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Week 5 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 Chloe, Amity, Nakita, Brent, Alex, Michael, Ben, Julianne, Zara, Kelsie, Chantelle, Lewis, Rhanni, Nikki, Steevie, Caleb, Phoebe and Dakota on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well done!! 😊

### Active After School Care

Please can you return your forms advising us of which days your children will be staying for sport.

### Student Resource Scheme

The Student Resource Scheme is now due for payment. Please forward your payment to the office either by cash or cheque or online directly into our bank account. Unfortunately we do not currently have EFT facilities.

As the school has already purchased all of the resources we would appreciate your prompt payment. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### LOTE Class



This week Year 6 and 7 students received a Schultüte/ school cone as they start to learn German by looking at the German culture. In Germany kids get a big colourful cone filled with stationary and sweets from their parents on their first day of primary school.

### 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 pleased to announce that Cindy Wilson has re-joined our staff to fulfil the role of my admin release teacher and will be working in the Y4-7 class every Friday. Mrs Wilson will be delivering Science and The Arts (art) lessons on those days.

It is a great pleasure to have Mrs Wilson back with us. She was the Y4-7 classroom teacher in 2012. Last year she was a science teacher at Kepnock High School. Please take the opportunity to call in and say hello to Mrs Wilson on Friday and to welcome her back.

### Car Park

I have informed the consultative group (Main Roads, Transport, Council, etc.) about the existing confusion surrounding our car park. Until we have clearer marking, please ignore the bus only signs and ensure the top part of the car park is free between 8.00-8.15am and 3.15 – 3.30pm (as it has been previously). It is my understanding that there will be more marking carried out to clearly show where the bus turning circle is located.

### Yr4-7 School Camp

At the recent P&C meeting we discussed a number of options to consider for our Y4-7 camp this year. We are seeking the opinions from the parents of the students who are being invited to go on camp. There are six options to choose from and some are commercial operations and there are two Education Queensland sites.

If parents are opposed to the idea of their children attending camp, their children will join one of the two remaining classes and continue their learning to complete set tasks in a supervised environment.

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In relation to ages of children and being away from home, it may be reassuring for you to know that I have taken Prep to Y7 (a couple of small schools) away for a week a number of times. The children were most comfortable and at ease with the camp due to the company and support of their friends and staff. If required, students were able to talk with their parents of an evening as reassurance for both parties.

Only those who demonstrate responsible and positive behaviour are eligible to attend to ensure that there are no behaviour issues while on camp.

Parents of Y4-7 students will find their survey attached.

### Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Lindsay Hine who has begun painting the long, letter snake. And thank you also to Mrs Karen Blain for helping out as well. The letter snake is located on the diagonal pathway between the Prep/Y1 classroom and the Admin block. The snake is being painted in House colours and contains all the letters of the alphabet in Queensland script.

### Cyber Safety

Please be vigilant when your children are using digital resources at home (e.g. I pads, computers, phones, etc.). There are reports of new apps and sites that use innovative ways to establish communication with children. For example an animated cat asking children questions. Adults with malicious intentions use these methods to interact and gain the trust of children. Please be vigilant. Children should never provide any personal information to anyone except family and school.

### School Website

We now have our website in a format that is easier to manage. Both Mr Horner and Mrs Hawker are able to upload new content. Mr Horner however, is our school based ICT technician who works at our school every second Monday in that role.

We would like to make our website a more meaningful resource for our families and to be a medium that supplies relevant information. I have been talking with Mr Horner about digital devices to film and record audio visual lessons that show how to perform maths operations using the current methods as well as some writing strategies (e.g. sentence building using 5Ws).

Please complete the simple form below to provide us with your suggestions.

### Returning Library Books

Thank you to everyone for helping find so many of our missing library books. We are glad to report that the majority of the 96 books that were showing as out on loan have now been returned.

### Helpers Needed

#### 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.

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### 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.

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

## District Sport Team Events

Hervey Bay Zone School Sport – Gala Day will be held on Friday March 14 2014. If you have prior experience in touch football, are in grade 6 or 7 and are interested in being part of the Isis District team, trials will be held at Childers State School Oval on **Thursday March 6 commencing at 3.30pm**.

If you play basketball outside of school and are interested in trials for the Hervey Bay Zone Boys or Girls Basketball Team please speak to Mrs Hawker before the end of the week.

