



Gumdale State School

Always Our Best

Term 1, Edition 2

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Message from the Principal

Four Weeks In

With four weeks of the school year now behind us we are continuing to see great gains being made in all areas of student learning. With so much more to be done, please encourage your child to try their best in every activity that they are a part of. I have high expectations of all students in all areas of their schooling and I trust that the remainder of term 1 will be rewarding for them as they *always give their best*.

Improvement in Reading Remains Our Priority

A reminder to parents that, here at Gumdale State School, the teaching of reading remains a priority for improvement. We regularly assess and track student progress so that we can ascertain the extent to which our teaching programs are effective and to organize support programs for students where necessary.

I encourage parents to speak with your child's teacher about their reading progress at the upcoming Parent-Teacher interviews.

A Reminder about Attendance and Being On Time

It is pleasing to see the improved attendance rate across the school in 2017. We have started well with an attendance rate above 96%. Congratulations to our students and thanks to our parents for your support. We will continue to have high expectations around attendance and being on time. Being on time is a learned behaviour. Children learn from an early age that punctuality and "showing up" is an expectation that people have of us in various social circumstances. When children engage in activities outside of school – such as sport, or going to the movies – arriving on time is regarded as essential. It is also essential that students arrive on time to class. Being half an hour late to school each day from year 1 to 10 is equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

Regular attendance is also a learned behaviour and attendance patterns are established in the early years of school. Patterns of attendance at Gumdale are monitored closely and from our observations can be related to academic progress and achievement. It is interesting to note that poor attendance rates in the early years quite often gets worse as a student progresses through the school. Let's continue to give our best in this area.

Our Best Always
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Phil Savill
Principal

Messages from the Deputies

Parent Teacher Interviews

In line with Education Queensland's reporting requirements, teachers are conducting Parent/Teacher interviews on Tuesday 7 March from 3:30pm - 8:00pm. The interview is an opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss the progress of the students and to flag any concerns. Teachers will provide feedback on all curriculum areas. These interviews will be for 10 minutes. At the time of your interview, please go to the **hall**.

You will be able to start booking interviews from:

6.00am Tuesday 21 February – 05:00 pm Monday 6 March

Please see the Parent/Teacher interview guide in a later section of this newsletter for details on how to book your session.

Reading a Priority at Gumdale

Reading and reading comprehension are priorities here at Gumdale State School so it was wonderful to see so many prep parents turn up yesterday afternoon to listen to our prep teachers talk about supporting early readers with home reading and the learning of sight words. As the teachers emphasised at Gumdale we are committed to not only teaching reading but also to fostering a love of reading in our students.

Religious Instruction

Religious instruction will begin at Gumdale State School next week. Please inform the class teacher in writing if you do not wish your child to attend religion. Students not attending religious instruction will be supplied with work activities and supervised by a teacher in a space away from the religion lesson.

French Immersion Program at Mansfield State High

Following the Year 3-6 Assembly this coming week, Monday 20 February, Kerin Gordon, Head of Department at Mansfield State High, will address the Year 6 children regarding the French Immersion Program offered at the school. Last year one of our Gumdale students was selected from 120 candidates to be included in this year's program!

New Sports Equipment

As a result of Gumdale families making purchases at AMART All Sports, our physical education teacher was able to redeem over \$500 worth of sports equipment for our school. Among the purchases were basketballs, netballs and tennis balls as well as some gliders and cones. Thank you for nominating Gumdale State School with your purchases at AMART All Sports.

Carmel Herbert (Deputy Principal P-2)

Annette Foster (Deputy Principal 3-6)

