



# Two Mile State School Newsletter

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

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Student Absence number 5489 0266  
School 5489 0222

### Dates for Your Diary:

25 April – Anzac Day  
6 May – Labour Day Holiday  
16 May – Gympie Show Excursion Prep to Yr 4  
17 May – Gympie Show Holiday

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 (V9).

### From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope all students had a restful break and are back to school with enthusiasm, ready to work and embrace all learning opportunities and extra-curricular activities with gusto.



### Our Unfortunate Cypress Pine

The beautiful cypress pine tree that has stood at the front of school for many years had to be felled this week because of the hazardous state to which it had declined. Over the years, countless children have climbed the log

between the forks, but the bifurcated trunk finally split to a dangerous degree (we could see daylight between), which meant that toppling was imminent. The contractors mulched the tree and it will be used around our school gardens. An audit of trees of concern in our grounds has been undertaken, with recommendations provided in a Tree Smart Report.

### Cross-Country and Rep Sport

The cross country was held on Wednesday of last week. Students who qualified for District Cross Country are Summer, Loghan, Chace, Zeke, Braxton and Maiya. Congratulations to all participants. It was a great day. Placegetters for each of our divisions were:

Division	Boys	Girls
5 years	1. Deon	
6 years	1. Leo L 2. Brock 3. Lucian	1. Michaela 2. Kenzie 3. Charlotte
7 years	1. Jack E 2. Bowie 3. Charlie	1. Evie 2. Katie 3. Robyn
8 years	Kyson 2. Cooper 3. Benji	1. Addison 2. Alivia 3. Elaina
9 years	Jack L 2. Alfie 3. Kolton	1. Matilda 2. Oriah 3. Flynne
10 years	Zeke 2. Braxton 3. Blake	1. Maiya 2. Leila 3. Ellie
11 years	Loghan 2. Chace 3. Ty	1. Summer 2. Annie 3. Eva
12 years		1. Layla 2. Faith

Congratulations also to Loghan for his selection into the Wide Bay Touch Football team. He will contest the State Titles in June, in Rockhampton.

### Term 2 Events

All students are encouraged to join us in the Gympie ANZAC Day March through town on Thursday. We'll assemble at King Kong Sales at 9 am. We also had a commemoration ceremony at school on Wednesday afternoon, with a visit from Mrs Collins, an RSL committee member. Our students have a greater understanding of the

sacrifices that our military personnel have made over many years of service to our great country.

As well as last Thursday's holiday for ANZAC Day, Monday week, May 6 is a holiday for Labour Day and Friday, May 17 is the Gympie Show Day. Prep to Year 4 Two Mile State School students will be attending the Show on an excursion on Thursday, May 16.

Our Two Mile State School Athletics Carnival will be at the end of this term (final date to be confirmed). The Small Schools Athletics Carnival (date to be advised, possibly run in conjunction with the TMSS Carnival) will follow to enable selections for District Track and Field for our 10, 11, and 12 year old students.

### Prep Vision Screening

Prep Vision Screening will take place on Wednesday, May 15. This is a free service. Parents and carers of Prep students can give consent for the screening by scanning the QR Code in the information attachment to this newsletter email.

### Behaviour Focus and Capability

Behaviour Focuses: Last week, Week 1 Be Responsible – follow instructions. This week, Week 2 Be Respectful – Speak respectfully to adults and students.

'You Can Do It' capabilities: (Wk 1) Organisation and (Wk 2) Getting Along.

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 93%. Last week, our whole-school attendance rate was a disappointing 83.1%. Timmy the Turtle, our attendance mascot, will visit Class 3/4 G for highest attendance in Week 1, which was 89.5%. The Year 4 cohort had an extremely pleasing rate of 95%. Overall, our year-to-date attendance rate is 88.1%. We'd love to get that higher. Remember, every day counts!

Yours in Education,



### Parenting Ideas

This link <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/> leads to some valuable information, blogs and resources for many helpful tips on parenting. The site is well worth a visit to explore.

