From the Classroom

This term we will be trialling two new web based programs in the area of Numeracy and Literacy.

In Numeracy we will be using Mathletics which so far looks great, very engaging for the students and is able to provide some very useful feedback and tracking tools for staff.

In the Literacy area we will be using Reading eggs. Reading eggs starts off at a very basic level and progresses through some quite advance activities for the older students. It enables students to work at a level that is challenging for them.

Both of these programs come highly recommended.

Construction News

Over the next few weeks we will be having work done on the tennis court so we will have work crews here each day. They are covering the concrete with Astro Turf and also putting a roof over the entire court. This is a big project and they are expecting to be finished by the end of June. This will be a great asset to the school, all the students are really looking forward to making use of it.

NAPLAN Update

Next week we have the NAPLAN tests. These tests are on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. Most of the children look forward to them because we pass out lollies during the tests. We certainly don’t talk about it too much so hopefully the students won’t worry. If you notice that your child has any issues leading up to the test please let us know.

Buy a Bale

We have nominated to participate in the ‘Buy a Bale” charity to support Australian farmers. We have had plenty of tins dropped into school that we can use to collect money for a great project. I am currently finding out about the legal issues etc to see if we can take some students into either Mundubbera or Gayndah to collect some money for this really worthwhile cause. Our students have been talking about some of the issues faced by some Aussie families on the land and are looking forward to helping out.

Cheers Andrew

Tuckshop

Meat Pie, Popper and Chips

$4.50
Prep - Year 2 News

Another short week for our students with the May day long weekend. I hope that everyone had a lovely rest and enjoyed the extra sleep in.

All students have been tested for this terms PM Benchmark Readers. Most students have moved up levels, however if your child hasn't please remember there are a variety of reasons why they haven’t;

1) **Fluency**—Firstly we want all our students to read fluently. This means reading at a comfortable pace and pausing for sentences and punctuation. Reading too fast often happens because students believe success means reading FAST, the problem with reading too quickly is they often miss the comprehension part of the text and make simple mistakes by missing out words from the text or putting in different words. In class we work on getting students to read from Capital letter to full stop, and then pause.

2) **Comprehension**—The reason we read is to understand what we are reading. Comprehension is taking what the author has written and being able to use that information to answer questions or learn new facts.

3) **Expression**—students that understand what they are reading will then use expression in their reading. Showing that they are understanding the punctuation in a sentence, where to pause, if someone is talking and the use of description words to give emphasis.

All these things must to taken into account before they more forward, there is no good moving students on if they still need to work on a certain area of their reading.

Hope this explains a little bit about reading and different tactics you can use at home. If you are noticing any of these problems at school please don’t hesitate to come in and let us know.

Here’s to another great week.
**Community Notices**

**SUNDAY 8TH MAY**

**MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

Bookings essential please do not delay phone the school office on 1300 234 567 and indicate your menu choice.

Celebrate Mum with a breakfast she won’t forget.

GAYNDAH STATE SCHOOL P&C FUNDRAISER

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**Dates for the Blue Light Disco for 2016**

20th May 2016
19th August 2016
28th October 2016 (Halloween)
18th November 2016 (Xmas breakup)

These dates are subject to change if there is any unforeseen circumstances.

Our next meeting for the Blue Light association Management Committee Meeting will be 7th June, time: 7 pm at the Munduberra State School library.

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**Quote of the week**

I hate when I plan a conversation in my head and the other person doesn’t follow the damn script.

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**BINJOUR PLATEAU STATE SCHOOL**
Refund Guidelines

At Binjour Plateau State School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student’s learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- an educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student
- an education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school and
- a specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

School fees for extra-curricular activities are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an extra-curricular activity is indicated through payment of the fee and provision of a permission form completed by the parent.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an extra-curricular activity due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an extra-curricular activity may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

If a parent wishes to apply for a refund due to their child’s non-participation in an extra-curricular activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student’s account at the school, and used to offset any future charges.

Department of Education and Training policy references:

- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- SCM-PR-002: School Excursions
- FNM-PR-019: State Education Fees