Sarah Cracknell

School Dates to Note

February	Yr Level	Event
Mon 20	3-6	Assembly, 2pm Hollis Hall
Tue 21	All	Bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews open, 6am
Mon 27	P-2	Assembly, 2pm Hollis Hall
March	Yr Level	Event
Fri 3	Prep Families	Prep Social Lunch, Gumdale Tavern 12pm
Mon 6	3-6	Assembly, 2pm Hollis Hall
Mon 6	All	Bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews closed 5pm
Tue 7	All	School Photos
Tue 7	All	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 8	All	School Photos
Mon 13	All	School Photos – Catch up Session
Mon 13	P-2	Assembly, 2pm Hollis Hall
Mon 13	Prep	Henny Penny's Eggs
Tue 14	P&C	2017 AGM and P&C Meeting, 7pm Resource Centre
Mon 20	3-6	Assembly, 2pm Hollis Hall
Tue 21	Prep	Excursion to Medical Centre (PI, PM, PS)
Thu 23	Prep	Excursion to Medical Centre (PD, PZ, PB)
Fri 24	Y1 Families	Year 1 Social Lunch, Gumdale Tavern 12pm
Mon 27	All	Whole School Assembly, 2pm Hollis Hall
Wed 29	P-2	Junior Cross Country
Thu 30	3-6	Senior Cross Country
Thu 30	Prep	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 31	All	Last day for Term 1
April	Yr Level	Event
Tue 18	All	First day for Term 2

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

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Interviews

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You will be able to start booking interviews from:

6.00am Tuesday 21 February – 05:00 pm Monday 6 March

By following the steps below, you can book a suitable interview time online. If you have any difficulties or queries, or are unable to book an interview in this way, please phone or visit our school office (3902 8333). We recommend that you do not use public computers (e.g. at kiosk, libraries) to make a booking.

NOTE: Information entered into this booking system is outside of the school's network and therefore under the privacy information policy of the website sobs.com.au – their policy states that they will not disclose this information to any other party, nor will the information be used for any other purpose than managing these interviews.

1. Go to: <http://www.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=511>.
2. Type in your **email address** (Note that we have not supplied you with any details; please use your email address as your Username).
3. You will be prompted for a password. Please insert one and then retype it.
4. Enter your **full name**
5. Enter your **child's full name** and select your child's **Year Level** button Note that if you have more than one child at this school, you will need to repeat steps 5-8 for each child.
6. You will then see a summary screen. Next to your child's name will be a **Book Interviews** button. Select this to see the listing of the year level Teachers.
7. Select your child's **Teacher Name** then click next
8. Choose a suitable time slot by clicking on it. Then use the **Save** button near the top right of the page to secure that time slot. To select a different time slot, click on the currently selected one to delete your booking, and click on another timeslot.

You're done! You will be returned to your summary page. From here you have the option of emailing or printing your interview booking times. If you select the email option, the schedule is sent to the email address you initially entered.

You may update your booking at any time. To do this, return to the booking page (<http://www.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=511>), enter your email address and password and then select the Adjust Interviews button.

We look forward to meeting you!

Voluntary Financial Contributions

2017 Voluntary Financial Contributions

To enable our students to have the best resources available to them, we invite you to participate in the 2017 Voluntary Financial Contribution Scheme.

The school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service.

Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort such as:

- Reprographics
- Arts and craft supplies
- Cooking and experimental consumables (eg. course materials)
- First Aid materials

The suggested contribution for a family with 3 or more children is \$125, \$50 for years 1 to 6 and \$80 for students in Prep. This can be paid directly into the school's bank account (as shown below) or by making a payment at the front office using our Eftpos or Credit Card facility.

Account Name: Gumdale State Primary School

BSB: 064-133

Account No: 00090351

Ref: eg. Smith3RVFC

Please remember to include your family name and child's class if paying by direct debit (eg. Smith3RVFC), as this is required for accounting purposes. For any payment received, a receipt will be issued.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have already chosen to contribute.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Link to [Voluntary Contribution Letter and Information Sheet](#)

ICAS 2017

ICAS 2017

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

Instrumental Music

Senior Concert Band

The 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. 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 ythom38@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.

STEAM CENTRE

Term 1

Any questions? Please contact Mr Broughton
STEAM CENTRE - 39028387

tbrou15@eq.edu.au

Choir News

If your student wishes to join choir its not too late! Please see times under "Weekly Events"

Arts iPad Apps

There has been lots of interest in the Arts iPad apps we use at each year level. There is no requirement to have these apps on their personal iPads. However, if you would like to continue to practice with them at home, here they are:

Year 2 - Rhythm Cat

Year 3 - Rhythm Cat and Auxy

Year 4 - Procreate

Year 5 - Procreate, Keynote, Pages Live Collage

Year 6 - Procreate, Keynote, Pages, Live Collage



These styluses are now available at the office. They cost \$3 and make a huge difference to students who are learning to draw on the iPads.



Weekly

Events

MONDAY

Assembly - Our Sound and Lighting team is learning the ropes. Led by Year 6 Students who are currently mentoring year 5s

BEGINNER BAND 8A.M.

