



# Goodwood Gazette

**'Strive to Achieve'**

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## 2013 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills

### Dates for Diaries/Fridge Door

August 5 Monday	Newsletter No. 12 issued
August 6 Tuesday	Interschool Chess Tournament at Walkervale
August 19 Monday	Newsletter No. 13 issued
August 20 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.15 – everyone welcome! Please make every effort to be a part of this very important school group.
August 22 Thursday	Mr Coleman at QASSP Management Committee Meeting in Brisbane
August 26-28	Upper School Camp at Chaverim
August 23 Friday	Daffodil Day - Wear Yellow – Funds for Cancer Council – gold coin donation
September 2 Monday	Newsletter No. 14 issued
September 16 Monday	Newsletter No. 15 issued
September 16 – 19	Parent / Teacher Interviews
September 17 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.15 – everyone welcome! Please make every effort to be a part of this very important school group.
September 21 – 6 October	Spring School Holidays
October 7 Monday	Public Holiday
October 8 Tuesday	Term 4 first day back for students. Newsletter No. 16 issued

### Awards



Congratulations Rhanni, Ashley, Ben, Craig, Lawson, Riki-Lee, Josh, Matty, Amity, Lily, Allegra, Jamilee, Josh, Bailey, Meg, Jayde, Talia and Jackson.

on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well done!! ☺

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### **Welcome to New Family**

Welcome to Danny and Amy and children Montana (Y7), Jasper (Y3) and Phoebe (Y1). Welcome to Cate and Barry and their daughter Riki-Lee (Y1). Welcome to Sarah and her son Kaydon (Y4). We hope you have a long and happy association with Goodwood State School.

### **Additional Teacher??**

As our numbers have increased significantly since "Day 8" (the point in time when staffing is calculated for the year), we enquired about the possibility of being funded for a 4<sup>th</sup> teacher. We needed around 53 to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> teacher and around 78 to attract a 4<sup>th</sup> teacher. We are currently sitting on the school's historical record enrolment of 83.

Our initial request for consideration of additional staffing has been received favourably and we have been requested to submit an official application, which I completed and sent on Saturday.

The most important objective will be to reduce the size of the Prep/Y1 class. The best way to do this is provide a Prep class on its own with 16 students. Next we combine the Y1 and Y2 students which would create a class of 23 students. To obtain optimal numbers for a learning environment with Years 3/4/5/6/7 it seems best to offer a Y3/4/6 class and a Y5/7 class.

While this may seem unusual for some parents, I can reassure you that there are absolutely no problems in organising students into these classes as I have managed this exact combination in a previous school and achieved positive outcomes. As a teacher who has taught 8 Year-levels in the one classroom, I can assure you that if we were to go this way of configuration, all students will be advantaged by the improved teacher-student ratio and all students will benefit from the change.

I will keep families informed of our progress if we are successful in gaining an additional teacher.

### **Prep = being ready for Y1**

In the last few years, with the introduction of Prep and the aligning of our curriculum to the national curriculum, the importance of Prep and Year 1 has become a critical stage of learning. Research has shown that if children underachieve in Year 1 they will encounter difficulty in bridging their learning gaps for many years after as they move each year into more complex curriculum expectations. From this point of view, it is important that children are performing well in Prep before they commence Year 1. Children develop at different paces particularly in the early years and it may be of benefit for some children to repeat Prep to provide them with the best chance of success in Year 1.

Prep is completely different to what used to be called Pre-school. Prep is a year when students fully engage with the national curriculum and strive to meet literacy and numeracy expectations. Our reading expectation for Prep at this time of year is to be at about level 4 and to begin writing a diary entry of 2 or 3 sentences independently.

### **Grant for Roof Round 2**

After being successful in the preliminary application for funding, we are due to submit our next phase of application by 12<sup>th</sup> of August. We desperately need a sheltered area for our school community for events like ANZAC, Discos, Concerts, weekly parades as well as PE and recreational activities for students during break times. Our plan is to construct a fixed roof above the multi-purpose court.

