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'Strive to Achieve'

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2013 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills

Dates for Diaries/Fridge Door

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 – School Parade
November 21 Thursday	Mrs Carroll at ½ day PD in Childers, Mr Coleman at Bundaberg District Principals Business Meeting
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

School Leader Elections for 2014

You are welcome to join us on Thursday next week as students present their speeches for school and sports captain positions. 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.

Prep Orientation

Our second orientation morning will be held on 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. Parents are invited to stay for parade if they wish. 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.

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Awards



Congratulations Charli, Dakota, Summer, Montanna, Gideon, Caleb, Jamilee, Craig, Logan, Lewis, Jayde, Chantelle, Phoebe, Charlotte, Josh, Rhanni, Ben, Ashley, Campbell, Emma, Wayde and Matty on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well done!! 😊

Premier Reading Challenge



Many of our students participated in the 2013 Premier's reading challenge. Students in the lower grades were required to read or experience 20 books and those in the upper school had to read a minimum of 15 books.

Congratulations to Logan,

Shelby, Amity, Sharnee, Lawson, Thomas, James, Allegra, Joseph, Jodie, Lukas, Tamalin, Gabrielle, Steevie, Cameron, Lily, Lewis, James, Tallon, Jackson, Gideon, Phoebe, Craig, Nicolaas, Ebony, Riki, Jimmy, Dakota, Ben, Joey, Charlotte, Teagan, Tom, Emma, Bailey, Asher, Rhanni, Matthew, Jayde, Campbell and Michael on a job well done.

Swimming

Swimming starts on the 28th November.

Students will need a swim shirt to wear in the pool to comply with our sun safe policy. If your child does not own a rashie then an old t-shirt will suffice. Students with shoulder length hair or longer will need it tied back or in a swim cap. Sun cream will be supplied but if your child has allergies they will need to bring their own. Goggles are not required, however if you wish for your child to wear goggles then these need to be provided, adjusted to fit and clearly named. It is also a good idea to put a spare pair of undies in your child's bag as they often forget to pack them. Students will also need to bring their hat, water bottle and morning tea to the swimming pool. Please name everything. Please return your swimming permission notes as soon as possible. We have attached another one at the bottom of this newsletter in case you misplaced the previous one.

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Book Club

Thank you to the families that support us by purchasing book club. If you wish to purchase book club please pay online as we are unable to accept cash payments at school for this.

Writing Samples

Here are some writing samples from the Year 3/4/6 class. We call these "Grabs"; they are the first few lines read at the beginning of a novel and are intended to grab the readers' attention so they want to read more.

My heart was pumping. I yelled at the top of my lungs, "Jess!". I looked around and spotted a long branch. I ran over and snapped it off as quickly as I could and dumped it into the sticky wet mud. I felt a pull. I was relieved. But then the branch broke. I looked around again trying to find something and I did. I rushed over to grab another branch. Her head was gone now. So I only had a matter of seconds and it was pouring down with rain. I pushed the stick in and this time felt an instant pull. I pulled her up and dragged her to the side of the dam.

By Meg Y4.

Oh, no! My friend has slipped into the river! I have to save him! I'm a professionally trained, junior life guard. I do a 360 spin, front flip, back flip and then belly flop at the same time. There are only seconds to spare! The strong current is forcing me down stream. My heart is thumping! Sweat drips from my head. Or is that water?

By Tom Y3

"Teagan!!! Are you ok?" I yelled. "No! I am stuck in a giant hole! Do you really think I would be OK?!" Teagan replied. "Where is Tom?" asked Teagan. I have no idea," I replied. GET ME OUT OF HERE! Its really starting to rain! Help me! I'm stuck!" cried Teagan. CRACK!! A massive crab just popped out of the ground and saved Teagan. We saw Tom in the crab. It was a big robot crab that Tom was controlling. "Once again, I save the day!" he said in a manly voice. "Ha ha ha ha! We all laughed.

By Tori. Y4.

Why can't I have a normal family, just like my friends? My mum is a hippy and my dad doesn't even use fuel; he uses bike! My brother is always in my room messing it up and my younger sister has no manners. Then there is Sona, the girl who uses her room as a dungeon; she never comes out!

So its Sunday morning, I'm half asleep then all I hear is a crash and a yelp coming from the roof. I quickly put on a shirt and pants and go outside. "Daisy! Stop biting my leg, I say as I see a trickle of blood. I throw her pig toy and she's gone. "Dad! What are you doing up there?" I yell. "My tree branch snapped," he whimpered. He means the ladder made from wood. Suddenly he falls.

By Nakita Y6

Ahh!! "Oh my gosh, Margaret! Are you OK?" I kindly ask. "Oh yea, I'm fine! I just fell in this hole on purpose. No of course I am not!!! There's mud in between my toes! Hurry up! Get me out of this disgusting mud! I just had a pedicure!" screams Margaret.

'Oh, you poor dear," I replied soothingly. "On the bright side, you'll have nice, soft, moisturised legs." "Just get me out!" shrieked Margaret. "Ok! OK!" I shrieked back. "Somebody has the grumps!" I continued.

Yana Y6

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Yr 7 Graduation

Our Year 7s will be collected by limousine from Goodwood State School and be transported to Sizzlers in Bundaberg on Friday 6th of December, 2013. As Sizzler the students will have a meal and then be transported by private vehicle to Bundy Bowl and Leisure for a game of ten-pin bowling and a ride in dodgem cars as a way to celebrate their years at Goodwood. From Bundy Bowl and Leisure, the students will be transported back to Goodwood State School to be collected by their parents. Goodwood State Schools funds the meal and the games at Sizzler. The students sell icy poles to raise money for the limousine. Parents of students in Y7 will be issued a permission letter soon that contains more details.