TUESDAY

SENIOR BAND 8A.M.

WEDNESDAY

STEAM CLUB 8a.m.

GUMNUTS CHOIR (YR 1-2) 1st Break (at 11.15a.m.

MUSICAL REHEARSAL 11.15a.m. (YR 4-6)

GUMLEAVES CHOIR (YR3-4) 2nd Break (at 1.30)

THURSDAY

SCIENCE CLUB 8.A.M.

GUMTREES CHOIR (YR 5-6) 11.15a.m.

FRIDAY

SOUND AND LIGHTING TEAM 11.15a.m.

Japanese Bunka Club

Japanese Club Zen Garden thanks Arborlab Tree Care Products for their generous donation.

Thanks to Mrs Jannita Nieves and the wonderful people of Arborlab Tree Care Products, our dream of creating a beautiful Zen Garden in our school is now a reality.

Thank you for your recent most generous gift of \$500 and an amazing collection of gardening equipment to the Japanese Club's Zen Garden Project of 2017. Your willingness to assist our school community to bring this exciting venture to fruition is greatly appreciated. Your kindness and wonderful spirit of giving means that the students, parents and staff who have been working towards this goal, now see countless possibilities ahead and we look forward to sharing our journey with you.

We would love to share our garden with you upon completion and hope that you will enjoy its peace, tranquillity and serenity as we hope to in the near future. It will be a place of reflection and harmony for all to enjoy.

To Mrs Nieves and Arborlab, we extend an early invitation to attend our Zen Garden's opening ceremony and it is our intention to acknowledge your generosity with a permanent memento of your company's name in our garden. You will be always remembered by the very grateful people of Gumdale's Japanese Club.

To you all we say, "Arigatou, gozaimasu ! "

The Japanese Bunka Club is a club where students can learn about Japanese culture including language, traditions, songs and crafts. It is for students in years 3-6 and is run by Ms McAuliffe and Taki (Student Welfare Worker) in the 3M classroom (H block above admin) every Monday from 11am-11:45am. Students are asked to bring their lunches and a willingness to learn!



Japanese Club Zen Garden thanks Arborlab Tree Care Products for their generous donation.

Gumdale State School – Community Business Network

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](https://www.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
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Email: ianwalkley@eplace.com.au

General Information

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.

For a laminated sign to display on your sunvisor, please email Mrs. Cara Schulz cschu102@eq.edu.au with your surname. 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](#)

Year Level Social Lunches

Lunches have been organised to provide parents/carers within each year level the opportunity to meet on a social basis throughout 2017. Lunches will be held at 12pm at the Gumdale Tavern making it easy for parents/carers to order and pay for meals. Invitations to follow for individual year levels.

Year Level	Date
Prep	Friday 3 March
Year 1	Friday 24 March
Year 2	Friday 28 April
Year 3	Friday 26 May
Year 4	Friday 28 July
Year 5	Friday 11 August
Year 6	Friday 3 November

Please contact Marissa Bowen on 3902 8333 if you have any questions.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 coming soon!

School Banking

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 Dollarmites 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
- Volt 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 Dollarmites 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.

YMCA Gumdale OSHC



Messages from the Team:

On Tuesday 14 February we had a great time at our first family breakfast for the year! It was lovely to see so many of our children and their families enjoying our delicious breakfast. Our YMCA Gumdale OSHC team love these events as they have the opportunity to meet some of our fantastic families.

We would like to welcome Charlotte to our YMCA Gumdale OSHC team. Charlotte is commencing her study in Primary Education this year at the University of Queensland and is excited to be part of our team.

What we've been doing:

During before and after school care we have been escaping the heat by engaging in some fun indoor activities. We used the basil from our gardens to make a delicious pesto. We then used the pesto as inspiration for our afternoon tea menu and created Pesto Pasta. Our children have also been busy making some beautiful decorations from a range of cultures including Mexican Folk Flags and Chinese lanterns.

Join us for:

Each week our educators promote positive behaviour choices by acknowledging children who are responsible and safe, listening and showing respect with a positive behaviour token. These tokens are placed in a box and each week a winner is drawn and congratulated on their efforts. We are always looking for children who are demonstrating our service expectations positively. The awards are presented each Friday during our After School Care program.

