Friday 3 February, 2017

Message from the Principal

It has been another great week here at Gumdale State School as we continue to always give our best.

Welcome New Teachers

Welcome to the following new teaching staff joining our great team in 2017. Rebecca Samios-Prep S, Sarah Woolley-1W, Beata Sade-2S, Andrew Ward-2W, Emily Pilgram-3P, Susan Ireland-3I, Sharon Liddell-Student Services, Lucy Goddard - Physical Education.

Enrolment Growth

This week we reported to the Department of Education on our Day 8 enrolment. I am pleased to advise our community that there has been significant growth in our numbers in 2017. This growth will lead to increased resourcing for your child as we aim to provide the best education for the students who are a part of our school. It is encouraging to see that Gumdale State School is the school of choice for so many families.

Our Learning Priority – Reading

Aligning with the injection of resources from the Queensland Government, our improvement agenda will again focus on reading. It is my belief, that while our students are performing well in this area, we can do better. We appreciate parents’ support as we endeavor to help every student reach their potential.

Badge Ceremony

Next Monday at our 2:00pm Year 3-6 Assembly we will be presenting badges to our student leaders. We have some special guests joining us for this event.

Class Parent Information Night

This event will be happening next Thursday. Each teacher will be running two sessions. The first session begins at 5:30pm and the second will begin at 6:00pm. These short sessions are an opportunity for parents to gain further insight into what will be happening in their child’s classroom.
Communication

I would like to remind parents of all the ways that you can stay informed about our school. We try to ensure that the information shared is timely and accurate. I would encourage you to peruse the table below and participate in as many ways as possible to stay informed about our school.

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Parking and Traffic Movement

A reminder to be considerate of other users of the roads and parking areas around our school. Please ensure signage and traffic direction is adhered to. Our student safety as well as your own is a priority. The shopping village and childcare centres are not school carparks. Your attention to this issue is appreciated.
Food Allergies

Some students at Gumdale State School have severe allergic reactions to foods including nuts and eggs. As this reaction can be life-threatening, we ask that parents be aware of this when preparing food for their child to bring to school. We would also ask that parents make their child’s teacher aware of any concerns they may have in this area.

Our Best Always
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Phil Savill
Principal

Messages from the Deputies

Welcome Back

The start to 2017 has been dynamic and classrooms are settled and active with learning. During the first week teachers focused on creating a productive classroom culture. Expectations and rules were clarified and exemplified and the children spent time practising routines and developing relationships. Expectations are based on the Gumdale GROW values:

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Parent Class Information Night

Please come along to our parent class night on Thursday 9 February. There are two sessions: 5:30pm until 5:55pm and 6:00pm until 6:25pm. There are two sessions to cater for parents who have more than one student at Gumdale. The sessions will be directed by the classroom teachers so please go straight to the classrooms you wish to visit. Teachers will be discussing broad concepts about expectations, behaviour, communication, uniforms and various procedures as well as an outline of the curriculum for the year. These are very general sessions and information on individual students will not be discussed due to time limits. Parent interviews will be conducted later in the term and you are welcome to make an appointment with your child’s teacher at any time. We look forward to seeing many of you on the night.
Years 2-6 Sailing 2017

This year students in years 2-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a ‘Learn to Sail’ experience at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) in Manly. Students will travel by bus with their class teacher or a member of staff, and lessons will be led by qualified sailing instructors employed by RQYS. Sessions will run from 12pm-2pm, with students departing Gumdale State School at 11:30am and returning by 2:55pm. Years 4 and 6 will attend four sessions in semester one and in semester two, year 5 will attend four sessions, year 3 will attend two sessions, and year 2 will attend one experience session. Students in year 2 will participate in activities both on shore and in shallow water to assist them to become comfortable in and around the water. RQYS requires that students have a competency of swimming for these programs. Students will be required to wear a sun shirt and board shorts, and enclosed waterproof shoes or shoes that can get wet. The dates and classes for term one are below. Notes will be sent out in the weeks leading up to sailing for each class to notify you of dates, cost, what to bring etc. Please ensure permission slips are returned by the due date as we need to give numbers to RQYS in advance to ensure there are enough instructors to cater for class numbers.

If you have any questions regarding the sailing program, please contact Genevieve Agerholm (Community Support Teacher) on gager1@eq.edu.au, or through the school office.