School Concert

In order to assist with the costume preparation for our End of Year Concert to be held on 11 December, we ask for your assistance in providing your child/ren with the necessary items for the performance:

Prep – A plain white t-shirt (round neck) and black shorts/skirt

Year One/Two – A plain white t-shirt (round neck) /black shorts/skirt

Year Three/Four/Six – A plain white t-shirt (round neck)/cargo pants or school shorts

Year Five/Seven - Boys: black jeans/A plain white or plain black t-shirt (with collar)

Girls: A plain white t-shirt (round neck)

Please note that t-shirts will be painted, in order to fit each class theme for the performance. It is preferable that t-shirts are plain without any logos. Please name your t-shirt and send it into school by Monday 25th November.

Students who hold a major role in the cast will be required to wear a specific costume and parents will be contacted individually. Students with a part in the chorus will require a white t-shirt with round neckline. A sewing bee will take place in the school library on Wednesday 27th November at 3pm. If you are able to assist with sewing or decorating costumes we would be very grateful of your assistance at the sewing bee.

Public Health Alert for Schools

What is the concern?

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. There have been 24 people notified with measles so far this year, three of whom were school aged and one toddler.

There have also been measles outbreaks occurring in other states, with young children and school aged children infected.

Large measles outbreaks are occurring in other parts of the world, including in our nearest neighbours in Indonesia (Bali) and Thailand. Measles outbreaks in Australia usually commence with a person who was infected overseas.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that causes people to feel very unwell. It can cause complications such as middle ear infections and more serious complications such as pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Complications are more common and more severe in people with a chronic illness and very young children. Approximately 60% of deaths from measles are associated with complications, especially pneumonia in the young and encephalitis in adults.

The virus is spread from an infectious person during coughing and sneezing or through direct contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Because measles is so infectious **it can spread rapidly in schools and early childhood education and care services** where non-vaccinated children and or adults attend.

What can schools and childcare services do?

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It is very important that schools and child care services are aware of the current measles risk. Parents need to **keep children away if they think they could have measles**. Parents are advised to ring their GP or 13HEALTH if they think their child has measles as confirmation of measles infection requires medical assessment and laboratory testing.

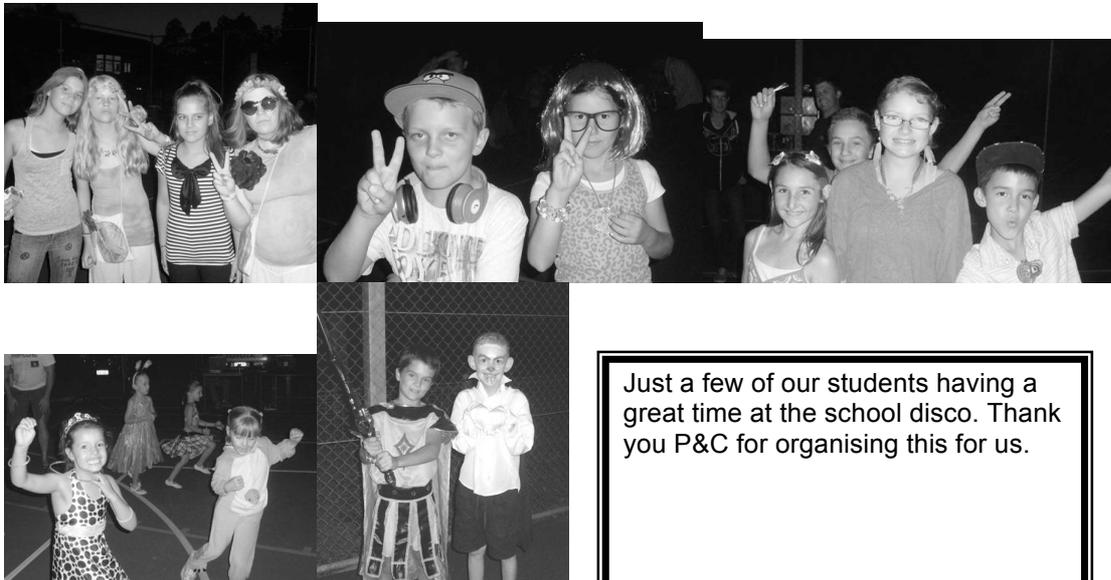
It is strongly recommend that parents ensure their children are fully vaccinated against measles and if possible. **Unvaccinated children and staff will need to be excluded from any school or childcare where a measles case has been confirmed**. Measles vaccine is free.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/communicablediseases/measles-alert.asp>

Prep 2014

Please return your enrolment paperwork as soon as possible so we can begin entering students into our computer. As you can imagine this is quite a time consuming task for Kaye who is only here a few days a week. Your assistance in this will be much appreciated.

Disco



Just a few of our students having a great time at the school disco. Thank you P&C for organising this for us.

Swimming Program Permission

I give permission for my children to participate in the 2013 school swimming program and for my children to be transported to and from the pool by bus. I agree to pay \$25 per student (\$20 for Y7) to cover costs for swimming.

Signed: Date:

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P&C Messages

Disco - Fundraising results

Thanks to all who attended the Disco. It was a wonderful evening, with a total of **\$196.90** raised on the night, so that's a fabulous result. Thank you to all our generous volunteers: Janine, Katie, Barb, Tamara, Michelle, Nathan and Liam who kindly donated their time.

P&C Meeting

Our next Meeting will be held this **Tuesday 19 November at 3.15pm** on the Lower Classroom veranda. The P&C enables parents and citizens to meet together to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Special Food Day

Reminder - Special Food Day is this **Wednesday 20 November**.

Bingo

Our next Bingo session will be on **Thursday 5 December**. 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.