YMCA Gumdale OSHC

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Gumdale State School

Parents and Citizens Association

Email: pandc@gumdaless.eq.edu.au

Weblink: www.gumdalesspc.org.au/

Dear Gumdale community,

The evening was perfect last Friday night for the movie night showcasing ZOOTOPIA. As our first community evening of the year many families came to relax and view the movie under the stars.

Thank you to IGA for donating a hamper basket for the major raffle and to YMCA for donating 2nd and 3rd prizes. Thank you to the organisers and volunteers that helped on the night. Lastly thank you to the school community for supporting this event.

The Uniform Shop has relocated to the upper level of block A at the main entrance of the school. The P&C thank the support of the school on the relocation of the shop. Come and see the new premises. More details in Uniform Shop news.

The Tuckshop convenors have had a great start to 2017. Slushies are a real hit with our students on these hot days. We need more helpers to come on board. So if you can help whether it is half an hour or a few hours our Tuckshop ladies would appreciate your time.

The Tuckshop Flexischools online ordering service CUT OFF TIME for orders is now 8.30AM daily. Due to an increase in online ordering for lunches the time has been brought forward to allow the tuckshop convenors to have all items prepared and ready on time for the breaks. The cut off time for brown bag orders received over the counter is still 9am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents please be aware to take care in the stop drop and go carpark. We are always looking out for our community and being safe.

Stay safe and sun smart!

P&C Meeting Times

Our next P&C meeting and the 2017 AGM will be on Tuesday March 14 in the Resource Centre at 7 pm.

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

P&C News

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](#)

Menu:	<u>Tuckshop Menu</u>
Online orders:	<u>flexischools</u>
Email:	<u>tuckshop@gumdalesspc.org.au</u>
Phone:	3890 8304

Tuckshop news

We are DESPERATE for volunteers on Fridays! If you can help on a Friday, or any other day, please stop by and see us or give us a call. Thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time in the last 4 weeks! You are all awesome!

Slushy Friday is back!

Slushy Friday will occur today and every 2nd Friday after school. A nice treat for a busy school week. Get in quick to ensure your students get their favourite flavours, \$2 each.

Flexischools cut off time is changing

Cut off time for ordering through Flexischools is changing from 9am to 8:30am due to increased online orders. New time will commence as from Monday 27 February 2017. To set up a Flexischools account head to www.flexischools.com.au

Have a great week everyone!

Rachelle and Amanda

Uniform Shop

WE HAVE MOVED! The new location is at the top of the stairs in A block at the front of the school.



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 order forms 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 then place in the mailbox outside the shop, as this gets emptied daily.

Flexischools

Please note that an order placed on Monday through Flexischools will not be available until the following Friday. Orders placed Tuesday - Friday will be available the following Tuesday.

P&C Fundraising News

MOVIE NIGHT - Thank you!

What a great evening last Friday night at Gumdale State School for the FREE Movie Night which showcased ZOOTOPIA! This event was proudly supported by **Deputy Mayor Adrian Schrinner & Cr Ryan Murphy** in conjunction with **Storage King Tingalpa**.



With over 250 people in attendance there was plenty of support from our local community. Thank you to our sponsors of the evening **Todd Gerhardt Realty, IGA Gumdale, Malpass Tennis plus 5 Star Timbers, Tradeware Building Supplies** and **RKW Innovations**.



Bunnings BBQ – this Sunday 19 February

Gumdale State School P&C is running a BBQ at Bunnings Cannon Hill (Cnr Creek Road & Wynnum Rd) on SUNDAY 19 February. A big thank you to **Rod's Meatery** at Eastside Village for donating 10kg of sausages for this fundraiser!

Don't forget to drop by to grab a sausage on the day to help support our fundraising activity.

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.

1st 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.

2nd & 3rd 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.

Fashion Parade Working Party - Thursday 23 February

The GSS 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.

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?



Thank you to some of our Sponsors!



Thank you **Amart All Sports!** Through the Community Kickbacks Program, Gumdale State School has recently been presented with some new sporting equipment! This includes Training Cones, Outdoor Basketballs, Tennis balls, Netballs, a pop up soccer net and Soccer balls.

You can help us to earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports! All you need to do is join Team Amart, select Gumdale State School from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You can join Team Amart online at <https://www.amartsports.com.au/member/register> or complete the form next to the cash register in store. You'll receive access to a great member prices and other initiatives run by Amart Sports.



