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Week 7 Term 1



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**'Strive to Achieve'**

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## 2014 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### Dates for Diaries

March 10 Monday	Curriculum Meeting 3.30 – 5.00
March 13 Thursday	School Parade 8.45 PY1 Sharing
March 17 Monday	Staff Meeting 3.30 – 4.15
March 17 Monday	Book Fair begins
March 18 Tuesday	Mr Coleman at Mandatory Quality Schools Inclusive Leaders (QSIL) Professional Development in Bundaberg
March 18 Tuesday	P&C Meeting & AGM 3.15 – everyone welcome! Please make every effort to be a part of this very important school group.
March 19 Wednesday	CQU career van at 9am for Yr 6-7 – parents invited as well
March 19 Wednesday	Special Food day
March 20 Thursday	FREE DRESS DAY – NO CHARGE (see Book Fair notes)
March 20 Thursday	Mr Coleman at QASSP Meeting in Brisbane
March 20 Thursday	School Parade 8.45 Y2/3 Sharing
March 24 Monday	Newsletter issued. Curriculum Meeting 3.30-5.00
March 26 Wednesday	9am-10am Isis High School visit – Parents Welcome
March 26 Wednesday	Prep photos in Newsmail
April 1-4 Tuesday-Friday	Parent /Teacher Interviews
March 27 Thursday	School Parade 8.45
March 28 Friday	School Disco 6pm at Multi-Purpose Court
March 31 Monday	Goodwood Cross Country – Gold V Green
March 31 Monday	Parent Teacher Interviews Start – Parents contact teachers to organise their time.
April 4 Friday	Last Day of T1
April 18 Friday	Good Friday
April 5-17	Easter and Autumn Holidays
April 21 Monday	Easter Monday
April 22 Tuesday	First day back for Term 2. Newsletter issued
April 24 Thursday	School ANZAC service 9am
April 25 Friday	ANZAC Day – No School – All students invited to participate in Woodgate Community Service – Full School Uniform.

### Welcome

We welcome Kody and his mum Marianne to our school. We hope you have a happy, positive and rewarding association with our school.

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### Awards



Congratulations Charlee, Allegra, Isabel, Tori, Jasper, Matty, Max, Bridie, Josh, Talia, Jayde, James, Tiahanna and James on receiving their meritorious awards.

**Well done!! ☺**

### Swimming Awards



Congratulations to all our students on their swimming achievements from term 4 2013.

**Great Job!! ☺**

### Drought Help – from Mrs Carlon

Many of you may have seen Sunday Night on Channel 7 on the 2nd of March. On this program they highlighted the severity of the current drought in many parts of country Queensland and New South Wales. Having recently moved here from outback Queensland, I have seen first-hand the devastating effects of this drought on both animals and people.

The effects of this drought extend to all of us and Goodwood School would like to do their part in helping the farmers of outback Queensland. On Thursday the 3rd of April we will be holding a gold

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coin donation free dress day as a fund raiser for this worthwhile cause. Proceeds will go to Aussie Helpers Buy-a-bale. Every \$20 raised will buy one bale of hay which will be forwarded to the areas in most need.

We are also asking families to donate body products such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants (not aerosols). These things are often not affordable when farmers are struggling to put food on their tables. There will be a collection basket in each classroom and we will collect items over the next month. We will then send these items out west where they will be distributed to property families in most need.

## Thank You

Our thanks to Mrs Lynsey Hine who has volunteered to manage our school, road-side sign. This is a great help and an important way of communicating important events to our community.

Thank you to Mr Trevor Johnson for reseating the taps around our buildings and stopping the leaks. Your time was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Mrs Cate Lane-Handley who has accepted the offers of being our media liaison person who will prepare articles for the Chit Chat the Town and Country as well as (if relevant) the News Mail, to promote our school, the activities we do and fundraising activities of the P&C. This is a very important role in promoting the image of the school to our wider community.

## Leaders meet Leaders



### Recount from Captains

Last week the school captains went on a luncheon with the mayor. There was about fifty other schools. The counsellors talked about what part of the council they controlled. Next we had lunch. The food was delicious. While we ate we had the opportunity to meet other captains from other schools. When we left we also got an envelope with dates of events happening in the region. Overall the experience was marvellous.

By Max and Yana

## Yr4-7 School Camp

Thank you to everyone for sending in your preferences for the camp survey. It was a unanimous preference that the Columboola location be selected. We have made a tentative booking for the week of 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. We have received quotes from bus companies to transport the students to and from the site, which cost around \$3,000 to \$3,500. There is a caterer who has provided a menu for a cost of around \$110 per student. These costs will need to be met by parents. The P&C has traditionally provided some financial assistance and the school will also make a contribution towards the cost. The details will be discussed at our P&C meeting next week. Everyone is welcome to attend our meeting and to discuss the camp.

