



# Two Mile State School Newsletter

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

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Student Absence number	5489 0266
School	5489 0222

### Dates for Your Diary:

1 March – Clean Up Australia Day  
12 March – School Photos  
13-25 March – NAPLAN testing period  
19 March – P & C AGM  
27 March – School Cross Country  
28 March – Yr 5/6 High Ropes / Last Day of Term 1  
29 March – Good Friday

Please – remember send a note or ring the school office 24hr answer service on 5489 0266, if your child is absent for any reason. Calls before 9am are best.

### Sharp and narrow focus

Our priority for 2024 is improving the progress of every student's learning toward the A and B standard in English and Maths, using the Australian Curriculum.

### From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe that we're half way through Term 1 already. So much has been happening throughout school, with all classes busy on units of work and lots of activities taking place every week.

We have many new students this year, and I'd like to welcome our newest enrolment, Ashleigh, into Year 2.

### School Plan

Last week, documents pertaining to our School Plan for 2024 were submitted to Regional Office. These included our Annual Implementation Plan and the School Data Plan. These will be uploaded to our school website in due course.

### 12-Minute Run and Cross Country

The 12-minute run started this week. We will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. The first few weeks will serve as training for our Cross Country, which will be held on March 27. Students run laps (500m) of our Cross Country

circuit for 12 minutes and have an extra 3 minutes to complete their last lap. Students should aim for at least three laps. Already, we have started tallying the number of laps students have done and some are off to a great start. Our champion runners will be determined by tallying each student's top twenty performances.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN online tests for Years 3 and 5 will occur in Weeks 8-9. The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March (Term 1, Week 8) and finishes on Monday 25 March (Week 10). Information will be sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students by the end of this week.

### School Photos

School Photos will be on Tuesday, March 12. Separate information will come home soon.

### District Sport

Congratulations to Loghan for his selection into the Gympie District Boys Touch Football team. More trials are coming up for 10-12 yr olds.

### Behaviour Focus, Capability and Attendance

Behaviour Focuses: Last week, Week 5 Be Safe – play fairly. This week, Week 6 Be Safe – enter and exit the room in an orderly manner. 'You Can Do It' capabilities: (Wk 5) Resilience and (Wk 6) Confidence. Our attendance target is 93%. Attendance for Week 4 was 88.5% and for Week 5 attendance was also 88.5%. Class 34 G had highest attendance in Week 4 with exactly 93%, and for Week 5, it was Class 12 CM with 92.55%. Our attendance mascot, Timmy the Turtle, visits classes with the highest attendance each week. Remember, every day counts!

Yours in Education,

*P. Teagle*

## P and C Information/ Meetings

The P and C meetings are held on the second available Tuesday of each month during terms, at 1:30pm. Our AGM has been postponed to March 19. Please come along to our AGM. There's no obligation to be on the committee but you're welcome to be involved at a membership level.

## Prep

What another wonderful week in our Prep classroom. We have been exploring many ways to retell stories. The students have been using puppets they have created to retell their favourite stories.

The children have been very successful in entertaining their friends and telling them what they liked about the stories and who their favourite characters are.

We had a special visit from Curtis from Gympie District Library who entertained us with his story telling skills.

We have been taking our learning outside and we have spent some time in our Math lessons in Kitchen Garden. We did some patterning and counting in the garden, and we explored some positional language as well.

In Science we have been looking at living things and last week we had a visit from Mr Webb and his therapy dog, Persephone. We discussed what living things needed. We have also been exploring the gardens and the plants we have around the school. We have found an apple tree in the garden. We went on an adventure to pick apples from the tree which we washed and tried; they were delicious.

We have also started our homework adventure, with our mastery file which we discussed with our parents. These are sent home every day and come in daily for us to use in class.

Have a great fortnight.

Keep smiling. Mrs Nalder



## Class 1/2 CM

What another busy couple of weeks we have had! There have been fun activities and plenty of learning all around. The movie night was a huge success, and everyone involved in the whole school rewards play had a fantastic time. It's great to see so many of our students joining into these activities.

In English, we have chosen our book for assessment. Ask your child about the book 'Tilly'. Our Year 2s need to write a new ending for it, and our Year 1s need to retell the story and tell us how they feel about it. Discussions around this book at home will help your child succeed with their assessment.

In Maths, both year levels have been working hard on counting by 2, 5 and 10s, and our Year 2s will start learning to count in 3s this week. We have completed our space assessment for Maths. Now we are starting on statistics and data as well as continuing with number. The class has started to record data, using tally marks and then creating picture graphs with our information.

In our Science lessons we have continued to observe our plants growth. Sadly the flowers don't seem to be sprouting but the tomatoes and lettuce are racing for the highest sprouts. We have continued to study lifecycles of plants and different animals, focusing on animals whose young look similar or different to their parents.