### P and C Meeting

The next P and C meeting is on Tuesday, May 14, at 1:30 pm in the library. All welcome!

### Prep

A BIG welcome back Prep students, families and carers for another great school term here at Two Mile! Mrs Nalder is enjoying her extended leave and is sure to have some adventurous tales to share on her return in Week 3. Until then, teaching and learning is back in full swing with Mrs Z and Mrs Boaden. We have welcomed a new student to our class, Gabe, and tagging along with Mrs Boaden is her pet dragon Punchinello. We get to add a feather to 'Punch's' nest each time we are caught following our school values of being responsible, respectful and safe learners. You should see his nest! Punch may never want to come home with me.

In Literacy we are comparing imaginative and information text types, continuing to build our spelling and reading skills and fine tuning our handwriting. We are counting collections up to 12, subitising, and learning to partition numbers. This week your little Scientists explored the different types of materials objects are made from and grew their vocabulary as they described what their sense of sight, touch, hearing and smell revealed. The weather was perfect for our whole school cross country and it was an outstanding 'have a go' effort from each of our Prep students, finishing their lap red faced but all smiles.

Thank you all for your efforts to get your child to school on time, packing healthy lunches, hats and water bottles and returning notes and home folders each day. Have a safe and great weekend with your people. See you next week!

Mrs B and Mrs Z



## **Class 1/2 CM**

Welcome back to another busy term in Year 1/2. We started off the term welcoming some new friends to our classroom, and they have settled in nicely to our routines and structures. We have a very busy term of learning ahead, with reporting to be completed by the end of the term.

In English, we are learning about informative texts. Students have come up with a definition about what these are and compared them to the wonderful narratives we wrote last term. They have become very good at picking the difference between story books and factual, informative texts.

This term in Math we are focusing on addition and subtraction techniques. We are also continuing with our partitioning to help with addition strategies. Another topic we are focusing on is calendars and time. If you have a calendar at home, or even an electronic calendar, show your children and have them add events to the calendar. Also, have a chat to them about how long things take. This will lead them into learning about time.

In Science we started our new unit on materials: "Mix, make and use". We investigated different objects, the materials used to make different things and their properties. The class enjoyed sorting the different objects into categories according to their materials and properties. It was interesting to see the conversations had with objects that could fit into different groups because of the materials used.

We had our first HASS lesson last week with a guest teacher in the classroom for the day. The class looked at directions, locations and labeling a map of familiar places. We look forward to exploring our inquiry question, "How are people connected to their place and other places?" Students are continuing to work with other teachers at our school for their Music, Health and PE, Technology and Dance. They will have some great work completed by the end of the term to show you from those subjects.

Along with our curriculum work, we have some exciting events planned for the term. This week is our ANZAC Day ceremony and march, and we look forward to our Gympie Show excursion later in the term. There will also be our rewards play for those students who meet the behaviour goals.

Mr Campbell and Mrs Mellish

## **Year 3/4G**

Term 2 is off to a fabulous start. Year 3/4 have welcomed two new students and everyone is working together to get their jobs done. It is pleasing to see that the students have remembered all of the classroom routines and respectful classroom behaviours so that we can all engage in the curriculum activities.

Our Kitchen Garden program began on Friday and the children were very busy planting vegetables for the whole school to enjoy. Wasn't it wonderful to receive the beautiful rain on the weekend which watered our lovely garden, bringing all the seedlings to life in their new garden beds!

Last week the class sat together to eat delicious pumpkin soup and zucchini slice with salad. We welcome any time that parents may have to donate on a Friday morning to assist with the Kitchen Garden program. Please contact the school to let us know your availability.

In addition, our second phase of the 2024 homework program has begun, and the children have improved their effort on homework with new incentives. The children who made an excellent effort on their homework in Term One, are happily reaping the rewards for their positive learning choices. Remember boys and girls, "Learning is the Reward" and homework is not a chore or a burden, it is an opportunity!