Thank you to **Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Club!** We are very excited to have the WMWSC on board again this year sponsoring the Volunteer of the Month awards. Wynnum Manly Workers Sports Club is wonderful in committing to provide us each month with one \$40.00 Bistro voucher for a special volunteer. This will be drawn from all volunteer activities for the month and presented at each P & C Meeting. WMWSC are happy to offer a Complimentary Courtesy Bus Service to their members, picking you up from your front door and returning you safely. Simply call 07 3390 6108 to make a booking.

Fundraising Calendar

Bunnings BBQ	Sunday 19 February	Bunnings, Cnr Creek Road & Wynnum Rd Cannon Hill
Easter Raffle	Monday 6 March (drawn Tuesday 18 April)	Gumdale State School
Mother's Day Stall	Thursday 11 May & Friday 12 May	Gumdale State School
Fashion Parade	Saturday 20 May	Gumdale State School Hollis Hall
Loose Change Challenge	Monday 12 June – Friday 23 June	Term 2
School Fun Run	Friday 8 September	Term 3

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Raising Financially Savvy Kids

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In a world dominated by easy credit, eftpos, internet banking and online shopping, children often perceive money as an abstract and unlimited resource - not associated with physical money such as notes and coins, being withdrawn out of their family bank account and earned by working.



Developing sound financial skills from an early age is critical for personal development and establishing solid foundations for their future well-being. As parents, we are the first teachers of our children and play a major role in teaching them to make informed financial decisions and understanding the impact thereof on their future well-being.

However, in a life filled with deadlines and hardly any free time, how do we go about it?

Start by teaching younger kids the value of money during day-to-day activities and using real-life examples to help them understand where money comes from and how it is earned. For example:

At the ATM/Bank: Explain to your child that the ATM holds money from your bank account, which you have earned working hard and saving. When you take money out of the ATM it is taken from your bank account and reduces the value of your account, which means you will have less to spend later.

At the shops: When buying items, explain to your child what the prices of items are, as well as alternatives of the same product. Also discuss with them promotional items, and how they are marked down. Older children can help you compare prices and pick the cheapest one. Alternatively, if you prefer a particular brand, explain the price difference to them and why you prefer that brand.

When paying utility bills: Explain that electricity/water/internet costs money. Try to relate expenses to time spent working in order to earn the money - for example, explain that a quarterly power bill of \$500 took you 5 days at work to earn the money. As such, relate back to them to save whenever they can by not wasting resources unnecessarily.

Bank statements/online banking: Show them how money enters and exits the bank account. Involve them in discussions about the family budget to give them a big picture about costs and spending – it can be as detailed / simplified as you require.

Important financial factors to teach children at different ages:

Pre-schoolers:

- Money includes notes and coins that have different values.
- You earn money by going to work.
- You need money to buy things – Let your kids pay for small expenses with their pocket/birthday money. This will help them understand how much things cost. Ensure the child pay themselves for the item – it gives them a great sense of achievement to be able to say they bought it themselves!
- There is a great difference between things you want and things you need – help your child to set financial goals and track their savings through a reward chart (eg. They could add a sticker to the chart for every dollar they save). This will also help your kids avoid spontaneous purchases.

Piggy banks are a fun way for children to start learning about money and encourage savings. Children can physically count the money in their piggy bank whenever they need to check the total. It will give them a great sense of achievement and help them recognise different valued notes and coins.

Primary School:

- Be patient when saving money – look at setting up a budget planner to help your kids put together their own budget.
- Shop around and compare prices before buying something.
- Be vigilant with your personal information when shopping online. Teach them how to spot an online scam.

At this age, a bank account becomes a good option in order to help track savings, interest and spending, and familiarise them with these concepts. A lot of primary school children do banking through their school banking program once a week, which you're generally reminded of through the school newsletter, which can be a convenient option.

High School:

- Always using cash is preferable opposed to credit – Explain the difference between debit cards and credit cards, and the implications from using them, eg. Interest payments, annual card fees.
- Credit is money that you borrow and have to pay back with interest.
- Always have savings in case of a financial emergency.
- Consider giving your teen the opportunity to earn more by offering additional paid jobs or helping them find a casual job. Discuss with them the concepts of payslips, superannuation and tax.
- When working part time, check your payslip and bank account to ensure that you're being paid the correct amount and if you're paying tax / superannuation.
- Keep track of expenses such as mobile phone data to ensure you do not run out of credit or get issued with a large bill if on contract.