**Term 1 dates and classes**

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_Carmel Herbert (Deputy Principal P-2)  
Annette Foster (Deputy Principal 3-6)  
Sarah Cracknell_
School Dates to Note

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Dates and times are subject to change at short notice, for up to date information please check our website. Link to school website or email admin@gumdaless.eq.ed.au

ICT News

QPARENTS 6 FEBRUARY, 2017

We will be rolling out Q-Parents to Prep 2017 parents on Monday 6 February 2017. Please check your inbox for your Q-Parents invite.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QPARENTS allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QPARENTS will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.
The benefits of QParents

Convenience and time savings for parents
- Parents can view or update their child’s details without having to contact the school
- Secure 24/7 online access.
- Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Greater transparency of information
- Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child’s information online.
- Allows parents to engage more deeply in their child’s schooling.

Improved administration efficiencies for schools
- Allows schools to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on printing.

What is a QParents Account Owner (QPAO)?

The school will nominate one parent or legal guardian for each student to be the QParents Account Owner (QPAO). The QPAO will be able to register for QParents to access and manage the student’s information online. A student’s QPAO will be able to view the student’s information and submit requests to update some of the student’s details.

The QPAO will also be able to invite other people (such as another parent or family member), to view the student’s information. Once invited, these people can register for QParents as “delegated viewers”. A delegated viewer can see the student’s details, but cannot make updates.

Registering for QParents

You will receive an invitation email from us containing your unique invitation code on Monday 6 February 2017. Simply follow the instructions in that email to complete the QParents account registration process.

If you do not want to register, you can just ignore the invitation and your child’s student information will not be available to anyone through QParents. Or, if you want another parent to be the QPAO, you can advise us and we will send them an invitation email or letter with their own unique invitation code.

Identity verification

When registering as a QPAO, you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

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<td>Australian Visa (foreign passports)</td>
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If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school between 2-3 for an additional check after you have registered online.

If you don’t have sufficient documents, you might like to nominate another parent as the QPAO.

For more information on the online identity verification process, see https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help

**Where does the information about my child come from?**

All of the information that is presented in QParents comes from the IT system that is used by all Queensland state schools. Schools will continue to manage student information in this system, and the information will be extracted and presented in QParents.

**Will my child’s information be secure?**

Yes. QParents is a secure portal that meets strict industry standards. Only people with the right to access information about their child will be given an account; no one else.

If you don’t want to register for QParents, your account will not be created and your child’s information will not be made available through QParents.

**Help and contact information**

For more information see https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

For help, visit https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

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**ICAS 2017**

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Gumdale State School, along with The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*. ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

**ICAS:**

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in English, Mathematics and Science
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling

- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students’ results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:

1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
5. **Participation** to all other students

Results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student’s portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities. Entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information.

Registration forms will be sent home during week four of this term. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the registration form and return it, with your payment, to the school office by **Friday 31 March, 2017. Entry forms received after this date will not be processed.**

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au. The school contact is awalk217@eq.edu.au.

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online.
STEAM News

Whats happening in ‘17

Our STEAM Program enters its second year at Gumdale, and there are many opportunities to get involved this year.

Please contact Mr Broughton (tbrou15@eq.edu.au) for details on:

STEAM Club and Science Club
Instrumental Music Program
Gumnuts, Gumleaves and Gumtrees Choirs
School Musical (Term 3)
Planting in our Gardens
**Instrumental Music News**

**Instrumental Music Days 2017:**

**Senior Concert Band**
Senior Concert Band (continuing students years 5&6) rehearses Mondays at 7:45am in the old music room- follow your ears!
(Downbeat begins at 7:45am, so please be a little earlier to set up). The first rehearsal for the year is this coming Monday 6 February. Continuing students also have their lessons on Mondays.

**Junior Concert Band**
Junior Concert Band will begin when notified sometime in Term 2. Beginners to the program need only to attend their lessons which are either Tuesdays or Thursdays in school time.

It will be an exciting year for instrumental, with music day camps for every student in the program, an opportunity to visit the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, and plenty of opportunities for performance and motivation to improve your playing skills and music knowledge.

Feel free to email me on vthom38@eq.edu.au with any queries,
Mrs. Thomas

**Clarinet For Sale**

Yamaha C100.

$450 negotiable. It is currently being serviced.

