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'Strive to Achieve'

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2013 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills

Dates for Diaries/Fridge Door

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. CBA Banking presentation to students at lunch parade 2pm
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 James, Yana, Meagan, Dakota, Sharise, Tallon, Thomas, Charlotte, Max, Chantelle, Ebony, Michael, Tori, Montanna, Joseph, Bailey and Brent, on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well done!! ☺

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Welcome New Family

Welcome to Kim, Nathan and their daughter Nakita to our school community. We hope you have a happy and rewarding experience in your association with our school.

Welcome Mrs Carey!!!

Fantastic news!!!! We HAVE been successful in applying for an additional teacher. ☺

Mrs Jenny Carey comes to us with very high reviews as both a deputy principal and infant teacher in NSW schools. Mrs Carey will be working with the 20 Year 1 & 2 students until the end of the school year.

Mrs Byrnes will be teaching the 16 Prep students; Mr Coleman will be teaching the 23 Y3/4/6 and Mrs Carroll will be teaching the 21 Y5/7 students.

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 20 students. To obtain optimal numbers for a learning environment with Years 3/4/5/6/7 it is 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 offering this way of configuration, all students will be advantaged by the improved teacher-student ratio and all students will benefit from the change.

I have discussed this change with many parents and students and have allayed any concerns and have received favourable comments.

CBA Student Banking

The P&C have been negotiating with Commonwealth Bank of Australia to offer a special program for our students. Janine Leverett (P&C Treasurer) has volunteered to facilitate this service. Below is a message from Rachel Stanley from Childers CBA:

Goodwood State School is joining the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia passionately believes that all young Australians should learn about the importance of saving and smart money management. We think that when it comes to a child's education, knowing how to manage money is as essential as English, Maths, Science or the Arts. Other benefits for signing your child up to the program include:

- Redeemable prizes available to your child for making deposits through the school.
- Every account opened and all deposits made through the school attract a commission that is given back to the Goodwood State School.
- Ongoing competitions offered by Commonwealth Bank that your child's school can participate in.

A staff member from the Commonwealth Bank will be attending the school on Tuesday 20th August, 2013 at 2pm. Parents are invited to attend this presentation. If you are interested in starting up a bank account for your child, you can do so on the day, provided a parent/guardian is present with the child and you can provide an original copy of the child's birth certificate as well as a drivers licence/passport of the parent/guardian.

If you have any queries, please contact Rachael Stanley at the Childers branch of the Commonwealth Bank on (07) 4126 1533.

Medication Brought to School

Please be aware that any medications which are brought to school must be brought up to administration and a medication form filled out. Under no circumstances is medication to be given to children to keep in their bag.

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Zone Sports



Last week we had recounts from Ben Mackay and Bailey Graham describing their experiences at the Zone athletics competitions in Hervey Bay. Congratulations to all those who participated and a special congratulations to Ben who has been successfully selected to represent Zone at Regional level. Good luck Ben on being selected to go to State competitions.

Thank you to Mrs Hass for the lovely photo!

Upper Class Recounts

The school was filled with excitement and everyone was running around. Bailey, Craig and I were patiently waiting for Josh to get off the bus. As soon as he got here we went straight to the office to meet Mrs Hawker. Within a few minutes we had left to go to Bundaberg.

After the long trip to Bundaberg we had arrived at Walkervale S.S . We had enough time to do a couple of practise rounds and to meet some competitors. The rounds went by quickly and in-between rounds we played Mrs Hawker's Ipad. About half way through we had a lesson on a famous chess game that was played many years ago.

Overall I think our team came about 7th out of the primary teams and there were about thirteen teams altogether. Unfortunately no one in our team got a ribbon or a medal but overall I think our team performed well. By Angus

Yawn....I woke up as tired as a sleepy snail. Mum had woken me up to go to our amazingly awesome Nan and Pops. So I raced out of bed completely forgetting that I was still as sleepy as a snail. I got my pyjamas off and my shorts and t-shirt on, waiting for the weather to be like a tropical summer's day. Then whoosh a freezing cold breeze hit me; like a gunshot, but it was only wind! I instantly whacked my pleasant fluffy jumper over my head and then I started to walk over the cold slippery tiles to reach for the TV remote.....
By Jamilee

Smash! Someone's shoulder collided with the big front rower. It was an awesome tackle. The front rower got up painfully and played the ball. The hits kept coming. Crack... Slam... Bang... went the enormous tackles! It was fifth and last as the referee called, one boy booted the ball back to Marcus..... By Brent

Summer and I floated out of the car as light as a cloud and drifted like driftwood onto the beach. It was exquisite! We coasted onto the sand like gliding squirrels. It was soft and comfy like my bed feels at night. Whilst we were sitting there, the waves calmly rolled into shore....By Sharise

Flick. Flick.. went the lights as I was too tired to open my eyes. Then all of a sudden the blankets were ripped off of me. That's when I remembered Tom was staying over. It must have been him. He woke me up early as that day we were going to go prawning. I get up! I am pumped! I am as pumped as a new car tyre.....By Jye

The hot weekend had arrived and I woke up and had my usual breakfast; nutrigrain. I walked to my aunty's cool relaxing van and we talked about the many movies surrounding our world today. Later, I made a warm sweet coffee for mum and as I walked down the steps I noticed a warm glimmer through the window.... By Chantelle

Library Message

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Please return all library books by Wednesday 21 August. Once the stocktake has been completed borrowing can re-commence. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 - Fundraising

An outstanding result with a total of \$1500 raised on the day.

