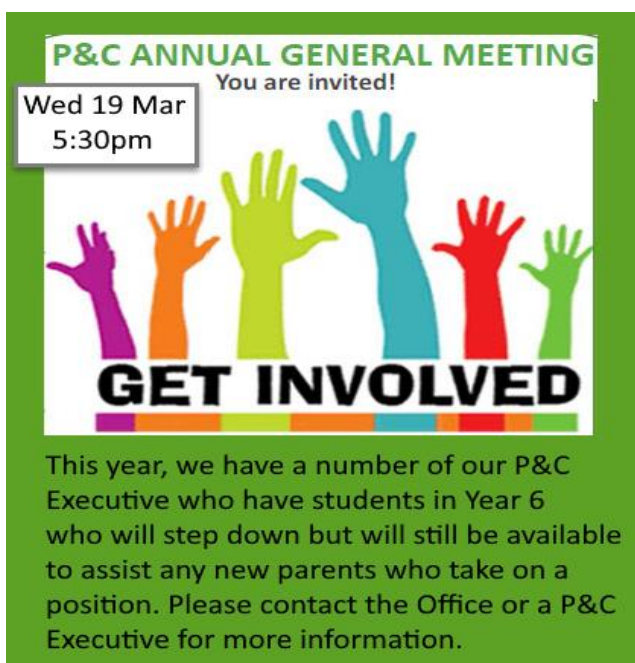
Run club 'runs' from 8:30-9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For every 20 laps students complete, students will receive a zooper dooper to cool them off which can be redeemed at 1<sup>st</sup> break Fridays. This is all in preparation for our Cross Country on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Students running distances start from 500m up to 3km, so training is important. We will be posting more information closer to the event.

**Prep Photos**

Gympie Today will be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10:30 am to take photos for their annual publication. If you do not want your child to be photographed, please contact the Office.

**P&C AGM**

Our P&C AGM is coming up on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm in the School Library. All welcome



**P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
You are invited!  
Wed 19 Mar  
5:30pm

**GET INVOLVED**

This year, we have a number of our P&C Executive who have students in Year 6 who will step down but will still be available to assist any new parents who take on a position. Please contact the Office or a P&C Executive for more information.

**Meet & Greet**

The Meet & Greet Pizza Night will be on this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and all families are welcome.



**TUCKSHOP**

There have been some changes to the Tuckshop menu. Please see attached for the latest copy.

**STUDENT ABSENCES – We are understand parents are busy but emailing your child’s teacher to say they are absent or will be absent is not a reliable source of**

**communication, sometimes these messages do not get passed on to the office. Teachers are unable to mark the reason students are absent except that they are absent. If all parents could please ring the absence line (no need to talk to office staff) or email admin it would be greatly appreciated.**

All students who are intending to be out of the school for more than 10 days for eg. a holiday an exemption form must be completed prior to the leaving date & the exemption approved by the Principal. Please see the office for this form.

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