Dates to remember in Term 2 are:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Show Excursion (Week 5)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3/4 Parents Dinner (Week 10)

Just a reminder to parents who missed the opportunity to attend Parent/Teacher interviews Term 1 Week 10 and Term 2 Week 1, I am available to meet with you still, at a time that suits you before or after school to discuss your child's progress.

Belinda Greer  
Year 3/ 4 Teacher  
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## **Year 5/6T**

5/6 have had a amazing start to Term 2. The students have started all their units of work and look forward to extending our knowledge further with many learning activities and experiences.

Last Wednesday saw the students compete in our annual Cross Country. Congratulations to all

the students who competed. Well done to the Sadowa House who were declared the champion sporting house for the day. More information about students who made it to district trials has been discussed earlier on in this newsletter. As usual the Year 5/6 students displayed great sportsmanship, resilience and perseverance during the morning. Mrs T, as usual, was delighted in all the performances by the students.

Thank you to the students and parents who will attend this year's ANZAC Day parade. Friday, the class will participate in the long awaited High Ropes excursion to Gympie East State School. This day would not occur without the support and guidance of Barambah Outdoor Education Unit. Thank you to the parents who offered assistance with transport, it is truly appreciated.

This week, I have had the pleasure of meeting with a number of parents to discuss their child's progress during parent/teacher interviews. If you still wish to speak to me regarding your child's progress, please contact me so a time can be arranged to meet.

This term students will be working on information reports in English; statistics, number and measurement during Math lessons; occupations during Australian colonial times in HASS; and Matter during Science lessons. I am inquiring about some excursions for the class this term to support their learning for HASS. It is hoped that we will visit The Woodworks Museum and the Gold Museum. More information will follow when these excursions have been arranged.

Homework will start on Monday, so please ensure your child has their homework folder each day.

A disco has been organised for Wednesday, May 15th as a fundraising activity for the class. Please support this event. Notes have already been sent home, please return by the due date. Friday treats (jelly cups and baked goods) will continue this term to assist in raising funds for the class. If you are able to supply baked goods on a Friday, please let me know. That's about it for this fortnight. Until next time...Stay Safe!  
Mrs T

~ Student of the Week ~

<b>Class</b>	<b>22/4/24</b>
Prep	Georgia
1/2	Charlie B
3/4	Ruby
5/6	Loghan

~ Gotchas ~

<b>Class</b>	<b>22/4/24</b>
Prep	Brock
1/2	Jack E
3/4	Jack L
5/6	Sierra

~ Awards ~

	<b>22/4/24</b>
Music	Prep
PE	3/4
Technology	1/2

~ You Can Do It ~

**Organisation**  
**22/4/24** Matilda & Harpa

~ Nude Food ~

**22/4/24** Zeke

**SCHOOL NOTICES**

**5/6 FUNDRAISING  
AFTERNOON DISCO  
PIZZA & POPPER**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

**3.30PM - 5.00PM approx**

**MRS T's CLASSROOM**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO 5/6 NORTH KEPPEL CAMP**

**RSVP: FRIDAY, MAY 10 with PERMISSION NOTE & PIZZA & POPPER**

**ORDER & PAYMENT**

**(Students may bring clothes to change into for the Disco)**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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Days: Monday 14-18 yrs, 3:30-6pm  
 Tuesday 10-13 yrs, 3:30-5:30pm  
 Wednesday 6-9 yrs, 4-5:30pm  
 Where: 19 Shanks St  
 Contact: Leonora 0425850360  
 Email: [gympledm@guidesqld.org](mailto:gympledm@guidesqld.org)  
 Ages: 6years +

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA**

**St Patrick's Parish**  
*Gympie and Surrounds*

Youth

MASS

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

5:30PM

**Pizza Dinner in the Parish Centre  
 after Mass Supported by  
 St Patrick's College**