NAPLAN
I would like to congratulate the Year 3 and 5 students for their huge efforts during the NAPLAN testing. They all concentrated and worked hard doing their best.

Year 3-6 Classroom
Now that the study of persuasive writing is over, we are moving on to studying Letter Writing. We have looked at what a letter is, why a letter is written and how a letter is written. We have learnt about the structure of a letter and will now continue and practice writing letters for various reasons.

Marketing
So far Givelda State School is marketing itself at the Bundaberg Radiography Office on Takalvan Street by having an advertisement that is displayed on a regular basis – have you ever seen it? I am also consulting with a marketing expert to seek some advice on the presentation and representation of Givelda State School. I am seeking your opinion about the school logo. It is a great picture but is not fully representative of Givelda State School or even the surrounding areas anymore. If you have any input, please contact me by phoning, emailing, texting or coming in to see me after school. Your opinion is valuable. I want to represent the current Givelda State School.

Playgroup
Each week it is great to see younger students attending the Playgroup. We would like to see a few more little ones coming. Everyone is welcome and it is FREE. Mrs White organises the developmentally appropriate activities and runs the session from 9.30-11.15 every Tuesday.

Come and join them

Calendar Dates
24 May—NO ATHLETICS
30 May—Bundaberg Show Holiday
31 May—Under 8’s Day at Bullyard State School
31 May—No Tuckshop due to Under 8’s Day Celebrations
9 June—Jenny Craig Ring Road Run
9 June—Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn Program’ finishes
11 June—Small Schools Cross Country—Booyal Central State School
14 June—Pajama Party at School

Homework is handed out on Thursdays and is to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Religious Instruction every Wednesday at 11.30am

Tuckshop every Friday

Library borrowing is every Thursday (no bag no borrow)

School Banking every Friday

Playgroup every Tuesday from 9.30am—11.15am

AASC—Tennis— Term 2— every Monday 3.15pm—4.15pm And Athletics every Friday from 3.30pm—4.30pm

Term 2 finishes 21 June
Here we have Theodore and Angelus showing how many blocks are needed to collapse their bridge. This is part of one of our science experiments showing the properties of materials. The children worked in pairs or by themselves and used one, two and then three sheets. After that they compared their results.

Today we discovered some of our pansies are starting to flower. How exciting!

In English we have just about finished our characters and this week we will go onto looking at Australian stories and their characters.

In History we have been looking at all things old, such as clothes and household products.

This week in Mathematics we will continue working on addition and subtraction stories and facts.

Now that the weather is colder please encourage your children to wear jumpers as this morning it was quite cold in our classroom.

Enjoy the Autumn weather!

Joan Riek
Phonemic Identity—(hearing the same sound in a series of words) (around age 4 and upwards).

Teach your child to listen for the same sound in a series of words.

1. Do this by saying a series of words that all begin with the same sound
   E.g. cat, kitten, curtain, koala, cattle
   - Ask your child what sound they heard at the beginning of each word.
   - Repeat this process with other series of words each starting with the same sound.
     Be sure to expose your child to all the beginning sounds i.e. words all beginning
     With the /b/ sound; the /f/ sound; the /g/ sound; etc.

2. Repeat this process with as many ending sounds as possible.
   E.g. drop, stump.
   - Do this with as many ending sounds as possible.

3. Repeat this process with as many medial (middle) sounds as possible.
   E.g. in the word hat the medial sound is /a/; in the word jog the medial sound is /o/

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

There will be no athletics this Friday 24th May as our coach will be away.

Athletics will be on the following Fridays—31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June.
Tennis will be on the following Mondays—27 May, 3 June, 17 June. There is still one tennis lesson date to be advised.

These dates apply weather permitting.

The students really enjoyed their first Golfing day. Doug Gardner from the Greg Norman Golfing Academy taught the students the basics of golf.
The next 3 visits for instructions are—July 24, October 23 and November 20 from 12pm—1pm.
**SHOW HOLIDAY**

Reminder that Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} May is the Bundaberg Show Holiday for 2013. Givelda State School will be closed that day.

A reminder to parents with this cooler weather, to ensure that your child has a jumper at school. Preferably maroon, but if you don't have that colour, any warm jumper will do. The classroom is heated but lunch breaks can be very cold outside.

**Pyjama Party**

The excitement amongst the students is growing as the date of the Pyjama Party has been set and is nearing. Mark you diary – 14\textsuperscript{th} June, 2013. Pyjama Party at Givelda State School from 6.30pm—9pm. The cost of the night will be $5 and this includes pizza, drink and cake. A requirement of the night is that everyone attending MUST be in pyjamas!! A fun night is assured!

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**Students of the Week Term 2, Week 4**
WEEK 4
Student of the Week
Prep—Year 2—Theodore Matt
Year 3—6—Jorja Briggs

Star Student Awards
Angelus, Theodore, Ava, Jack, Shiloh, Isabel, Kody, Kodi, Mikayla, Riley and Jorja

Sight Words Awards
Isabel, Theodore and Shiloh

Spelling Awards
Lawrance, Jorja and Riley
WEEK 5
Student of the Week
Prep—Year 2—Angelus Matt
Year 3—6—Jackson Ellis

Star Student Awards
Angelus and Melita

Homework Awards
Jorja, Riley and Melita

Spelling Awards
Jorja, Mikayla, Theodore and Lawrence
The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls, aged 8 years and older which promotes and encourages an interest in aviation.

It is a rewarding opportunity to have fun and gain education about flying and aviation. Members will also develop life skills such as leadership, confidence and initiative, qualities which lead to success in any career but especially in the aviation industry.

A wide range of activities are involved including drill, camps, model aircraft building, physical activities, specialised courses and training. For more info find us on Facebook at Australian Air League-Bundaberg Squadron or call Ceciley on 0400 958 366.