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Week 3 Term 1



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'Strive to Achieve'

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2014 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Awards



Congratulations Yana, Jamilee,
Joseph, Angus, Tamalin, Connor
and Logan on receiving their
meritorious awards.

Well done!! ☺

Active After School Care

What a fantastic start! We thought we were being overly optimistic in hoping to attract 15 students to the program. We ended up with **34!!!** All of the children had a great time and participated in a mix of activities. This term and next we are focusing on athletics skills and fitness to best prepare them for the upcoming Goodwood Sports day in T2 and the Interschool Sports early in T3. Immediately after classes have concluded the students have some fruit and biscuits and a drink and then start their activities, which they move through in rotations. Congratulations to Mrs Ricciardi on a magnificent start to this program. And thank you Mrs Carlon for being a supervisor.

CQU Careers Van

The Central Queensland University Careers Van will be visiting us early this year and will arrive on Wednesday the 19th March at 9.00am. This is an opportunity for our Y6 & 7 students to

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participate in activities that help them to explore career possibilities for the future. This year parents will also be invited to join the students. More information will be provided closer to the visit.

ICAS Tests

The University of NSW holds annual assessments (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) that students from schools around the nation are invited to participate in. ICAS is a 'Fee for service' program and there is a cost for each test attempted. Schools select their best candidates to compete in the academic challenges. We select students who have achieved a percentile of 95 or greater in the Progressive Assessment Tasks and invite them to participate in the relevant test area. Goodwood State School pays for those students it selects. However, some parents may wish their children to participate in the test and are welcome to pay for them to do so. More information will be sent out soon.

Admin Release Teacher

Each Friday I am provided with a replacement teacher to enable me to attend to administrative tasks and meetings. During this time I focus on key areas of staffing, finance, curriculum, behaviour management, facilities, departmental accountabilities, etc.

We are about to confirm the teacher who will fill this role on an on-going basis. We are clarifying the situation with HR in relation to the recent outcomes of Day 8.

Student Resource Scheme

Thank you to all our families who participated in the Student Resource Scheme. We had 98.4% of our families choosing to participate in the scheme. Tax invoices are being sent home today. Those who have already paid will have a receipt attached. Please see Mrs Merrett on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays to pay your account in cash. We have no change or eftpos, so correct amounts of cash or a cheque is required. Costs are as follows:

- 1 Child = \$60
- 2 Children = \$115
- 3 Children = \$165

Chess Tournament

Goodwood State School participates in the Wide Bay Chess Tournaments and as part of our preparation for them, we held a school tournament. Congratulations to runner up Ben and to first place winner Craig. Good luck in your challenges for 2014, boys. ☺



Every Thursday lunchtime, all students are welcome to participate in the Chess Club. This is the training and preparation program for students to participate in the Wide Bay Tournaments. Students must participate in the Chess Club program to be eligible for selection to go into a team. Thank you to Mrs Hawker for coaching our students and managing this program.

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P&C Meetings

Next week we will hold our first P&C meeting for 2014. I invite and encourage members of every family to attend our meetings as the P&C plays a critical role in helping the school achieve its success. The activities of the P&C have enabled every classroom to have air conditioning and are now substantially contributing towards the construction of the fixed roof over the multi-purpose court. If you have never been involved in a P&C before here is an overview of the main roles and responsibilities for P&Cs (from the Education Queensland Policies and Procedures):

Key responsibilities and accountabilities

P&C Association (P&C)

- Foster community interest and parent engagement in educational matters.
- Try to bring about closer co-operation between the parents of children attending the school and other members of the community, staff members of the school and students of the school.
- Where asked, give advice and recommendations to the Principal about
 - issues relating to students at the school
 - the general operation and management of the school
- Give, or assist in the giving of, financial or other resources or services for school students.
- Present financial documents for every account held (including subcommittee accounts).

P&Cs help to build a close bond between the school and its families and promote unity and cohesion of the school community. We have a wonderful group of people and everyone would be warmly welcomed.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Clubs are sent home approx. once per month. The next orders are due back at school on **Monday 17 Feb** at the latest.

For all new parents please note that all orders must be paid for using the toll free number before sending back to the school for processing (refer bottom of order form) or you can send a cheque made out to Scholastic NOT the school.

If you are unsure of what to do, please contact Mrs Merrett in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Library Books Need Returning

We have a number of outstanding books from our library that were borrowed last year. Please return these as soon as possible so other students can enjoy them.

Helpers Needed

Y2/3 Reading Groups

Mrs Carlon would like some extra help with reading groups in her class between 9am & 9.30am on Mondays and Thursdays. You would be working with a small group of about 3 students. Please contact Mrs Carlon if you are able to help.

