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'Strive to Achieve'

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2013 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills

Dates for Diaries/Fridge Door

October 22 Tuesday	Newsletter No. 17 issued
October 23 Wednesday	Special Food Day
October 29 Tuesday	Central Queensland University Careers Van visiting to talk with Y5-79.30 – 10.30
October 29 Tuesday	Chess Tournament
November 4 Monday	Newsletter No. 18 issued
November 5 Tuesday	Prep 2014 Information Meeting 3.15pm
November 8 Friday	School Disco 6.30 – 8.30pm
November 8 Friday	Remembrance Day Ceremony at School 9.00am
November 14 Thursday	Prep Orientation
November 18 Monday	Newsletter No. 19 issued
November 19 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.15 – everyone welcome! Please make every effort to be a part of this very important school group
November 20 Wednesday	Special Food Day
November 21 Thursday	Prep Orientation
November 28 Thursday	Swimming starts every morning to 11th December. Lessons 10.30 – 11.30am. Bus departing school at 9.45am
November 28 Thursday	School Captain Elections 8.45am
December 2 Monday	Newsletter No. 20 issued
December 2 Monday	Yr 7 Transition Day
December 3 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.15 – everyone welcome! Please make every effort to be a part of this very important school group
December 3 Tuesday	Yr 7 Transition Day
December 5 Thursday	NO Parade
December 6 Friday	Yr 7 Graduation
December 9 Monday	School Reports issued
December 11 Wednesday	School Concert & Awards Evening 6.00pm
December 12 Thursday	School Fun Day
December 13 Thursday	NO Parade
December 13 Friday	Last day of school for 2013
January 21 – 25 2014	Collect Student Resources if you agreed to participate in scheme
January 27 Monday	Australia Day Public Holiday
January 28 Tuesday	Students First Day of School for 2014

Remembrance Day

Please note the date change to our school Remembrance Day service which will now be taking place on Friday 8th November at 9.00am. You are very welcome to join us for this service which is kindly organised by the Woodgate RSL.

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Awards



Congratulations Kurt, Craig, Ashlee, Yana, Chloe and Jackson on receiving their meritorious awards.
Well done!! ☺

ICAS Results



Recently we received the last batch of statements and results of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools English and Maths which was completed in June. Generally schools enlist their top students to participate in these fee-for-service national tests. Consequently, our students are competing with the "best of the best". Congratulations to Participation Certificate recipients in English: Michael, Emma and Asher. Congratulations to Participation Certificate recipients in Maths: Michael, Ben, Talia and Asher. We are delighted to announce that five students received Credits in English: Ben, Max, Angus, Campbell and Bella.

Two students received Credits in Maths: Bella and Sam. And there's more! We have another student who has performed so well that they are in the top 10% of students nationally. Congratulations to Campbell receiving a **Distinction** award in Maths!!!

Prep Orientation

For parents whose children are due to start Prep in 2014 we will be holding an Information Meeting on Tuesday 5 November at 3.15pm.

For students there will be two orientation mornings, 14th and 21st November. Students are asked to arrive at school for 8.30am when we start our school day with a fruit/ veg break. Students are asked to bring a small amount of fruit or vegetable which they can eat at this time. We will then have school parade from 8.45-9.15. The pre-preps will then join with the current Prep class and will need to be collected by 1pm. Students will need to bring morning tea and a wide brim hat.

School Captain Elections for 2014

Students currently in Year 5 & 6 are invited to run for election as school and sports captains for 2014. Speeches will be presented on parade on the 28th November at 8.45am. Students in Prep –Year 6 and staff are eligible to vote. The outcome will be announced on concert night.

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Volunteers Morning Tea

Thank you for joining us on Thursday for morning tea. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate your generous commitments to our school. For those parents who volunteer and were unable to attend, your certificate and gift have been sent home with your child. Other certificates and gifts will be beside the sign-in book located in the Prep classroom.

Thanks again to all our wonderful volunteers ☺



World Teacher's Day

World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. We celebrate World Teachers' Day in Queensland on **Friday 25 October, 2013**.

Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders.

World Teachers' Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities.

The department recognises the outstanding work of its teachers through the Teacher Career Milestones program, presented each year on World Teachers' Day.

Year 7 Transition to High School

Students' transition to Isis High School will be on Monday 2 December and Tuesday 3 December of week 9. It is two full school days from 8.40am to 2.50pm. Students need to wear their full school uniform, take equipment for learning and food for lunch. Parents need to organise for their child to travel to and from Isis High or make arrangements to travel on the school bus if that suits.