Thank you to all the parents who are checking folders each night, and sending homework folders in daily. Remember, if homework is completed on Friday it can stay at school to be marked on Monday.

Clean up Australia Day will be held on Friday and we will be cleaning up our school area. Two Mile SS is already a waste warrior school, thanks to Mrs T, so this should be a quick job.

Prep-2 will be participating in Kitchen Garden in Term 3 and 4 this year, so please remember to send lunch in everyday. Also, please send in some fruit or vegetables for a healthy snack, which we have at 9.50am each day. We often have donated fruit, but this is not always available.

Mr Campbell and Mrs Mellish

### Year 3/4G

This week in Class 3/4G the students have been enjoying the last few days with our student teacher Miss Labuschagne and her fantastic energy. She has been a great addition to the class for the past few weeks and we are looking forward to her return later in the year.

It is a very busy time of the term as we are getting ready to start our assessment tasks. In Math, students are learning how to gather data and present it in graphs.

In English we are looking at Mad Magpie by Gregg Dreise and looking at how we can adapt the narrative and the cultural links in stories such as these.

In Science we are learning how to research and create a report on an animal and their life cycle. This week while Mrs Greer is away, I will be taking the class and continuing with their learning in these areas.

Mr Beech

Year 3/4 Relief Teacher

### Year 5/6T

5/6 have had a fabulous fortnight! Week 6 already? Where has the time gone? Last Friday, we farewelled Mrs B who completed her 4 week university placement with us. Thank you, Karolyn, for your enthusiasm, professionalism and friendship, 5/6 are going to miss you. This is the time, during term, where the class are preparing and/or completing assessment tasks. It is imperative that your child limits absences during this time. The students have started their English assessments, to write an alternate final chapter of Jackie French's 'Somewhere around the Corner' or Wheatley and Rawlins 'My Place'. From the students planning and beginning introductions, I cannot wait to see where their stories take me. Congratulations to all the students for successfully completing their Maths: Number assessments. Last week, the Year 6 students attended Gympie's Primary Leader's Day, 'Courage to Lead' at Cooloolool College. The kids enjoyed participating in activities throughout the day such as; crate stacking, canoeing, break dancing and art. The 4 rules of the day were; 1. Be a Learner, 2. Set Good Goals, 3. Get Gritty and finally 4. Be There For Each Other. Well, I can truly say that Two Mile's 5/6 leaders took on the goals for the day and followed each with determination and resilience. It

was an amazing day and I could not have been more prouder of the kids. Thanks Cooloolool College for the invite.

As you are aware, 5/6 are participating in Kitchen Garden for all of Term 1, but we need parent help for both cooking and gardening. If you can spare a couple of hours Friday morning to help out, it would be appreciated.

Thanks to all the students who attended 5/6's movie afternoon. It was a great success, raising \$232 towards 5/6 fundraising. Our fundraising total so far, is an incredible...\$848! Our weekly Friday treats raises approximately \$30 -\$40 per week. This would not happen without your support! THANK YOU!

A reminder that all students are required to bring in their homework folders daily, please check daily for any notes that need to be signed and returned. Our Visual Arts unit this semester is PORTRAITS, the class requires magazines to use in one of their art pieces. If you have any lying around the house, the kids and I would love to take them off your hands. Just drop them off at the classroom. That's about it for this fortnight, until next time...Stay Safe!

Mrs T



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### ~ Student of the Week ~

Class	19/2	26/2
Prep	Aleena	Kaleb
1/2	Lea-Arna	Bonnie
3/4	Alivia	Benji
5/6	Sierra	Layla

### ~ You Can Do It ~

Persistence 19/2	Resilience 26/2
Jack E	Annabelle
Michaela	Summer

### ~ Gotchas ~

Class	19/2	26/2
Prep	Deon	Deon
1/2	Katie	Joseph
3/4	Benji	Ellie
5/6	Sierra	Kiara

### ~ Nude Food ~

19/2	26/2
Flynne	Bowie

### ~ Awards ~

	19/2	26/2
Music	Prep	3/4
PE	3/4	5/6
Technology	1/2	Prep

### Waste Warriors

Another year of making Two Mile a sustainable school through the initiatives of our Waste Warriors. Some things to be mindful of...

