

# JONES HILL STATE SCHOOL

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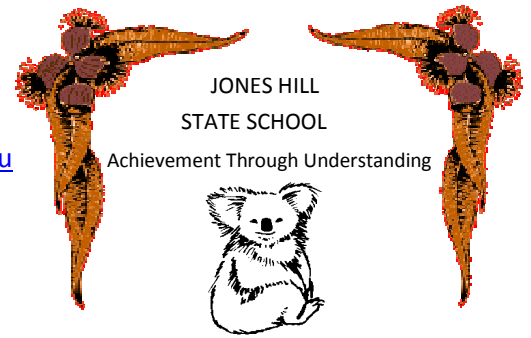
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# Newsletter 9 December 2014



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**10 December 2014**  
Social Swim

**11 December 2014**  
Free Dress Day

**12 December 2014**  
Break Up Day

**22 December 2014**  
Bunnings Sausage  
Sizzle

## 2015

**27 January 2015**  
School Commences

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
P&C Annual General  
Meeting  
All welcome

## A note from the Principal:

Last week was a great week for celebrating student's achievements. We started the week with the young readers 'Reading Celebration'. Where a number of students read to a group of students and parents demonstrating their greatly improved reading skills. Thank you to Judy Whittaker for organising and running this very special event.

Mrs Rozynski and her students also entertained parents with their delightful poetry presentations. The students dressed for the occasion, acting out their beautifully illustrated verses. It was wonderful to see all the parents supporting the children and enjoying a lovely afternoon tea at the conclusion of the presentations.

Congratulations to all the students who received an award at our recent awards evening. A special thank you to all the presenters and sponsors who made the evening a great success and to Mrs Burnett and Mrs Hurren for organising the awards, certificates and program. The entertainment provided by the students was outstanding, with a special mention for Mrs Hurren, Mrs Barton and the student chorus who finished the evening with a spectacular musical presentation. Jones Hill certainly has great talent.

Congratulations to all our year 6 and 7 students who graduated last night. You are an amazing group of young students who have flourished under the guidance of your wonderful teachers. All the best for 2015 and beyond and thank you for an awesome 2014 year. Please join us on Thursday morning at 9.00am to say farewell to our year 6 and 7 students. They have a very beautiful and moving musical goodbye for us all to enjoy.

Playgroup has finished for the year. They celebrated with a Christmas Party and a visit from Santa. I would like to thank Kelda for the enormous effort she has given to ensure the success of the group. Next year playgroup will run on a Wednesday. We welcome new members to join in the fun, in 2015.

I am looking forward to working with the new Principal James Watt as Deputy Principal next year. I am extremely happy that I am able to stay and work with such a caring, positive and hardworking school community. We have achieved many great achievements this year and I thank everyone for your support.

I wish you all a safe, enjoyable, restful break and look forward to catching up with you in 2015.

Kind Regards Helen

Hi Everyone,

Last week I received the news I was appointed to Jones Hill as Principal for 2015. I am absolutely excited to take up the roll at Jones Hill next year and look forward to meeting all the staff, students and parents.

I was able to visit the school yesterday and work through setting up for next year with Helen. I have been so impressed with the friendly feeling of the school and look forward to being part of the team.

I attended the P&C get together Monday evening and thanked the parents who attended for the warm welcome.

I hope to visit the school again this week and meet more of the staff and students.

I would like to congratulate Helen and Stacey for a great job during 2014.

Good luck to the students in years 6 & 7 who transition to high school next year to begin the next phase of their education.

Have a great Christmas and New Year's break, see you in 2015.  
James Watt



## 2015 CLASS LISTS

Class lists for 2015 will be posted under the administration building on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Please see Helen or Stacey if you have any concerns. The lists are subject to change depending on day 8 enrolments.

## SOCIAL SWIM

Tomorrow (Wednesday December 10) is a Social Swim day for Years 1 to 7. There is no cost for this excursion. Classes will be swimming at either Kandanga Pool or Gympie South Pool

- 6/7C & 6/7K leave at 9am - Kandanga Pool
- 5W & 5/6B leave at 10:30am – Kandanga Pool
- 1B & 1N leave at 9:15am – South Pool
- 2B, 2G & 2/3C leave at 10:15am – South Pool
- 3R & 3S leave at 11:15am – South Pool
- 4N & 4/5L leave at 12:15am – South Pool

## BREAKFAST CLUB

There is no breakfast club this Thursday.

## 2015 BOOKLISTS

Students should now have their booklists. Completed forms can be dropped into the school office before this Friday. After this Friday forms will need to be dropped off at Nextra Newsagency. Orders can be collected and paid for from the 13 January 2015 at Nextra Newsagency (Goldfields Plaza).

## MRS COLE'S YEAR 1 CLASS 2015 BOOKLIST

Mrs Cole runs a community pencil classroom. Children in this class in 2015 **do not** need to label their pencils, glue, felt pens or crayons. They will all be collected on day one. Please bring in **all** items on day one. This reduces everyone's stress – as all children will have what they need at school when it is needed.