Year 7 Graduation

The Y7 Graduation has been set for Friday December the 6th. On this special occasion students are collected from school early in the evening by limousine and transported to Sizzler for tea. Afterwards they travel to Bundy Bowl and Leisure to play ten-pin bowling and participate in other recreational activities. The students raise funds to pay for the limousine by selling Zuper Dupers. More details and an agreement to the behaviour expectations for the outing will be sent out soon.

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School Concert Auditions

As part of our end of year concert and awards night on Wednesday 11th December, we will be putting on a play. We intend for all students to be involved in this in some way. We will be holding auditions for the main character roles and these will be taking place next week.

No Parades for Last Two Weeks of School

There will be no school parade on the 5th and 12th of December as we will be participating in the swimming program in the mornings and preparing for the concert in the afternoons as well as finalising student assessments.

Private Schooling Myth Debunked

After the release of NAPLAN results to families, I have heard back that that parents have been very pleased with our outstanding results. The article below which was published last week is very relevant to our success.

[COSIMA MARRINER](#) October 13, 2013

Children who attend private primary schools don't perform any better in NAPLAN tests than their peers at public schools, new research shows.

It was the children of a healthy birth weight, who grew up in higher socio-economic circumstances in homes filled with books and had mothers who didn't work long hours who performed best at NAPLAN.

The study authors said their findings, to be presented at a conference next month, debunked conventional wisdom that "private schooling enables children to achieve better academic results".

"We found that NAPLAN test scores ... of students from Catholic and other private schools did not statistically differ from those in public schools," the authors said.

"Our finding seems to suggest that 'nature' provides a more consistent role than 'nurture' at affecting children's cognitive outcome in this young age group."

For the study, the University of Queensland researchers matched the 2008 and 2010 NAPLAN results of 15,000 year 5 students and 11,000 year 3 students with data from a long-term study of children tracking children from age four.

<http://m.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/education/private-schooling-myth-debunked-20131012-2vfda.html>

Book club

Please return book club orders to the school office by Friday 25th October. Ordering book club not only provides your child with a book but it also accumulates free points which allow the school to receive library resources.

Parking

Last week we had a meeting of representatives from Transport and Main Roads, Road Safety, Bundaberg Regional Council, Education Queensland Facilities, members from the Conveyance Committee and our P&C. The meeting was to find a solution to the car park issue, specifically to prevent the bus from having to reverse. The plan is that the bus will turn around a complete circle at the base of our car park and the top of the car park will be available for parking. There are still some alterations to our fencing for this to be enabled. In addition, Council and TRM will provide some signage to assist motorists in making the areas and use of our car park clear and understood.

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Chess

BUNDABERG CHILDREN'S CHESS TOURNAMENT HIGH SCHOOLS AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS
The last inter-school chess competition will be taking place on Tuesday 29 October at Across the Waves Sports Club. Those students who have been successful in being chosen for the team will be issued with permission letters this week.

P&C Messages from the President, Mrs Karen Blain

Year 7 Graduation - fundraising

Year 7 students will be selling Zupper Dupperts (ice-blocks) for 50cents. These ice-blocks will be available to purchase three days a week, with all money raised going towards transport costs (limousines).

Monday - After school

Wednesday - Lunch time

Friday - After school

Special Food Day

Reminder - Special Food Day is this **Wednesday 23 October**.

Once students have finished their lunch, 100% Orange and Pineapple ice-blocks will also be available to purchase on the day for \$1.00. Thank you Mrs Sue Leverett for your generous donation!

Bingo Our next Bingo session will be on **Thursday 7 November**. 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.

Monster Raffle

The P&C will be running a Monster Raffle this term and we are on the lookout for some donations of non-perishable items for a food hamper.

If you have something that you could contribute please bring your contribution to the office. Much thanks... your support and help are greatly appreciated.

Cash for Cans - Aluminium Can Drive

Don't forget to recycle - **Recycling** just one aluminum can **saves** enough **energy** to run a television set for 3 hours.

Community Notices

Hervey Bay Zone Trials

Swimming trials will be held on 6th November from 5.30pm at Childers Isis Memorial Pool. It is anticipated that it will take about 2 hours at most. There will be only three styles – freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke; 9-13 year olds. Helpers will be needed on the night – the event is not possible without them. Students are to pay a \$1 to their school if they are participating.