Please Contact Amanda Benvenuti on 0407143891.
Lunchtime Clubs and Activities

Club Name: **Japanese bunka (pronounces as Boo nka) club**
Club Overview: Ms. McAuliffe and Taki started a Japanese club last year, where students can learn language, traditions, songs and make some Japanese arts to take home. Students are asked to bring their lunches and willingness to learn.
Teacher/s Responsible: Ms. McAuliffe and Taki (Student Welfare)
Year Levels able to attend each term: grade 3 to 6 students
Day/Time: Every Monday 11am-11:45am (Starts week 3)
Location: 3M (H block above the staff room)

Club Name: **GSS Chess Club**
Club Overview: GSS has been running the chess club for the last 4 years and it has been a very popular club at the school. Not only do students learn how to play the game but they also develop social skills such as resilience and working well with others. Students are asked to bring their lunches and good manners. Beginners are welcome.
Teacher/s Responsible: Taki (Student Welfare)
Year Levels able to attend each term: Grade 4-6 students on Tuesday and Grade 3 students on Friday
Day/Time: Every Tuesday 11am-11:45am (Grade 4-6) and every Friday 11am-11:45am (Grade 3) starting in week 3
Location: 3W (B block above the tuck shop).

Club Name: **Hula Hooping**
Club Overview: Students learn how to hula hoop on their necks, arms, waists and legs. Limited hula hoops are available, so the students learn to take turns and share.
Teacher/s Responsible: Taki (Student Welfare)
Year Levels able to attend each term: Prep to grade 6 depending on the areas where the hula hooping is held
Day/Time: Every Monday 1:30pm-1:45pm Every Tuesday 1:30-1:45 starting in week 3
Location: New Oval (Monday) and Prep Play Area (Tuesday)

Taki Langlasse
Student Welfare Worker
Gumdale State School (Mon, Tue & Fri)
‘Gumdale Gives’ – Thank you

At the end of last year, our school community gave generously to people in need. We supported Crestmead State School by donating second hand books to be given to families at the school, as well as donating brand new toys to GIVIT to give as Christmas gifts to children living in care. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families. It was so lovely to see our school community supporting such wonderful causes. Thank you for helping to put smiles on so many children’s faces.

We will continue to run small collections throughout the year. Please keep an eye out for details in future newsletters.

Such an overwhelming response! Wow! I got it all safely to work and now the team are busy packing all the toys up to take and send around the State.

Thank you very much for your amazing support and to all of the GSS community – there’ll be lots of happy kids this Christmas.
At Gumdale State School we pride ourselves on valuable partnerships with the local community. We have recently developed a Community Business Network. This community initiative serves to connect business supporters of our school throughout our community in a practical and mutually beneficial way.

More details regarding our program and the packages available can be found on our website or obtained by contacting:

Marissa Bowen  
Executive Assistant  
Phone: 3902 8333  
Email: mbowe79@eq.edu.au

Current Members

IGA Gumdale – Gold Sponsor

At IGA Gumdale, we care about our local community and we are proud to partner with Gumdale State School.

IGA Gumdale offers a full grocery range, market fresh produce and quality meat selections. In store you will also find our famous gourmet deli with fresh meal options available daily. We can also cater for your next event or function. We also have a huge range of organic, gluten free and international foods to choose from. We pride ourselves on delivering great customer service. We will go above and beyond to ensure your shopping experience is exceptional.

IGA Gumdale is open every day of the year from 6am - 10pm

Address: 682 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale Q 4154  
Phone: 07 3348 8338  
Facebook: facebook.com/igagumdale  
Website: igagumdale.com.au

Ian Walkley, Place - Gold Sponsor

Ian Walkley has been helping people buy and sell property in the area since 2012, and is backed by Brisbane’s top property marketing team at Place Estate Agents. Ian lives in Wakerley and is a strong supporter of Gumdale State School.

Ian Walkley

Bayside Area Specialist  
Mobile: 0402 945 488  
Fax: 07 3107 2121  
Email: ianwalkley@eplace.com.au
Stop, Drop and Go Zone

To assist staff at Stop, Drop and Go, please remember to clearly display your child’s surname on your passenger sun visor.

Please email Mrs. Cara Schulz cschu102@eq.edu.au with your surname and a laminated sign will be made to display on your sun visor. Multiple copies are available for extra cars.

In the morning

Keep left while queuing for stop/drop/go.
Stay in your car!
Children must exit cars from the curb side only.
Store your child’s bag inside your car; no-one should open boots at the drop zone.
Give way when exiting the drop zone as cars maybe circling.

In the afternoon

Students wait in the covered area under staff supervision. Please remind your child that they need to sit and wait quietly in this area. As their car approaches, staff will direct your child to one of the four coloured zones for collection.

