Leaders Meet Leaders
On Tuesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our School Leaders to the annual Leaders Meet Leaders Luncheon, held at the Bundaberg Civic Centre. Leaders representing schools from within the Bundaberg Regional Council, met with our Mayor, Mal Foreman and were introduced to the councillors who explained their portfolios and also encouraged the leaders to grasp any leadership opportunities that come their way. An important message that was repeated by our Mayor and the Councillors is that to be a good leader, you must first be an even better listener.

Chair Bags
Chair bags are available from the office for $12.00.

Prep News-Mail Photograph
The News-Mail will be publishing our prep photograph on Wednesday 26th March. Keep an eye out!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to Nazareth Mitchell who receives Student of the Week for showing excellent work ethic in all areas of her education!
Well Done Naz!

Gotcha Awards!
It was very pleasing to see so many cards in the "Gotcha Box". Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

Genevieve Dean: Always working quietly.
Brodie Jenner: Consistently staying on task.
Emily Jenner: Using time productively.
Riley Macaulay: Staying on task & working hard in maths.
Bree Wallace: Using time productively.

Tuckshop Update
Special this week Friday 14th March
Sweet Corn Fritters & choice of drink - $4.00

Special next week Friday 21st March
Chicken Caesar Salad & choice of dink - $4.00

Special Friday 04th April
Burger Day: Beef or Chicken Burger & choice of dink - $4.00
Sports Report
Last week on **Friday 07th March** we travelled to Mt Perry to play cricket. Everyone showed a tremendous effort and sportsmanship.
Hooray! We won! The scores were 143 – 95.
I have noticed our team has improved in their skills, especially Emily Jenner and Genevieve Dean who have been hitting a lot of runs and Elim Moore who has also improved in his bowling skills.
Hopefully this week when we go to Bullyard we win. We will be leaving school at **12:30pm**.
-By Moselle Findlay

School Mobile Phone
The school now has a mobile phone. This phone can be used to text through absences with no need to phone the school office.
We will also use this phone to text updates and reminders to parents from time to time.
Please ensure you keep the number handy. It may even be a good idea to store the number in your own mobile phone for easy reference.
School Mobile Number: **0455 052 940**

News-Mail iPad Competition
We have 270 Tokens!
Please rally your family, friends, neighbours, local businesses and anyone else you know to collect the special tokens that will be published in the News-Mail every day until **Monday 31st March**. The school with the most tokens at the end of the five week period will win the set of iPads. All schools stand an equal chance of winning as the News-Mail will pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner.

Smoking on School Grounds
We have noticed that there have been cigarette butts thrown just inside the school grounds. No smoking on school grounds, which includes the car park. Parents are asked to refrain from smoking in this area.

**Be Safe**
**Be Responsible**
**Be Respectful**
If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
**Curriculum**  
**Home Readers**  
All children are expected to be reading every night. If children don’t have time to read at home due to extra-curricular activities they are encouraged to sit down and read to a staff member before playing each morning on arrival at school. Parents are also asked to ensure they sign the individual reading logs indicating when the child has read.

**Phonics**  
Preps are learning to recognise the letter ‘fF’ and the sound ‘ff’ as in fish’. Through their spelling words all other grades are consolidating the following letter combinations.  
- ‘f’ as in fish  
- ‘ff’ as in puff  
- ‘ph’ as in phone

**Student Council Update**  
**Jakes Candy Easter Drive:** One week to get as many orders as you can. It is Easter time after all. Please ensure you ask all family members, friends and neighbours. The more funds we raise as a school the more our students benefit.

Orders are due back in two weeks, on **Tuesday 18th March** and chocolates will be returned to school and sent home on **Thursday 27th March**.

**P&C Update**  
**P&C AGM:** Tuesday 18th March. Please note the date for the upcoming AGM. We currently have vacancies in positions, please see myself for nominations. This short meeting will then be followed by a general meeting. Please pass on any agenda items to Tanya Anderson, President, or Muppie Dean, Secretary.  
**Tuckshop:** The following specials will fall on the following weeks: Please keep these in a safe spot at home.  
- **Friday 14th March:** Sweet Corn Fritters & choice of drink - $4.00  
- **Friday 21st March:** Chicken Caesar Salad choice of drink - $4.00  
- **Friday 28th March:** TBA  
- **Friday 04th April:** Burger Day! Beef or Chicken Burger & choice of drink - $4.50

**Maths Information Session**  
Please note the change of date. This is now on Wednesday afternoon and not Tuesday as previously advertised. Parents and Carers are invited to come along for an information session on Numeracy. This presentation will be beneficial to parents and carers of students in all year levels. It will also benefit parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who will be participating in NAPLAN this year. At this session we will discuss:
- The Australian Curriculum  
- The importance of deep understanding  
- Some common misconceptions  
- Number facts  
- Activities to do with your children

The session will be presented by Mr Greg Robinson (Principal Education Advisor Australian Curriculum). Participants will receive a booklet and light refreshments.  
**Wednesday 12 March 3:00 – 4:00 pm** Gin Gin State School Library. Please phone Gin Gin State School on 4133 2333 ASAP for reservations.

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**Enjoying Tuckshop:** Keziah Mitchell, Genevieve Dean, Elim Moore, Emily Jenner and Bree Wallace

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**Yours in Education**

Felicity Wallace