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## Cross Country

Last week I attended the AGM of the Isis District sports committee. We were able to establish the date for the district Cross Country; the 1<sup>st</sup> of May which is in Week 2 of Term 2. Consequently, we have set our cross country for the last Monday of this Term, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

Our students compete at our school cross country for the perpetual Cross Country shield as Green and Gold team members. There is some friendly rivalry between our house teams that promotes a respectful and healthy competitive environment.

Distances: 5 & 6 year olds – 1 lap of cross country course (approx. 500m); 7 & 8 year olds – 2 laps of course (approx. 1km); 9 & 10 year olds – 3 laps of course (approx. 1.5 km) and 11, 12 & 13 year olds – 4 laps of course (approx. 2km).

For those who are new to our school, we will be allocating the children to a house based on balancing the numbers for both houses in each age group and each gender as well as taking into account if older siblings are already in a house. We will issue these lists soon together with the cross country program.

Our best competitors that are aged 9 and above will be offered the opportunity to participate in the district cross country on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

## Welcome Mr Ian McGregor

Mr McGregor has transferred to us from Howard State School as a Special Education Program Teacher and will be working with us on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on one week and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday on the alternating week. Mr McGregor will be working with those children with learning difficulties and particularly those with a disability.

## Great Results Guarantee (GRG)

We have employed Mrs Sandra Lyons who was our Special Education Program Teacher for the beginning of the year to put into place much of the work articulated in our GRG plan. Mrs Lyons will be working every Thursday at our school. She will be liaising with families and staff as well as working with me on data analysis to identify needs of students and to then develop Individual Learning Plans for targeted students. We are also intending to offer sessions through this program for parents on helping them understand literacy and numeracy practices and how they can best help their children at home.

## School Website

I have not received any feedback from families in relation to making our new website more meaningful and relevant to our families. Please feel welcome to send in suggestions.

There have been some ideas that we have come up with that we hope families will value:

**Photos:** children playing, sitting at desks, on the carpet, on computers etc

**School Activities:** After School Care, Guitar lessons, Flute lessons, Chess Club

**ANZAC Centenary:** Goodwood S/S's association with a school in Winton New Zealand

**School:** Annual targets, Uniforms (what's available, pricing etc), Learning (Maths, Reading etc)

**Community:** P&C (roles, meetings, Bingo etc), Woodgate RSL (photos of ANZAC Day), Woodgate Readers, Bus Committee (contacts, bus times, stops etc)

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## 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.

### Fruit Preparation for After School Sport

As soon as students leave classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.

## Book Fair

### Book Fair begins next Monday.

(17 March – 21 March)

Our school will be hosting a scholastic book fair next week.

A flyer is attached with a few of the available titles.

There will be fun events all week including competitions and a dress up day.

- Monday and Tuesday – Students are invited with their teachers to visit the library and create their own wish list. They will bring their wish list home and if you would like to purchase please complete the back and return it to school or come to the book fair later in the week.
- Tuesday 3pm -4.30pm and Thursday 3pm-3.30pm – **Book Fair opens to parents and carers.** While you are here please vote for your favourite bookmarks!
- **Thursday – Dress up** as your favourite book character (there are prizes to be won!)  
There will be no cost to participate  
Bookmark and dress up competition winner announced at parade.  
Book fair is open to students at lunchtime for purchases.
- Friday - Book Fair is open at lunchtime and from **2.30-3.30pm for final purchases**, donations, using your 'caught reading rewards' and choosing prizes.

Join us to promote a love of reading.

We receive commission on purchases to supplement our school library.

There are also pocket money items including rubbers, pencils and posters for sale from \$1-\$5

**Come along to our reading oasis, a cool place to discover hot books!**

## District Sport Team Events

If you play sport at club level and would like to try out for the Hervey Bay Zone or Wide Bay sports events listed below please see Mrs Hawker for further details.

### **Hervey Bay Zone School Sport Selection Trials for Soccer.**

**DATE:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

**TIME:** 4.30 – 5.30pm

### **WIDE BAY PRIMARY / SECONDARY GOLF TRIALS**

Where: Bundaberg Golf Club, One Mile Road, Bundaberg.

When: Monday 24th March, 2014.