Click here for Stop, Drop and Go Zone Information

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 is out now. Please place orders online via the Loop (Online Ordering and Payment platform for parents), by Wednesday 8 February 2017. No cheques, cash or bank transfers accepted.
Monday is school banking day. Please take student bank books to class and put them in the zippered banking pouch for safe delivery to banking volunteers.

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Gumdale State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollaramites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Voit Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollaramites deposit wallet. School Banking day is Monday. Each week you need to place your banking books in the grey bag provided in your classroom.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Reward Cards

A separate reward card will not be available this year. A reward card has been included in the Parent Pack which you will be sent home with your banking books next week. Alternatively, you can go to our website to view and/or download a rewards card. The website for this is www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.
Messages from the Team:
This year we have welcomed two new Assistant Coordinators to our YMCA Gumdale OSHC team. Noor Alubaidy and James Woodgate have both accepted permanent positions and have already been making some positive contributions to our program over the last few weeks. We also welcome Grace Miller to our team. Grace is commencing her study in Education this year and is excited to be part of the Gumdale State School community.

What we've been doing:
Throughout the recent school holidays we have been extremely busy with our Summer holiday Club program. We kept cool here at school with an inflatable water slide and also by visiting our YMCA Camp Warrawee, where we enjoyed the refreshing pool and had a great time.

As part of our Holiday Club program, our children also had the opportunity to participate in a Hip Hop Dance incursion, Boot Camp, and be entertained at the Brisbane Arts Theatre watching the stage production of Charlotte’s Web.

Over the past week our newest and youngest attendees, our prep children, have been excited to learn about Outside School Hours Care and have been having a great time creating with playdough, building with Lego and making artistic decorations for our wall displays.

Join us for:
We are still taking enrolments for the 2017 school year! All existing and new families are required to complete a new enrolment form which ensures their enrolment remains current for the entire year. Bookings are available each day in both a permanent and casual capacity. Please don’t hesitate to speak to one of our friendly team members for further information about our program.

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Dear Gumdale community,

Welcome back for the start of term 1, 2017. I hope you have all had a relaxed break away and are ready for another positive year!

The term started with welcoming new families to our school. A TEA and TISSUE morning tea was hosted by the P&C to welcome the new families. Thank you to volunteers that helped on the morning. It was a great turn out of families.

It has been a very hot start to the year. P&C contributed to the school, funding for air conditioning units late last year so over the school holidays more classrooms were fitted out. We thank the community for supporting the fundraising events of 2016. Your contribution has all been worthwhile considering the temperatures are at an all-time high and our peeps are staying cool. A big shout out of THANKS to you all!

The uniform shop has had a very busy start to the year. There has been great support from new and current families and the wearing of the Gumdale State School uniform. ALWAYS OUR BEST! Thank you

Winter uniform order forms have gone home. Please pre order your winter jacket and/or winter pants (fleece or micro) in order to receive them in time for the winter months. Details are in the uniform shop news.

P&C welcome two new tuckshop conveners Rachelle and Amanda.

Both Rachelle and Amanda have worked in other tuckshops and are on board with smart choice guidelines implemented for 2017. We have a new menu out for term 1. Rachelle and Amanda welcome your feedback on the menu during open hours.

Our COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT is on Friday February 10. All families and our Gumdale/ Wakerley community are welcome to come along. A flyer has gone home with details of the night. P&C are catering with a sausage sizzle, drinks snacks and glow sticks for purchase. A fun family night! Details in the fundraising news.

**P&C Meeting Times**

Our next P&C meeting and the first one for 2017 will on Thursday 9 February, 7pm in the Resource Centre.

Stay cool and sun safe!

**Gretchen Mander-Jones, President** on behalf of the Executive Team
Gumdale State School P&C Association
Keeping in contact

We encourage you to use any of the following means of communication to receive information and updates about the school and P&C.

- Follow us on Gumdale State School Parents and Citizens Facebook page
- Fundraising Committee Facebook page
- Electronic school signs
- School Twitter feed
- Uniform Shop notice board
- QSchool App on mobile devices

Email

P&C: pandc@gumdaless.eq.edu.au
P&C Secretary: secretary@gumdalesspc.org.au
Gumdale State School: admin@gumdaless.eq.edu.au
Fundraising Committee: fundraising@gumdalesspc.org.au

Tuckshop

Link to Tuckshop Policy

Tuckshop Menu

Menu: Tuckshop Menu
Orders: flexischools

Tuckshop news

Hello, we are your newly appointed tuckshop ladies, Rachelle and Amanda. We are looking forward to providing delicious meals and snacks for Gumdale students.

