We are now into Week Four. How the time flies for us as we are all working so hard!

We have had an interesting two weeks, especially Friday. Last Friday Gavin Jowett allowed us to see the bananas being planted. I was amazed at how much mathematical knowledge was needed. Seems like if you want to be a farmer these days you need to have lots of mathematical and computer skills. Thank you to Gavin for allowing us to watch. It was quite an education for us.

Later that day the Reef Guardian School Representative, Janet Barrett, visited us. She encouraged us to be careful with our rubbish as it all goes into our waterway which eventually ends up in the ocean, and so damages the Great Barrier Reef.

We were visited by Miss O’Neil from the Bundaberg Art gallery, who judged our Art Competition. She was amazed at all our art work and how so many mediums had been attempted.

I also received by email the video of the story the children made on the Creative Recovery Day. Unfortunately the Education Department have blocked that site on my school computer. However, I have asked to be sent a disc or a USB. You could see it at home as I am able to get it on my home computer. The link is as follows:-


Today and tomorrow Glenis Morse and Roz Hunting will be at a Digital Workshop.

I will be going to The Principals’ Business Meeting in Caloundra on Friday and Jenny Chamberlin will be my replacement.

Looking forward to another busy fortnight!

Joan Riek

Acting Principal
This week in science we will be looking at moving toys. So could you please let your child bring one moving toy on Tuesday so that we can see how it moves. They will bring them home at the end of the day.

English is going well with the children looking at different versions of the same story. Their assignment will be on writing about which version they like the best. It is introducing them to persuasive text, which has been the NAPLAN text for the last few years.

We have been investigating all topics in Maths and last week concentrated on writing numbers in words as well as our rainbow facts.

We have been discovering how people live in different environments and last week deserts were our topic.

In cooking we made gingerbread men which all disappeared quickly.

Hope you enjoyed their art work! Some of it was quite spectacular!

Have a good week!

Joan Riek

The last term is here!! Swimming has commenced. Not only is this a learning time, but we get a chance to cool down as well.

In SOSE we are investigating celebrations. We have looked at the events we celebrate (and why) in Australia and other countries. We have explored what celebrations entail e.g. food, clothing, customs.

Science has been all about simple machines. So far we have discovered that there are six simple machines. Please ask your children to tell you about them.

I have tried to make homework a little different this term. There will be a spelling activity and number facts (times tables). ALWAYS get your child to read their Lexile Reader please.

Handwriting is another focus along with neat presentation. Please check that your child completes their homework neatly. I must admit I have seen some beautiful presentations already.

Thanks for your help.

Jenny Chamberlin
ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to our art competition winners.

First Prize — Tenzin — lunch box diorama
Second Prize — Theodore — desert water colour painting
Third Prize — Angelus — 3D puffy fish

Home Art Section Winners —
Jorja — 3D grapes
Chase — Monster Truck construction
Oliver (Pre-Prep) — Photography
Kody — Canvas painting
Jaxon — Pipe cleaner sculpture

Thank you to Miss O’Neil from the Bundaberg Art Gallery for travelling out to judge our competition. She was extremely surprised and pleased to see such a large variety of art work on display. Miss O’Neil commented that her task of judging the Home Art Competition was difficult and thanked everyone for their participation. We would like to thank Parents for encouraging their children to enter.

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came to view our Art Competition.

CPR REFRESHER

Givelda State School is hosting a CPR refresher course on Thursday 23rd January 2014. If your Certificate needs renewing, you’re welcome to join us at 8am until 12pm. Cost is $55. Please contact the school with your details.

DYMOCKS BOOK VOUCHERS

Your Dymocks Book Voucher letters will be sent home shortly. Simply present this letter at Dymocks, select your book and leave it at the counter with staff. Please select your book no later than Friday 22 November so that they can be collected by school staff and wrapped in readiness for the Christmas Concert. Each voucher is worth $20. If the book you choose is over $20, you simply pay the difference.
**Calling Santa!**

We are on the lookout for Santa Claus! We don't currently have a Santa Claus or Mrs Claus to attend our Christmas Concert. If you or someone you know might be interested in playing our Santa or even Mrs Claus, please contact the school.

This year our Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 5th December at the Hall. We are again seeking donations for our annual Christmas Concert Raffles! If you can help in any way it would be very much appreciated!

We are after any new items that can be used in a hamper style prize, e.g. tin or wrapped food, gift vouchers, body lotions, gardening, kitchen wares, drinks, Christmas items etc.

We are also accepting donations of wrapped lollies for our Santa/Mrs Claus to give to all students during the Christmas Concert.

More information about the Christmas Concert in coming Newsletters.

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**'The Spirit of Christmas' Fame Theatre Production**

Students will be attending 'The Night Before Christmas' production at the Moncrieff Theatre, 11.15am on Tuesday 26th November. We will be travelling by bus to the performance. Permission forms will be sent out closer to the date. Once again, this will be a school funded event.

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**BREAK UP DAY 2013**

Break up day this year will be on Wednesday 11th December. We will be travelling by bus to the Westside Water Park at Urangan. The P & C will be supplying a Pizza lunch for all the students. Parents are welcome to come along in their own vehicles and join in on the fun. This will be a school funded event. Students are reminded to bring their hats, sun screen, shoes and water bottles. More information about times leaving and returning and permission slips, will be sent home closer to the date.
STUDENT AWARDS
Term 4—Week 3

Star Student Awards—Prep-2—Book Prize—Ava Jowett and Mason Paroz. Yr 3-6—Mikayla-Rose Hamilton, Jorja Briggs and Gabriel

Star Student Awards—Chase Allen, Ava Jowett, Mikayla-Rose Hamilton, Shiloh Atkinson, Mason Paroz, Kodi Paroz, Theodore, Jaxon Briggs, Jackson Ellis, Tenzin Allen, Riley Hunting, Jorja Briggs, Gabriel

Magnificent Work—Prep-2—Ava Jowett, Jack Munn, Shiloh Atkinson and Kodi Paroz
ART COMPETITION WINNERS

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place
Watching bananas being planted with Gavin Jowett

Thank you Gavin