Hope you all fared OK in the storm yesterday. My trip back from Brisbane was horrendous, having to dodge falling trees, hailstones and other debris. I was extremely glad to arrive back and be safe inside the school house.

Last week we had a visit from Mr Leon McKay, the Small Schools’ Manager. He was very pleased with our NAPLAN results having improved in all areas especially writing and spellings.

After analysing the results we were able to pinpoint the area that needed focusing on for next year. This area being comprehension. We found that while children were good readers, sometimes they weren’t able to understand what they had read and this happened also in Mathematics. Many of the Mathematics questions in NAPLAN are word problems and children need to be able to read the question and then understand what operation is needed. Therefore reasoning in Mathematics and Reading will be a high priority.

This Thursday all the Small Schools’ Principals will meet with Mr McKay and Mr Case who is the Assistant Regional Director. At this meeting we will also map out the direction the school needs to go in 2014.

Practice for the concert is progressing well. These last two weeks we have also fitted in lots of testing for the end of the year reports.

Due to the busy workload at school, tomorrow will be the last Pre Prep Day.

This week we will send home the Prep Enrolment Pack. Hopefully we will have 4 Preps next year, which will keep our numbers up so that we will be able to have the second teacher. I know that it has been invaluable having the second teacher!

Yours in Education

Joan Riek
Acting Principal

Calendar Dates

19 Nov—Last Pre Prep Day
22 Nov—Last day to choose book at Dymocks
26 Nov—Night Before Christmas at Moncrieff Theatre 11.15
27 Nov—Last RE Lesson
28—Book Club due
30 Nov - Ice Age 4 at South Kolan Footy Grounds 7.30pm
3 Dec—Orientation Day—Preps
5 Dec—Christmas Concert
11 Dec—Break Up Day at Bundydye Bowl and Leisure Centre and Lake Ellen Playground (if time permits)

Swimming every Monday this Term

Homework is handed out on Tuesdays and is to be handed in on Mondays.

Religious Instruction every Wednesday at 11.30am

School Banking every Friday

AASC—Basketball—Term 4—every Thursday 3.30pm—4.30pm And Zumba every Wednesday from 3.30pm—4.30pm

Library borrowing is every Wednesday (no bag no borrow)

School Website—www.giveldass@eq.edu.au
CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP / YEAR 1 / YEAR 2 NEWS

Last week we had fun making our rain hats. First we had to plan it and then decide on what materials we would use. We then made them and tested them on Wednesday. We had to test them with the watering can and would you believe it the next day it rained! So next time we want it to rain, I think we will make another hat.

A strange thing happened at school on Thursday when it was raining, we were inundated with toads coming out of a drain. I rushed around trying to kill them with salt while everyone was bemused with this strange happening. It provided us with a great idea to draw a picture and write a story.

Our unit for English is now on narratives, so we will be looking at characters, settings and plots and then making up our own little stories.

I am very pleased with the children’s spelling. Most are now getting them all right. Well done for your effort. These next four weeks will be very busy for all. If you have queries or problems please contact me.

We do not know at this stage the staffing for next year but as soon as I know I will let you know.

Keep safe.
Joan riek

YEAR 3 - 6 NEWS

Last week each class member made a car during our science lesson. This was an activity from our study of simple machines.

Jackson and Gabe had vehicles that made it the furtherest. I would like to congratulate each child on their efforts. Great job everyone!!

This week we are going to have a ramp race to determine the angle at which a car will go fastest or furtherest.

Our celebrations are coming along. Each child has established a special day. The day has been celebrated together, after an explanation of its purpose has been made.

In maths we have been concentrating on problem solving. Special emphasis has been on reading the question carefully. We are realising that comprehension is needed in other subject areas other than English.

Have a great week!

Jenny Chamberlin
A huge thank you to Bruce and Elaine Lyons for your generous donation to our P & C, which will help fund the Dymocks books which will be presented at our Christmas Concert.

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.

DYMOCOCKS BOOK VOUCHERS

A friendly reminder to present your voucher at Dymocks Books by this Friday 22 November. Simply select your child’s book and leave at the counter to be collected by school staff so can be wrapped in readiness for the Christmas Concert. If the book you choose if 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 soon.

‘The Spirit of Christmas’ Fame Theatre Production

Students will be attending ‘The Night Before Christmas’ production at the Moncrieff Theatre at 11.15am on Tuesday 26th November. We will be travelling by bus to the performance. Permission forms need to be returned by this Friday 22 November. Once again, this will be a school funded event.

BREAK UP DAY 2013

Break up day this year will be on Wednesday 11th December. There has been a change in venue. We will now be travelling by private transport to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre. The P & C will be providing pizza for lunch while there. If time permits we will then travel to Lake Ellen Playground. Please return your child’s permission slip by this Friday 22 November, indicating if you can provide transport on the day.
STUDENT AWARDS
Term 4—Week 6

Star Student Awards—Book Prize—Tenzin Allen, Shaylee-Jade Hamilton and Jackson Ellis

Star Student Awards—Jackson Ellis, Kodi Paroz, Shaylee-Jade Hamilton, and Chase Allen

Super Speller Awards—Tenzin Allen, Jorja Briggs, Jackson Ellis, Mikayla-Rose Hamilton, Ava Jowett, Shiloh Atkinson, Chase Allen and Gabriel
Year 3 - 6 Making spaghetti bolognese