### **Uniform Expectations**

There have been quite a few older girls who have been wearing fingernail polish at school. This contradicts our uniform policy. We have asked a number of girls on many occasions to ensure they remove the nail polish and nail extensions. Consequently we notified families last week who were all very supportive. Thank you! ☺

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We have also noticed that some children are wearing non uniform shorts and leggings as well as jumpers. We can sympathise with families if they are unable to find/afford school coloured jumpers. However, we prefer if they wore jumpers that do not have inappropriate graphics (like skulls) or words on their jumpers.



### Zone Sports

“A big congratulations to Tara Shaw, Ben Mackay, Teagan Hass, Zane Tremble and Bailey Graham for representing the Isis Tigers in Hervey Bay. Teagan in long jump, Zane in 100m, 800m and long jump, Ben in long jump, shot put, high jump, 100m, 200m and 800m, Bailey in 800m, 100m, 200m, long jump and high jump and Tara in 800m. First it started off with 9 years long jump girls and boys. It went great for Teagan getting sixth place and Bailey getting second place and Ben and I who had got a BRILLIANT first and second in the 200m race!

Next we carried over to nine years high jump my favourite event. It felt so relieving when the bar got to a metre fifteen and all the other kids had left and I was the last one standing. I ran up to the bar and sprung off the ground but didn't make it.

Over all the day was magnificent and every one had fun”. By Bailey Graham

“Bang! I streaked down the track in full sprint. The first event of the day was 200m heats. The crowd screamed and yelled going for their teams. I managed to come 2<sup>nd</sup>. I was relieved that the first event had gone well.

My next event was long jump. I marked my runway and did some stretches. We went in random order for our practise jump then we started with our real jumps. My first jump was 3.98m, my second was 4.07m and my last was 4.30m. I was really lucky with my last jump because I had never jumped that before but I had the biggest jump for the day and I won. I was glad that was over.

The 200m finals were next and I came 4<sup>th</sup>. 100m heats were next and I came 3<sup>rd</sup> and since high jump was on when 100m was on I had to go straight to high jump where I jumped 1.28m. I didn't jump as high as I usually jump because I was jumping onto Frosbey Flop mats. In shot put I came about 6<sup>th</sup> with a throw of 8.07m. In the 100m finals, the last event of the day, I managed 8<sup>th</sup> place. So overall I had a great day”.  
By Ben Mackay

### Uniform Shop Message

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays from 8.30 to 9.30am. For purchases at other times, please contact Marianne Mackay on 0429 703 701. Some families have had difficulty finding jumpers in school colours, so the P&C has a couple of options available. We have a cotton-lined spray jacket, in green with gold trim, which is \$36. These are available now at the Uniform Shop. We are also able to order black polar fleece jackets, **which cost \$26**. Goodwood State School Polo shirts are \$25, and green hats are available for \$12.

**Please ensure correct payment is made at the time of purchase, as change is not available.**

Mrs Marianne Mackay  
Convenor

### P&C Messages from the President, Mrs Karen Blain

#### **Cake Stall**

The P&C held a Cake Stall on Sunday 28 July at The Childers Festival. The stall was very successful with many compliments received from people who patronised the stall. The following is a copy of an email received from Kellie from Hervey Bay.

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*"Please send regards to the cook of the mars bar cake. Best cake ever - and the mango and strawberry ice creams. WOW"*

*Thanks also to the parents who took the time to cook, send ingredients or help with the stall. Your support was much appreciated.*

### **Pie Drive**

Just a reminder that the pies will be delivered to the school on **Thursday 8 August**. Pie orders can be collected from school at 3pm.

### **Bingo**

Bingo is held on the first Thursday of each month at 1pm at the Woodgate Beach Bowls Club with cash prizes up for grabs. Raffle prizes are also on offer with tickets available to purchase on the day.

### **Cash for Cans - Aluminium Can Drive**

This fundraiser benefits both the school and the environment so your support and participation is greatly appreciated by all so please keep those cans coming in. Thank you!

## Community Notices