Many thanks to our generous volunteers for your time, baking talents and donations.

Also a special thank you to Paverock Quarries for donating the stall site and to Janine,

Stephanie and Mrs Sue Leverett for running this successful fundraising activity.

Pie Drive -Fundraising Results

Thank you to everyone who supported our P&C Pie Drive Fundraiser. You'll be pleased to hear we raised \$800, well done! We hope you enjoyed your pies and welcome your feedback for future pie drives. Thank you Katie and helpers.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday 20 August at 3.15pm in the Lower Classroom. If you are unable to attend our monthly meetings, but have some ideas or feedback for the P&C, please feel free to contact the committee to discuss your ideas further.

Fathers Day Stall

The P&C will be having a Fathers' Day Stall. The stall is not designed to make a profit, but will provide the kids with an exciting opportunity to "secretly" choose a fabulous gift for Dad or another carer to open on Father's Day. More information will be sent home soon.

Bingo

Our next Bingo session will be on Thursday 5 September at the Woodgate Beach Bowls Club, with eyes down at 1pm. Come along and try your luck, we have cash prizes up for grabs and raffle prizes are also on offer with tickets available to purchase on the day. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Can you help? We are on the lookout for some donations of felt pens/markers and we also need volunteers to help out with our additional bingo sessions being held over the school holidays, 26 September and 3 October. Please contact Bernadette Williams on 0447134734 if you are able to help.

Community Notices

SURVEY

The Isis District Residents & Ratepayers Association has sent out a brief survey about how people in our area communicate with council. IDRRA is a non-political community group seeking to highlight issues affecting areas of the former Isis Shire with all levels of government. Responses to the survey really would be valued, and can be dropped off at the school office in the next two weeks - or returned to the Childers library or PO Box 662, Childers.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



HAROLD THE GIRAFFE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Life Education Bundaberg is ***desperately***

Seeking committee members. ☺

We are community based.

Without a committee your children could be without Life Education ☺

Please could you seriously consider being part of Harold's team and attend our meetings.

3rd Thursday each month 5-6pm

57 Woongarra Street

Enquiries phone 4152 5735

Email: lifeducationbundaberg@gmail.com

We are Australia's largest not for profit provider of preventative drug and health education.

"Empowering the young to make the best choices for a safe and healthy life"

Parish Sacramental Program- Reconciliation

We will be holding the first parent meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program for Reconciliation on Wednesday 21st August in the Hall at 4.30pm. Reconciliation is a pre-requisite for receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This is the enrolment meeting and the first session for both parents and children. The program is for Catholic children who have already received the Sacrament of Baptism, and are in are year 2 or older. Please contact a member of the Sacramental Team for further details. Helen Freshwater Ph: 41 261 866; Sandra Freeman Ph: 41 261 866; Helen Bonanno Ph 41 261 538.



COMING SOON - Choral & Musical Feasts!

September, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th - *The Rhythm of Life* Bundaberg Orpheus Singers' concerts celebrating Musical Director Alison O'Malley's musical gifts to Bundaberg over 35 years and presenting her choice of favourite music. More than twenty-five former Singers are joining with the present fifty Singers! Entry Programmes available from Monday 12th August from 'Bout Time Music and Orpheus Singers. Door Raffle Prizes - Double passes to *The Ten Tenors*, *Mum's the Word Tour* and Double passes to *Chicago* at the Playhouse Theatre.

Posters and Flyers to share with others are attached.

(For details [<Click here>](#) and follow the links.)

November, Friday 22nd - *The Ten Tenors Mum's the Word Tour* at the Moncrieff Theatre. Tickets are selling very fast indeed. Book now!!

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(For details [<Click here>](#) and follow the links.)

October, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th & 26th - Chicago, Playhouse Theatre.

(For details [<Click here>](#) and follow the links.)

September, Friday 6th - A further concert in the Christ Church Concert Series featuring the Bundaberg Sinfonietta Chamber Ensemble commencing at 7.00 pm. (For details [<Click here>](#) and scroll down.)

August, Sunday 25th - This can be a double feast! A grand festive occasion presented by Monto Magic Music at Lake Cania featuring the esteemed Brisbane Birralees Voices and the Birralees Blokes. Gourmet luncheon from 12 noon or have a picnic with the concert commencing at 2.00 pm.

(For details [<Click here>](#) and scroll down.)

Do let your friends know! Arrange to go with them.

National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc

Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don't know how or just can't over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can't always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you.

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

Cool, Calm and Collected

Stress

Cool, Calm and Collected is a 2 hour workshop that explores the causes of stress and offers some practical tips and exercises for managing stress.

When: Tuesday September 3, 2013

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: **UnitingCare Community** on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

Engaging Adolescents

Parenting

Engaging adolescents is a three session course held over three weeks for parents who want to improve the relationship they have with their teenager.

When: Tuesday September 3, 2013 (3 week duration)

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

Contact: **UnitingCare Community** on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

Friends for Life

Children 8 to 12yrs

Is a strength-based program to assist children with worrying situations. This program teaches an awareness of our own responses and how to cope with them. We introduce problem solving skills to make a difference.

When: Tuesday September 3, 2013 (10 week duration with 2 week break during school holidays)

Time: 3.30pm to 5pm

Cost: \$60 per child - (\$100 for two children)

Contact: **UnitingCare Community** on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

I am me and that's OK!

Life Skills

A workshop designed to help break negative thought patterns, deal with the inner critic and cope with negative people.

When: Wednesday September 18, 2013 (1 x 3hr Session)

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Contact: **UnitingCare Community** on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)