## Last P&C Meeting and Accountability Documents

At our last P&C meeting we discussed the School Annual Improvement Plan which has a focus on further developing our teaching practices and the mandatory focus on NAPLAN improvements.

We also discussed the new Great Results Guarantee which offers around \$17,000 for Prep to Y2 students in return for a plan to either ensure Y3 is above the National benchmark in NAPLAN in 2015 or if they don't, they have an Individual Learning Plan. Our plan is to employ specialist staff to gather and analyse data on P-2 students, liaise with parents and teachers and develop individual learning plans and then assist students in meeting their targets.

If there is sufficient funding, I would also like to deliver information sessions presented by a specialist on how parents can better assist their children in improving their literacy skills.

Both these documents as well as the budget and the Principal Professional Development Plan are due to Regional Office by Friday this week.

## P&C Messages From President Mrs Karen Blain

Thank you to all who attended our first meeting of the year. With your support, ideas and suggestions, we now have an exciting calendar of events planned for 2014, with a few more still to be confirmed. P&C membership is open to all families. While participating in meetings is one way to get involved, we welcome all families to contribute to our school community however they can. Latest updates regarding upcoming events and activities can be found in the newsletter and in the coming weeks updates will also be available via the school website.

This term the Goodwood State School P&C will be holding a Disco / Sausage Sizzle (28 March), a working bee and after the great success last year, another Cake Stall at The Woodgate Beach Easter Fair (21 April). More information on these events will be available soon.

### **Tuckshop / Special Food Day**

Thanks to those who completed our opinion survey regarding the recent menu change. Your feedback is really important to us and all suggestions will be considered for future special food days. Reminder - Special Food Day is this Wednesday 26 February.

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### **Bingo**

Our next Bingo session will be on Thursday 6 March. 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.

A special thank you to Kim and Sheryl Bauer for running this successful fundraising activity. Many thanks to Rachel Piggott for offering a helping hand.

### **Uniform Shop**

To purchase uniforms visit the Uniform Shop located at the school tuckshop.

Hours of operation are Monday - Friday mornings from 8.00am - 9.00am.

### **School Banking**

The P&C has set up a school banking program through the Commonwealth Bank.

School banking is part of P&C fundraising and provides an opportunity to encourage children to develop good saving habits. Children are able to make a deposit through school banking every Wednesday during the school term.

For more information or application forms for school banking, please see Janine Leverett - CBA school banking officer.

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

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

### **P&C Meeting**

The P&C meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 3:15pm in the library.

AGM and next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 March.

## Community Announcements Childers Junior Rugby League

Childers Junior Rugby League are looking for players in the following teams. Under 8 and Under 11/12 We are having our final sign on for these teams on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Childers Showgrounds from 3.30-5.30pm.

We require 2 copies of a birth certificate. If you have a healthcare card or pension card you can access a voucher worth \$150 to pay for your fees etc. This is available for a very short time only.

Please phone 0429 093 789 evenings for more info.

### **Bundaberg Chess Club**

**Sunday Tournaments for Children** In 2014, we hope to continue the Sunday Children's Chess Tournaments and also have a 2014 Grand Prix.

The tournament takes place once a month at the U3A rooms in Bundaberg. **Playing fee will be \$10 per player.** Registration by 9 am. First game at 9.10 am. Nine or ten round swiss depending on nominations. There will be two divisions similar to last year. (If you would like further details regarding dates please speak to Mrs Hawker at School).

The usual \$25 lucky draw for competitors will be continued and an additional lucky draw of \$15 will be introduced!!!

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## Positive Discipline

Parenting 0-13yrs

Positive Discipline uses warmth and firmness to teach children long term skills in self discipline. The program will help you to build a mutual respectful relationship with your child.

**When:** Monday March 10, 2014

(4 week duration)

**Time:** 6.30pm to 8.30pm

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

## Create Dream and Connect

Workshop for women

This workshop is designed for women to encourage you to imagine a vision for your future, set some goals and create an action plan to guide you.

**When:** Tuesday March 25, 2014

(1 day workshop)

**Time:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

**Cost:** Free

## 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:** Wednesday March 26, 2014

(2 hour session)

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Cost:** Gold Coin donation

To register for any of the above workshops please contact UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

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## School Website Suggestions

We would be grateful to receive your suggestions for improving our website to provide you meaningful and relevant information. In case we need to seek clarification, please provide your name.

Name: .....

What would you like to see on our website: .....

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Thank you for your time and suggestions. ☺