Week 4 brings us back to a one teacher school as our numbers ended up at 19. Mrs Chamberlin will continue working on a Wednesday. I will be catch-up on admin work and also intend to work with our 2 NAPLAN candidates. The Government has given us $5000 towards ensuring our students reach National Minimum Standards. This money is to be spent only on Literacy and Numeracy coaching so we can achieve this result.

I am pleased that our newly renovated tuckshop will be in operation from Wednesday 26th February. Tuckshop will be every fortnight on a Wednesday.

On Friday, Marteen and I worked on the school budget. We hope to buy 3 new computers to replace 3 old ones. We will also replace the air conditioner in Marteen’s Office. They are the big ticket items. I will also check with the children to see what sporting equipment they need.

I have been very pleased with the playground activities of late. After Mrs Morse took them for skipping in the 2nd week, part of Smart Moves, the children have been enjoying skipping. It was great to see Jackson Ellis being very supportive and giving little Lincoln a go. Well done Jackson!

Congratulations to Troy and Veronica on the birth of their son Luke. All the best and guess he will be spoilt with those sisters of his?

I will be away on Wednesday at a Principal’s Conference and then the following Thursday at a meeting for Band 5/6 Principals. Mrs Chamberlin will replace me on these days.

Yours in Education

Joan Riek
Acting Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP / YEAR 1 / YEAR 2 NEWS

From Monday 17 February, Givelda State School reverts back to a one teacher school, so this will be the last Prep / Year 1 / Year 2 News.

I am pleased to say the Prepies are doing very well and have settled into their five day a week routine extremely well. However the hot weather is making them very tired.

The 1’s and 2’s are continuing to work well and are being very responsible. I am quite pleased with how responsible they have been during some times when things haven’t worked out so well. Well done to those responsible children. This term we are focussing on short stories.

In Comprehension we are looking at how Prior Knowledge helps us to work out words. If we know about a subject when we come across the words we know that link with the subject, we can usually work out the word e.g. having made a fish pond and then reading a book about gold-fish when then see the words, flakes, bubbles, we are able to work them out.

In Maths we are working with MAB blocks which help us to understand 100’s, 10’s and 1’s.
Joan Riek

YEAR 4 - 7 NEWS

Last week in Geography we talked about our local area. We made a model of Givelda and labelled our houses. We also investigated the points of the compass and used them to read a map.

In science we discovered how a solid became a liquid. We are now great at recognising a solid, liquid or gas.

We are consolidating our number facts knowledge with a Mad Minute every morning. This means we are given a list of facts and one minute to complete them. We are brilliant at it!!

Skipping is the ‘flavour of the week’ in the playground and sometimes handball.

Jenny Chamberlin
ARTS COUNCIL 2014

We will be joining in with Kolan South State School for Arts Council in Terms 1 and 2 this year. The first performance titled The Box is scheduled for Monday 17 March at 2pm. The cost of the performance will be $6 per student. We will be needing parent transport. Permission notes and payment envelopes will be sent home closer to the performance.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will commence on Wednesday 26th February and be held each fortnight. A BIG thank you to one of our new mums, Shannon, who has offered to be our Tuckshop Convenor for 2014. Thank you SO much Shannon. The menu will be a meal deal. Morning Tea will be home bake. Please see below for the home bake roster. Please remember if you can’t bake on your rostered date, please ask one of the other parents to swap with you. Please make 24 muffins or slices and any excess can be frozen for a later date. Please remember to still send fruit break on Tuckshop days.

Home Bake Roster—Term 1, 2014
26 Feb—Hunt
12 Mar—Jowett
26 Mar—Hamilton

P & C News

The AGM was held last Tuesday. Unfortunately we don’t have a President or Secretary as yet. If you would like to be our P & C President or Secretary please let us know. Jacinta will continue on as Treasurer.

The Grant of $64,130 for improvements to our oval and the construction of a shelter shed was discussed. The P & C have to put in a further $10,800 if the project is to go ahead. However, it was suggested perhaps the P & C should look at a shed of lesser value now that the tuckshop has been renovated.

The purchasing of a new school sign was also discussed. If you’d like to have your say please attend the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th March in the Library. All welcome!
RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction will commence in Week 5. We are still waiting confirmation on which day it will be held. We will inform you of the day in the near future.

WORKING BEE

Let’s get our School shining like our students. After 3pm on Friday 28th March, there will be a working bee for a couple of hours only to tidy up our school.

We are currently putting together a list of small jobs that need to be done to neaten up the school buildings and grounds. Mainly some weeding, washing down of sheds, clearing gutters, the tennis court and lining shelves in the newly renovated tuckshop.

We would be very pleased to have as many helpers as possible, so we can cross those jobs off our list. If you’d like to stay on afterwards for a light meal, please bring along a plate to share. Some of the students’ cooking will also be on offer along with tea and coffee.

Please let us know if you’d like to join us. The school has a wheelbarrow, a couple of rakes, small ladder, a couple of brooms and buckets, but more of these would be useful and also an extension ladder.

Hoping to see YOU there!

Kind regards.
IPAD GIVEAWAY

From Saturday Feb 22 to Monday Mar 31, schools across the region have the chance to be in the running to win a set of 10 iPads by collecting as many giveaway tokens as possible and submitting them to their school by the competition closing date.

A token will be published in the NewsMail every day from Feb 22 to Mar 31 and the school with the most tokens at the end of the 5 week promotion wins the set of 10 iPads. All schools stand an equal chance of winning as the NewsMail will pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner.

So ask your family, neighbours and friends to please collect these tokens and hand them in at school so we can be in the running to win these 10 iPads.

Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA FRAZER

Jessica is a past student of Givelda, currently completing Year 12 at Bundaberg State High. During the Christmas Holidays, Jessica was selected in the Bundaberg State High Team of 3 to travel to Brisbane to compete in the Australian National Space Design Competition to design, develop, construct, operate a dedicated asteroid mining settlement in 2049.

Her team was paired up with Adelaide and 2 schools from Brisbane at this challenge and they WON!

This year she will travel to Houston, Texas to compete at International level. After informing the current Givelda students of Jessica's achievements, they wanted to hold a ‘Guess the lollies in the jar’ competition (like we did to help Jackson Ellis travel to Cairns) to help Jessica with her costs.

To have a guess will cost 50c and you can choose the number you’d like your name to go against. Once the number board is full the winner will be revealed. If you’d like your child to participate, please send along 50c or if you have any questions please ask. If you’d like to find out more about Jessica’s challenge google bmag and look for Space Design Competition.

Congratulations!
GENERAL NEWS

INTRODUCING OUR PREP STUDENTS FOR 2014

L-R—Lilly-Jean Hamilton-Stevens, Oliver Jowett, Lincoln Hunt and Kiara Cromwell