We have a new menu and sushi menu this year. These menus can be found pinned to the tuckshop blackboard, on the Gumdale State School website Tuckshop Menu, on the Gumdale State School P&C Facebook page and through our online ordering company Flexischools (www.flexischools.com.au)

Volunteers

We are always requiring volunteers. If you have some spare time and would like to give back to your school, we would love to have you. We are currently in the process of starting up a volunteer roster and we are looking for volunteers to work from 30 minutes up to 2 hours or even just to help with service over the counter. So if you think the tuckshop is the place for you, then please drop by the tuckshop and have a chat with us. Please print, fill out and return the volunteer slip below if you are able to assist.
WE NEED YOU!

THE TUCKSHOP NEEDS
YOUR HELP!

We need some new volunteers so we can maintain our excellent standards, and ensure your children get their food on time.

Free Lunch Provided!

Some of the jobs our volunteers do:
- Cutting up foods (fruit & veg)
- Preparing sandwiches and wraps
- Washing dishes
- Counter service
- Bagging up orders
- Preparing the homemade meals

Even if you can spare only half an hour or just help out once a month! Every little bit counts!

We are an enthusiastic and friendly bunch so come and join our merry team!

Please complete the form below and return it to the Tuckshop as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact:

Rachelle 07 38908304

Email: tuckshop@gumdalesspc.org.au

Name: ................................................. Phone: ..................................................

Child’s Name: ....................................... Child’s Class: ............................................

My best day is: Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday [ ]

Dad’s and Grandparents make great volunteers too!

Add a reference to your resume!
Changes to Menu

**Garlic Bread is unfortunately off the menu until further notice due to a recall by the supplier.**

Slushies

There have been some concerns regarding the slushies being sold at the tuckshop. Hopefully, this will answer some questions:

* Yes, they meet the Smart Choices Guidelines
* Yes, they are fruit based
* Yes, we are selling Cola........Well, Vanilla & Cinnamon that looks and tastes like cola
* Orange & Mango, Raspberry and Vanilla & Cinnamon (Cola) are the flavours sold
* No, they do not contain artificial colours
* No, they do not contain Sodium Benzoate

* Vanilla & Cinnamon (sold as Cola) - Apple Juice Concentrate, Water, Flavouring, Colour (150), Food Acid (338), Vitamin C (300) and Preservative (202)
* Raspberry - Apple Juice Concentrate, Water, Flavour, Black Carrot Concentrate, Food Acid (330), Vitamin C (300), Preservative (202)
* Orange & Mango - Fruit Juice Concentrate (Apple & Grape), Ware, Natural Flavour, Natural Colour (161b), Food Acid (330), Vitamin C (300), Preservative (202)

Tuckshop online ordering: www.flexischools.com.au
Tuckshop phone number: (07) 3890 8304
Email: tuckshop@gumdalesspc.org.au

If you need some more information please don’t hesitate to contact us.
Rachelle & Amanda

**Uniform Shop**

Opening hours:     Monday 2-5pm
                    Friday 8-11am
Email:             uniform@gumdalesspc.org.au
Orders:            flexischools
Payment:           cash, EFTPOS and credit card facilities, sorry we do not do laybys

We are still accepting donations of second hand old and new uniforms in good condition. Please drop donations in during opening hours.

Winter uniform orders are out now and are due back Friday 24 February 2017. Pre-ordering is essential as we do not carry a large range of winter stock. Please drop orders back to the uniform shop during our opening hours or place in the mailbox outside the shop, as this gets emptied daily.

Flexischools

Please update your own personal information and child’s classroom in the Flexischools system. Please note that an order placed on Monday will not be available until the following Friday. Orders placed Tue - Fri will be available the following Tuesday.
Thank you to all the parents who attended our Tea and Tissues morning tea on the first day of school. It was a fantastic turnout with over 60 parents popping in for cold drinks and a sweet treat. We even had a visit from our Principal, Deputies and our Adopt-a-Cops.

If anyone in the school community would like to volunteer a small amount of time towards fundraising for the P&C this year, please contact us on fundraising@gumdalesspc.org.au

Come and Support the Gumdale State School P&C

FREE

Family Movie Night
On the GSS School Oval

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY

SESSION TIMES
Gates Open: 6.00pm
Feature: 7.00pm
Feature Ends: 8.45pm

FOOD ON SALE
Sausage Sizzle
Cold Drinks
Popcorn & Lollies
Chocolates

BRING RUGS & CHAIRS

This is not a P&C Supervised event, all children must be accompanied by an adult

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**Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 19 February**

Gumdale State School P&C is running a BBQ at Bunnings Cannon Hill on Corner of Creek Road & Wynnum Rd on **SUNDAY 19 FEB.**

A team of volunteers is required from 7.00 am – 4.00 pm.