## DENTAL VAN NEWS

The Dental Van will be staffed until December 19. Forms can be returned to the school office up to and including Friday December 12. For inquiries please phone the Dental Van on 0412 491 905.

## P&C NEWS

### Free Dress Day

A Free Dress Day will be held this Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards new home readers for 2015.

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

A reminder our next BBQ at Bunnings is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Helpers are still needed. Please leave your name at the office if you can spare a couple of hours. Thanks to all the parents who have supported our fundraising activities this year. We have been very successful and raised some much needed funds for our school. Wishing you all a safe & merry festive season and we look forward to your continued support in 2015. Jones Hill State School Fundraising Committee

## UNIFORM NEWS

Please note that there will be **NO UNIFORM SHOP** this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Orders in the P&C box will be finalized on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, so please have your orders in by Thursday at the commencement of school, if you wish me to deliver to your child's classroom.

**GREAT NEWS!** Our new 'bottoms' will definitely be available on our JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 SALES DAY, which means all our new Preps should be in full school uniform for the start of the 2015 school year, and those replacing their students uniforms will also be in the new uniform.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful helpers this year, Melinda Ellison, Carmel Window, and Kathie Delisser. Thank you to the school community for your wonderful support this year, remember, purchasing your uniforms through the shop supports the P&C, therefore every student in the school benefits.

I wish each and everyone a wonderful and relaxing Festive Season and Holiday, and we'll look forward to seeing you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2015 between 9am and 1pm, and again on Fridays between 8:30am and 9:30 am.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOTSHOTS

Gympie and District Junior Tennis Association coaches Brett Cottrill and Matt Watkins will be conducting **5 Fun Tournaments** and coaching clinics in the holidays on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec (1<sup>st</sup> week) and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan (Last week)** at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd. The tournaments will be held from **8.30am until 12.30pm** with morning tea and lunch included. **Costs are \$25.00 for 1 event, \$45 for 2 events (week 1), \$25 for 1event, \$45 for 2 events and \$60 for all 3 events in Jan.** Great prizes and plenty of tennis for all. Levels from beginners to advanced are welcome. **Family Discounts. Enquiries and bookings to Brett Cottrill 0417 746795.**

**Entries for each tournament close 10.00am 1 day prior to the event.**

## Gympie Junior Cricket T20 BLAST

**When:** 6pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February (Program runs for 8 weeks)

**What:** First night is a Free 'Come and Try' night

**Where:** [One Mile Ovals](#), Brisbane road, Gympie

**Cost:** \$99.00 includes 8 week program, insurance and participant pack

**Contact:** Jeff Mills, 0422536 196, [jimjam4@inet.net.au](mailto:jimjam4@inet.net.au)

**Register** by heading to [www.T20BLAST.com.au](http://www.T20BLAST.com.au). **Enter 4570** into the '**Register Now**' **postcode section** and the Gympie Junior Cricket Association program will be first on the list. Then click **Register Here!**

## GYMPIE MEGA FIT CLUB SESSION FUNDRAISER

We are raising money for Vicky Vermeullen to help with her Chemo treatments, **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10am**, Nelson Reserve. Meet at the playground. 1 hour workout. Recovery nutrition after. Bring the kids. Free body scans.

**\$5/person.** All proceeds will go to Vicky's Chemo fund.

**Call Shellie on 0488716487** for more info.



# HEAT KILLS

Queensland Police Central Region have recently launched the **Heat Kills** awareness campaign as a reminder to parents and carers that tragic results can occur if an infant, toddler or young child is left unattended in a motor vehicle and exposed to heat.

Recent reports from RACQ have shown that they are currently responding to an average of 8 call outs a week for urgent assistance where children are left and locked in vehicles, they stated that in a matter of 7 minutes the temperature inside a vehicle can increase rapidly from an ambient comfortable temperature to 40 degrees, which is based on average springtime temperatures. The recent 37 degree temperatures spikes that we have recently been experiencing coupled with a child or infants increased metabolism would easily result in a tragedy literally occurring within minutes!

In addition to the above figures Gympie Police have received approximately 10 calls for assistance from members of the public in the last 12 month period for instances of this nature. The majority of these calls are being received from our Shopping Centre car parks and Central business districts as well as Day Care Centres, Hotels and homes.

Research performed on the topic of infants or toddlers tragically dying in unattended motor vehicles exposed to the heat showed two things:

- Circumstances existed where people made a conscious decision to leave their child in a vehicle exposed to heat with an understanding of the risk involved – even if they did not foresee the disastrous outcome.
- Secondly, a major contributing factor in other instances was memory failure. It is this simple, if we are capable of forgetting anything – we are capable of forgetting the presence of a child in a vehicle as well. Contributing factors which were identified in case studies to this memory failure occurring were high levels of stress, external pressures, lack of sleep, unexpected disruptions to the daily routine and also distractions. There was no demographical restriction on who these memory failures impacted – any one, of any race of any age can be affected.

The intention of this project is simply this – maintain and raise awareness of the dangers and save lives. As police we ask you as a Community to work with us, be aware and report any matters to help prevent any tragic incident from occurring.

Call Gympie Police 07 5480 1111 or in an emergency (distressed child) "000"

## Student Awards December 5