Time: Tee Times from 9:15 to 10:30am

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### ANZAC Centenary

Next year will mark the centenary anniversary of the Gallipoli landing in WW1 and the start of ANZAC. To help commemorate this occasion we have been working closely with our RSL club at Woodgate and we are establishing links with our New Zealand equivalents. The RSL is communicating with the RSA of a small town in southern NZ, called Winton. We have established communication with the small school there which is a private Catholic school called St Thomas Aquinas Primary School. Last week each of our students signed one of our school shirts which was then collected by Mr and Mrs Emery. Mr Emery is a member of the RSL: and Mrs Emery is a Woodgate Reader volunteer who reads to our children each week. Mr and Mrs Emery will be visiting St Thomas Aquinas on St Patrick's day and will present our shirt to the principal (Mr Julian Ineson) and his school community. At the same time Mr & Mrs Emery will receive a signed school shirt from St Thomas Aquinas.

Soon, our students will be communicating as small groups with small groups from St Thomas Aquinas where they will learn about each other's' lifestyle (when they go skiing it is on snow compared to ours on water! ☺). Through the course of this year we will plan how we can make 2015 ANZAC Day a very special one.

### Imagine If.....



Over the past two weeks, Prep students have been reflecting on imagining and pretending. During this unit students have completed shared reading activities focused on storybooks that involve children in play and playing using their imaginations. Prep children explored descriptive rhyming and were given an opportunity to write and draw about an imaginary place they could be in. As a culminating activity for the unit, the children created an imaginary corner in the classroom titled Under the Sea. They had to plan what they would make to include in their imaginary place and then got

busy .... creating. There were lots of rock pools, sea creatures and fish. Our little mermaid (Addison) was fortunate not to be eaten by a very hungry shark created by James. The boat was completed using much cooperation however no fish were caught on the twenty something fishing lines dangling in the water. This week we are exploring different ways of communicating through writing and we have already set up a Post Office in our classroom. We have written a postcard to a friend and written a thank-you letter to the zoo keeper who gave us a puppy. Bubbles the Bear has written to Prep/1 students inviting them to the Teddy Bears' Picnic under the Big Tree this Thursday. Children can bring a teddy along to be a good friend for Bubbles. Favourites are discouraged.

Mrs Byrnes and the Prep students

### P&C Messages From President Mrs Karen Blain

#### BINGO

The next bingo sessions are as follows:

Thursday April 3rd

Thursday April 10th (school holiday special - Half price)

Thursday April 17th (school holiday special - Half price)

WOODGATE BOWLS CLUB 1pm

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CASH PRIZES AND RAFFLES TO BE WON!

Tell your family and friends to come for a fun afternoon and support Goodwood School!

*(We would also like to welcome Cheryl Schroder as a helper at our Bingo sessions and thank her for giving up her time to help fundraise for the school.)*

**Basket of Easter Eggs - Guessing competition** From Monday 10 March - Monday 24 March, the P&C will be having a guessing competition where students need to guess how many Easter Eggs are in the basket for .50c per guess. The student who guesses the correct number, or closest, wins. All proceeds will be going towards our Cake Stall fundraiser to purchase cake trays or baking ingredients. The lucky winner will be announced on parade on Thursday 27 March.

## **P&C Meeting**

The P&C meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 3:15pm in the library. All welcome! The AGM (Annual General Meeting) is scheduled for Tuesday 18 March, immediately followed by the March P&C Meeting.

All positions are declared vacant at the AGM and will be filled by nomination/vote. These include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Come along to the AGM & P&C Meetings, and help contribute to the terrific Goodwood State School community.

## **Tuckshop / Special Food Day**

Our next Special Food Day will be conducted on Wednesday 19 March.

Order forms were issued on Friday. If you are yet to receive one, let us know. Please return order forms by Monday 17 March.

It is only with the assistance of our local volunteers that these days are made possible and we are always in need of more helpers who are willing to assist with manning the tuckshop, grocery shopping or with baking. Please contact Barb Gibson on 0400287984 if you are able to assist. Thank you.

## **Disco**

The P&C will be running a Disco Friday 28 March, 6pm - 8pm on the tennis court. Cost is \$1 per child, parents free. A Sausage sizzle dinner will be on offer this time and is available for \$1, commencing at 5.30pm.

Parents are welcome to stay and students may invite siblings and friends. Children under 4yrs will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Parents, please ensure all students are collected from the tennis court.

On the night the P&C will be selling a variety of yummy treats, poppers, Tea/coffee, ice blocks and glow sticks. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle that they can refill. A detailed information sheet will be sent home soon.