School Sign Changing

It would be greatly appreciated if we could have a person to manage our school sign on a regular basis. The sign winds up and down and we have two large boxes of letters, numbers and signs to form the messages. It takes about 45 minutes on each occasion we change the sign. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Fruit Preparation for After School Sport

As soon as students leave classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, they immediately go to have their afternoon tea. As all staff are working with students until 3.00, it is difficult to prepare their

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fruit and biscuits in time. Please contact me if you are able to help in preparing their afternoon tea.

Free Antique Piano

Mrs Michelle Cocking contacted me on Friday and offered to donate the piano to the school. Unfortunately we have no room in a safe and sheltered area to accommodate the piano. Michelle is offering the antique piano to anyone who can provide a good home for it. Please call Michelle on 0418 191 133 to get more information.

P&C Messages From President Mrs Karen Blain

Cash for Cans - Aluminium Can Drive : fundraising results

You'll be pleased to hear we raised \$53.90. 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!

Bingo

Many thanks to our generous volunteers, Sheryl Bauer, Kim Bauer & Janine Leverett, who kindly gave up their time to run last weeks' Bingo session.
Next Bingo session will be held Thursday 6 March at the Woodgate Beach Bowls Club at 1pm.

P&C Meeting

Our first Meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 18 February in the Lower Classroom at 3.15pm. If you want to have a say or get involved in P&C activities, then the best place to start is by coming to a meeting. New members are always welcome. If you are unable to come to meetings, but you would like an issue raised on your behalf, you should contact the P&C or leave a message with the school office.

Volunteering

Volunteers are always needed for a range of different P&C activities, including a cake stall at the Woodgate Beach Easter Fair, holding sausage sizzles, street stalls and raffles, helping out with school events, working bees and helping out in the tuckshop and uniform shop – the more volunteers we have, the more money we raise, and the more we can do to help the school! We look forward to working with you in supporting your children as part of our local school community.

Community Announcements

TAP BALLET JAZZ CONTEMPORARY STREET DANCE

A fun and holistic experience, nurturing the discovery and joy of dance.

BOYS and GIRLS BEGINNING AGE 4 THROUGH TO ADULT

*For more information please contact Jenny in Administration Ph: 0487 953 593 Email: icandance@hotmail.com.au
Michelle Brumwell - Australian Dance Institute Certified Dance Teacher*

Childers Touch Assn. 2014 Dates:

Junior Sign-on & Season Start - Monday 03/02/14 from 5pm

Senior Men & Women Sign-on - Monday 03/02/14 & 10/02/14 from 6pm.

Senior Season Commences: 17/02/14

at the Show grounds - Contact: Joanne - 0414 593 617

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Are you looking for a fun and challenging youth group for your child? Then the Australian Air League may be for you.

We are a uniformed aviation-based, youth organisation for boys and girls from 8 to 18 years. We provide leadership, team building, self-reliance and other life skills. The cadets learn to make models, fly remote controlled planes and even get a chance to fly in gliders and powered aircraft. We also do a lot of camping where we learn about bush skills and navigation. The Air League is a great place to make new friends, whilst encouraging interest in aviation as a hobby or career. We meet every Friday night, term times 6.30pm-9.00pm at the Big Blue building, 1 Kendalls Rd Bundaberg. The first 3 nights are free. For more information please call: 4159748. Please leave a message and we will call you back or visit our web site at www.airleague.com.au

Bundaberg BMX Club Inc. - National Sign on Day The Bundaberg BMX Club is holding a National Sign on Day (Come & Try Day) on Sunday, 23 February 2014 from 9am to 12pm.

The upcoming National Sign On Day is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in BMX to try the sport for free.

You will just need to bring your bike, a full face helmet, long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves & shoes

There is a showbag for all who attend, so come along and have a fun day out at your local BMX Club

For more information contact Ian Lenkeit on 0421 314 042 or Natasha Rupert on 0435 863 209

TENNIS: MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning lessons for Primary & Secondary school children at the Isis Tennis Club Inc, North Street, Childers commences this Thursday 6th February 2014 for Term 1 conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coach, Kevin Banner. Registration is Essential. For more information please contact Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014 EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to 'reignite your passion for your country', whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories. Attached is a notice for your newsletter in a [PDF](#) format. We would appreciate if you could please download this for your newsletter, noticeboard or website.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our [website](#). Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Gentle Yoga and Relaxation Classes

BDA Hall, East Bundaberg, 26 Skyring Street (near Eastender Hotel)

Stretch and Relax, feel good in your body, mind and spirit.

Wednesday mornings 9:15 – 10:30 am

Suitable for beginners.

For more info please contact Tammy Krautner 41559780 or email brutam@activ8.net.au