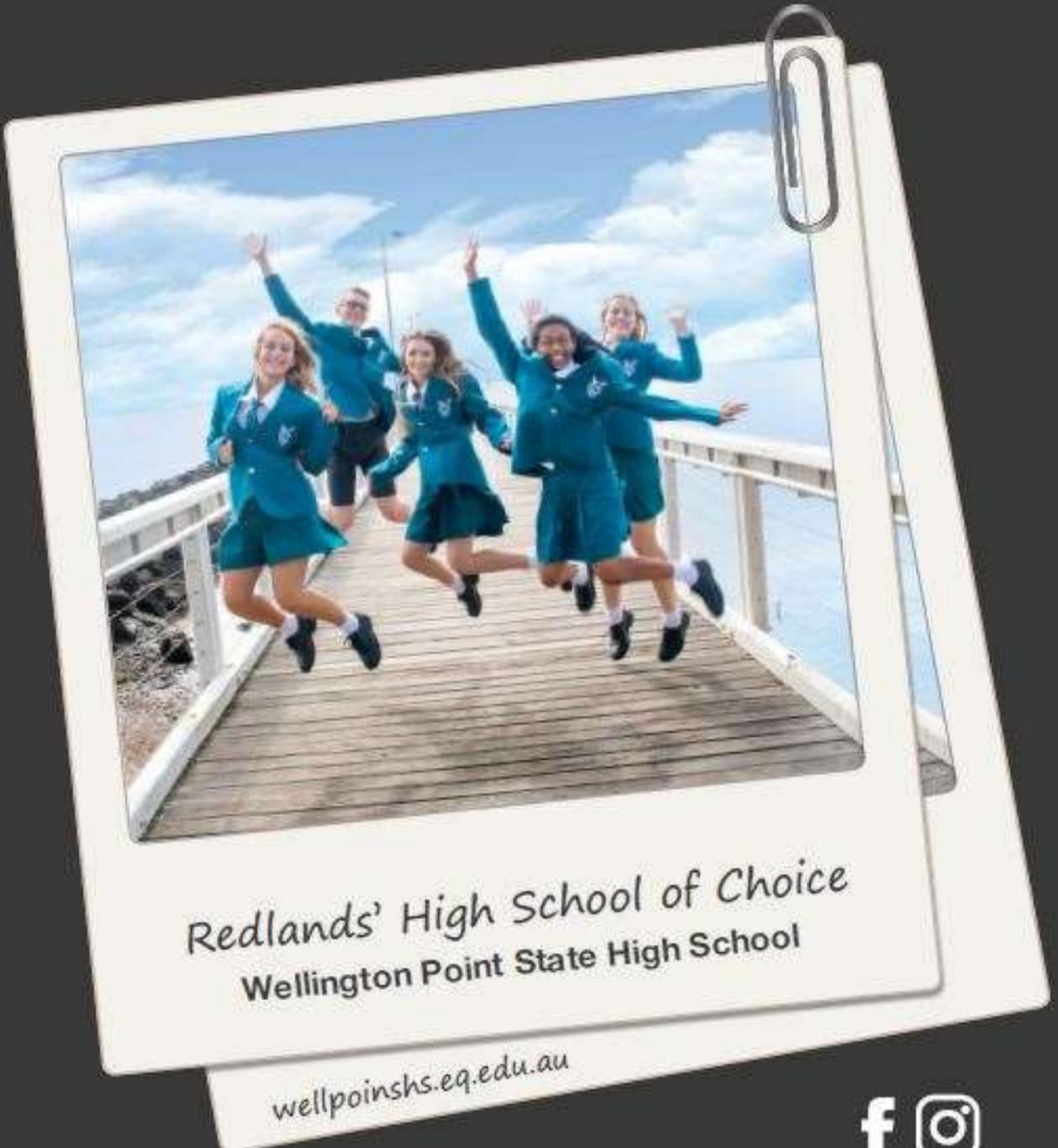
At this age it is definitely preferable for children to have bank accounts for them to create a budget to help work out how money should be spend.

Have fun teaching your kids the value of money and helping them establish a secure financial foundation, which will help them significantly in their adult life!

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