It is the end of week four already and we are almost halfway through the term! Staff and students have settled in well and are back into the swing of routines and lessons.

We have a number of important events, coming up over the rest of this term. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our newly elected School Leaders.

School Captains - William Grinter and Holly Grattidge
Vice-Captains - Amy Stuart and Jamaika Lawrence
Sports Captains - Declan McCabe (Wienholt)
- Nicholas Stewart (O'Donnell)

This year, we have also constructed a student council to give the students more of a say in the running of the school. The student council reps and myself will meet at different times throughout each term and the students will have opportunities to put their ideas forward and give a student perspective on upcoming events and fundraisers. They will then report back to their classmates.

The Student Council reps are:
P/2 - Tamara Jaenke and Linkin Broderick
3/4 - Tehya Wearne, Indie Honess and Josh Elson
5/6 - Maddison Dawson, Lachlan Jaenke and Bryanna Buckley

Gotcha Rewards and Rewards Days
We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School which is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. This means we use positive language and establish social expectations to encourage students to uphold our core beliefs of:

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be a Learner
Be Safe

Students are awarded “gotchas” for exhibiting these behaviours. As students collect gotchas, they are awarded certificates on parade after their first 25, then again for each 50 gotchas. Students can also redeem gotchas for individual rewards with their class teacher, such as prize boxes, iceblocks or extra privileges.

On Friday 31 March, we will hold our Term 1 Rewards Day. This will consist of a 3 tiered set of rewards. If students accrue between:
- 0 - 50 Easter Egg Hunt
- 51-100 Movie and Popcorn Session
- Over 100 Pizza Party

If a students reaches more than 100 gotchas in a term, then they qualify for all three rewards. However, if they have had three major behaviours in a term then they can only qualify for the Tier One Reward of the Easter Egg Hunt. Behaviours such as swearing, violence, repeated in class violations are examples of major behaviours. We have a history of great behaviour at Widgee and we hope this will be an incentive to continue that proud history.
Students of the Week

Week 3

**Linkin Broderick** - For his care and understanding when helping Preps in their school routines.

**Georgina McCabe** - For showing persistence when working systematically in maths.

**Tehya Wearne** - For showing persistence when working systematically in maths.

**Zara Tomkins** - For having an inquisitive nature and a terrific sense of humour.

**Jessica Robinson** - For being on fire in maths over the last 3 weeks!

Week 4

**TaiNui Nutley** - For his consistency with his work ethic with a high quality of presentation.

**Thomas Grinter** - For being on fire and finishing all his work!

**Monique Parkhill** - For leading by example in all areas of school life.

**Bryanna Buckley** - For having a bubbly personality and trying her best every day!

**Thankyou**

A sincere thankyou to the Grattidge Family who donated equipment for the tuckshop to the P&C. Items donated were a set of digital scales and food thermometers. These are extremely high quality and we are very thankful for the kind donation.

Tuckshop Reminder

Please ensure all students put their tuckshop in before school on a Wednesday. It causes a problems if students aren’t handing their tuckshop in until lunch time. Thankyou.

Resource Fees Reminder

The first payment of the resource fees was due last Friday and there are still a number of families who have not made a payment. It would be appreciated if you could make this a priority or talk to either Mr Elson or Mrs Fitzpatrick about a payment plan. Thank you to the families who have paid.

Swimming

Swimming commences on Monday the 6th March and will continue each day (with the exception of Thursdays) until Friday the 17th March. Further information about swimming will be sent home on Monday the 27th February.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Monday 27th February. The photographer will be at the school at approximately 11:00am. No pre-ordering is required. Class, individual and sibling photos will be taken with the opportunity for parents/carers to order from the proofs either online or hardcopy at the school office at a later date to be advised. All students are asked to be dressed in the correct school uniform please.

**Thought for the Day**

When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know, but if you listen, you may learn something new.

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Gympie District Sport News

Congratulations to Declan McCabe, Nicholas Stewart and Jack Elson for being selected in the Gympie District AFL Team. The boys will train each week in Gympie and will play at the Wide Bay AFL Trials on 29th and 30th March in Bundaberg. Good luck and train hard boys!

School Banking

Hi Widgee State School Families,

School Banking has commenced, we are just waiting for 2017 parent banking envelopes to arrive which will be sent home with the students. Once parents receive the packs, you can open accounts yourself online and then the bank deposit book will be sent to you. Banking days will be Friday every week, there will be a collection bag in every classroom, which will be collected shortly after parade.

If you have not already done so, you can fill out the form below or wait for the parent pack.

Interested in School Banking  Y/N
New account  Y/N (information starter kit will be sent home with child/ren)
Child’s name/s:  
Existing Account (details below):
Name:  
Student Number:  
BSB:  
Account:  
I appreciate your time.

Kelly McCabe - Widgee State School Banking Co-ordinator
## SERVICE DIRECTORY 2017

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Monthly walk-up  Widgee Bushman’s Bar

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### Support the WIDGEE MARKETS

On the first SATURDAY of the month at the **WIDGEE GENERAL STORE**

7:00am to 12:00 noon. Sites: $5:00
Lots of great bargains for everyone.
All proceeds to **WIDGEE PONY CLUB**.
Enquiries to Jim Clune 54861180

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Please phone:- 0474801929
Email:- giddyup2017@gmail.com

### Widgee Rural Fire Brigade

**Executive**

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**List of Officers**

1st Officer: Barry Dyer
2nd Officer: David Barsley
3rd Officer: Terry Payne
4th Officer: Chris Lhotka
5th Officer: Val Ware
6th Officer: John Stuart