## **Cake stall**

The P&C will be holding a Cake Stall Monday 21 April at The Woodgate Beach Easter Fair between the hours of 7.30am and 2pm.

Do you have a spare hour or two, to help on the day? Are you able to bake items for the stall?

Perhaps you prefer not to bake, but would like to donate ingredients such as flour, sugar, cocoa, icing sugar, coconut, eggs, chocolate chips etc?

If you are able to help us raise funds for our school, please contact Janine Leverett on (07)4126 8357 for more information. Thank you again for your help.

## **Apple Tree Creek Markets Canteen**

Many thanks to Janine, Barb, Jody and Ryan who worked in the canteen on Saturday at the ATC markets. Due to your efforts, \$200 was raised for our school. Well done!

The P&C will have the opportunity to work again during the year, so lookout for dates if you'd like to

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volunteer your time to assist.

### Woodgate Bus Committee

The Woodgate Beach Conveyance Committee held their AGM on 25th February. We had a good turn-out of parents as well as Greg Ross, from the bus company, and Robert, the bus driver. Our main aim of this meeting was to discuss streamlining the current bus route and timetable to allow the students from Isis High to get to school before the bell and, hopefully, all students home earlier in the afternoons. The new bus stops and timetable has been trialled and we will notify you of the outcome of this in the coming weeks. New committee members were elected and they are as follows:

Chairperson: Cheryl Schroder

Vice Chairperson: Bernadette Williams

Secretary: Kim Bauer

### Community Announcements



**Grace Lukan Family 'FUN' Raiser**  
7AM - 3PM  
15TH MARCH, 2014  
GIN GIN SHOWGROUND, GIN GIN

Gold Coin Entry p/p  
5 years & under FREE

**LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO DO:**

- ★ JUMPING CASTLE
- ★ TRACKLESS TRAIN
- ★ FACE PAINTING
- ★ ENTERTAINMENT
- ★ BIG BOARD GAMES
- ★ PONY RIDES
- ★ MARKET STALLS
- ★ COMPETITIONS
- ★ CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS
- ★ GAME BATTLE - \$2 P/P ENTRY (Register by 9am)
- ★ TROPHIES & PRIZES TO BE WON

Grace Lukan 

For more information contact  
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*AFL Bundaberg Juniors  
Welcomes You  
"COME & TRY SESSIONS"  
ATW Grounds: 7th & 21st of March  
Brothers Grounds: 14th & 28th of March  
Sessions 5.30pm—6.30pm*

Want to try something new. We would love to see you and your family at our "Come & Try Sessions". Learn some new skills and make some new friends. Affordable and Fun.

For more information please contact our club secretary: Sonya on 0439746683 or email [aflbjinc@gmail.com](mailto:aflbjinc@gmail.com)



## UNITING CARE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

### **Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)** Mindfulness

During this two hour workshop, you'll learn some basic skills using techniques from ACT to assist you to achieve mindfulness, as well as many strategies to help you come to terms with aspects of your life that may be troubling you.

**When:** Wednesday April 2, 2014

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

### **Thanks but no Thanks** Lifeskills

This course explores the difference between assertion and aggression. We learn some basic assertion skills and discuss the importance of assertion in relationships and how a lack of assertion can be personally unhealthy.

**When:** Wednesday April 30, 2014

**Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm

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

### **Tree of Life** Workshop for Children and Young People

The program assists participants in identifying their strengths, the challenges that children and young people may face in life, and how to deal with these challenges in healthier ways.

**When:** Wednesday April 30, 2014  
(6 week duration)

**Time:** 3.30pm to 5.00pm

## YOUTH MUSIC EXPO TO SHOWCASE LOCAL TALENT

The Youth Music Expo planned for the evening of the 29th April (from 6.30 to 8.30pm) will showcase the talent of students from grades 5 to 12. It will be held at the Stadium, North Street, Childers

This Isis District State High School event is also supported by the Bundaberg Regional Council as part of their Youth Month activities. Students from any school (grade 5 and higher) may enter.

Different styles and categories of music are catered for in the event. Students who are gaining experience on an instrument, or as a vocalist should enter. Even students who are great at 'singing in the shower' (so to speak) could consider entering.

Groups or bands may also enter.

Local and regional businesses are encouraging students to 'have a go' by sponsoring prizes. There will be first, second and third in each category, but sponsors have been very generous, and every performer on the night will win a prize! As an added bonus, each performer will receive a certificate - at minimum, an encouragement award - congratulating them for their effort in performing at 'Youth Music Expo 2014'.

Entry forms are available at the school office, or phone Ralph Thurlow at Isis District State High School on 4192 1246 for more information.