#### Plastic Free Lunches

- please consider nude food lunch boxes for your child
- if your child has any packets, plastic food, wrap etc they are required to take this home to be disposed of
- the eating areas do not have general waste bins
- other scraps can be put in our recycling rubbish bins in the eating areas

#### Nude Food

- tickets are given out daily to students who have a nude food lunch
- all student tickets go into the weekly draw at Parade
- the student who's ticket is drawn wins a prize
- this year prizes will see an assortment of packet seeds, nude food containers etc

#### Project Popper

- empty wine and spirit bottles are now able to be recycled
- please consider donating your empty bottles and cans to Two Mile
- the funds raised support our wonderful Kitchen Garden program
- bring your full bags and just drop them off at the 5/6 classroom (NO NEED TO SORT)

or

- use our Cash for Cans code **C10044624** when dropping off your cans and bottles at your nearest recycling centre



Two Mile SS is looking to put together a junior netball team this year and looking for expressions of interest from parents and students. Mr Campbell will coach a junior team, of girls AND boys ages 10-14. If you child would be interested in trying out and forming a Two Mile team please email or see Mr Campbell.  
[tmcam0@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmcam0@eq.edu.au)

**Netball Gympie** is excited to be running their netball competition again this year. They will not be at the courts but once again have the support of our local schools Gympie State High School, James Nash State High School and St Patrick's College.

### **JUNIOR COMPETITION**

- This year they welcome girls aged 10 to 18 years old AND boys ages 10 to 14 years old,
- Cost \$220 per player.
- Games will be on Mondays
- Registrations OPEN 1 Feb & CLOSE 25 March (only register if you have a team to play with)
- Gradings will be Monday 18 & 25 March
- Games start Monday 15 April (approx. 15 weeks + finals)
- Coaches MUST email the Association team name and ALL player names no later than 08 March.

### **NET SET GO**

- Starter program for kids aged 5 to 10 years old
- 10-week program in term 2
- Date/ day to be confirmed.
- Cost \$115 per person (includes NSG t-shirt)

Visit the website for more details <https://www.gympienetball.com.au/>





## ***Reading***

You may be aware that the Australian Curriculum has recently been refined and updated. We will begin providing the updated English curriculum from Term 1, 2024. As a result, you may notice some changes to the way reading is taught across our school, with a strengthened focus on teaching vital components for reading. While there have been some changes across all year levels, these are examples of some of the significant changes in the early years:

- There is a strengthened focus on phonics which involves teaching the letter-sound relationships of English in a planned and logical order. English is a tricky language to learn, as we have 26 letters which are used to represent 44 speech sounds. Teaching letter-sound relationships to students helps them to decode, or read written words. This is usually done in explicit lessons that are short and engaging. Students learn a group of letter-sound relationships, for example s, a, t and then immediately read and spell words that contain those sounds – for example, at, as and sat.
- The updated curriculum no longer asks students to use their visual memory to learn to read and spell words. This reflects research that tells us there are simply too many words in English for us to remember by memory. Instead, we teach letter-sound relationships so that students can decode all words.
- Beginning readers practise their word reading using decodable texts, which contain letter-sound relationships they already know. At the same time, they engage with rich authentic curriculum texts through shared reading and discussion so their language skills are also being developed. Rich authentic texts include high-quality stories, information texts and other texts common in our environment.


To support this shift in practice, our staff are committed to undertaking professional learning in reading through the Australian Curriculum. This will ensure your child is provided with high-quality evidence-informed reading instruction. For more information, please read the attached brochure.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FIND YOUR LOCAL  
CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM  
TODAY**

VISIT [PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU) OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW




## Gympie Queens Park Tennis Club Fun Afternoons

Cnr Bruce Highway & Jane Street, Gympie  
4:00pm – 5:00pm  
Tuesday Afternoons

Come along and have some fun! All welcome, no experience needed. Bring your hat, water bottle and racquet if you have one, if not plenty to borrow. See you there.

Term 1  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Term 2  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 3  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

NOVELTY GAMES  
AND TARGETS

\$3 PER CHILD OR  
\$5 PER FAMILY

TENNIS FUN

BALL MACHINE

SCHOOL AGED  
CHILDRIEN PREP-  
GRADE 12



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### Queens park tennis coaching timetable term 1 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		8.30 Junior group Age 7-11		8.30 Junior group Age 7-11	8.00am Beginner Redball Age 4 - 7	
3.00 Beginner Redball Age 4 - 7	3.00 Beginner Redball Age 4 - 7	3.00 Beginner Redball Age 4 - 7	3.00 Beginner Redball Age 4 - 7	3.00 Beginner Redball Age 4 - 7	9.00(1.5hr) Teenage group Ages12up	
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For bookings and information call Jason . Mobile 0434975950  
Cost per group lesson is \$17 or \$165/ 10 week term.  
Cost per private is \$80/hr or \$700/ 10 week term.  
All term payments include free matchplay every afternoon.  
All term payments for group or private lessons are 2 for price of 1 this term.  
All term payments include free membership to queens park tennis club.

Email: [cheeltennis@gmail.com](mailto:cheeltennis@gmail.com)