If you are able to help turn a sausage or serve the drinks get in touch with the Fundraising Committee to help out. No experience necessary! Don’t forget to drop by to grab a sausage on the day to help support our fundraising activity. Email the Fundraising Committee at: fundraising@gumdalesspc.org.au

**Fashion Parade Working Party Meeting – Thursday 23 February**

The Gumdale State School P&C Fashion Parade is one of the key events in our fundraising calendar. It’s an awesome chance to get dressed up and enjoy a night with the girls! If you would like to help on the Working Party for the Fashion Parade, please email fundraising@gumdalesspc.org.au. Our first meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 23 February at the Wynnum Manly Workers Club.

**Easter Raffle – tickets coming home second week in March**

The P&C Fundraising Committee would like the support of the Gumdale community for the annual Easter Raffle.

1\textsuperscript{st} Prize – **Hamilton Island Holiday (valued at $3590)**. Includes 7 nights at the Reef View Hotel (2 Adults & 2 Children), $1000 Virgin Australia Voucher, breakfast daily, transfers, kids eat free.

2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} prizes – stay tuned for some awesome runners up prizes!!

Tickets are $2 each, in books of 20. In the week beginning 6 March, your eldest child will be bringing home a book of raffle tickets for your family to sell. Please return the sold ticket books and money with your child’s name and class to school by Friday 31 March. If you do not wish to purchase or sell any tickets, please return the tickets in a named envelope to school. If you wish to sell additional books of tickets, you can collect these from the school office.

There will be a prize for the student/family who sells the most tickets. Prizes will be drawn on Monday 18 April.

**Loose Change Challenge – commencing 12 June**

Start saving your loose change now - the Loose Change Challenge is returning 12 June – 23 June Term 2)! Which class will win the grand prize?
## Fundraising Calendar

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Event times and dates can change at short notice. For more up to date information please check our website [www.gumdaleesspc.org.au](http://www.gumdaleesspc.org.au/) or email pandc@gumdaless.eq.edu.au

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**Stay up-to-date!**

To stay up to date with all the Fundraising Events, follow us on social media:

- Facebook at [Gumdale State School Fundraising](http://Facebook)
- Instagram at [gumdale_ss_fundraisers](https://Instagram)
- Twitter at [gss_fundraiser](https://Twitter)

Or contact us on [fundraising@gumdaleesspc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@gumdaleesspc.org.au)
Mouthguards $99 each or No Gap for Health Funds

A cut lip, an injured jaw and a few missing teeth could all result from a sport game gone wrong, which is why a custom-made mouthguard should be considered as an essential part of any sports kit for both adults and children.

We are currently offering mouthguards for

**$99 each or no gap for Health Funds.**

Call us at **GUMDALE DENTISTS on 07 3908 6999**
or visit our website:
www.gumdaledentists.com.au
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* Offer ends 31st March 2017
* Terms and conditions may apply

Visit our website :

http://www.gumdaledentists.com.au
Wynnum Manly Juniors Football Club

Sign On Day 5th February 2017
10am -2pm
57 Stradbroke Ave Wynnum

U6's $200
U7's & Up $300 1st Child
1st Sibling $120
Each Sibling after $100
1/3 Deposit on Sign on
Full Payment Due 31st May

All Players Receive Training Shirt on Sign on
Socks and Shorts given on Full Payment

Any queries Contact Merryl on merryljbennett@outlook.com
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Book Club

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Issue 1
Orders due online by Wednesday 8 February 2017

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Monday is School Banking Day!

Lost Property - Please label all uniform items with student’s name and class

Lost property can be found:
• out the front of the student entrance to admin in H block
• near or outside the student’s classroom area

There is also a lost property container at YMCA OSHC if children attend.

Stay connected:
Qschools App
Twitter
Gumedale SS website
www.gumedale.eq.edu.au

Gumedale State School Parents and Citizens Facebook Page
www.gumedalessc.org.au

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Please put student’s name and class on all manual tuckshop orders!
Online ordering www.flexischools.com.au

Year 3-6 Assembly
Monday 6 February
2:00pm
Hollis Hall
Student Leaders Induction Ceremony

Prep – Year 2 Assembly
Monday 13 February
2:00pm
Hollis Hall

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