Dear Parents / Guardians,

2014 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dates for Diaries

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Awards
Congratulations Montanna, Max, Jimmy, Caleb, Zane, Bella, Charli, Shelby, Addison, Riki-lee, Thomas, Max, Gabby, Craig, Jackson and Isaiah on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well done!! 😊

Cleaner’s Award

We have a new award ‘The Cleaners Cleanest Classroom Award’ which is a small trophy. This is a weekly award which will be presented on parade every Thursday to the cleanest classroom determined by our cleaner Nikki. The intent of the award is to encourage and promote pride and respect for their classroom by keeping things tidy and organised. Mrs Carlon’s class was the class to beat with meticulous standards. However, both of the other classes rose to the challenge and Nikki deemed a draw!

Congratulations Prep – Year 1 and Year 4-7
Great Job!! 😊 Let’s see if that can be sustained?!

Drought Help – from Mrs Carlon

Thank you to those families who have donated body products such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants (not aerosols) which we will forward to others who have been effected by drought. Your donations will be posted over the school holidays so if you wish to donate please bring your items into class before then. We will be sending the donations to less well known places in Western Queensland where we believe they will be of most benefit. The Salvation Army will help us with the distribution process.

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 coin donation free dress day as a fundraiser 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.
Thank you for your support so far.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will start next week. If you wish to make an appointment please contact the class teacher to organise your time. Typically time slots of around 15-20 minutes are available from 3.30 to 5.00pm.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who donated Woolworths Earn and Learn vouchers to our school last year. Members of our community discussed with Mrs Byrnes resources to order for our school which arrived last week. The Prep/Y1 class now has a number of shelves and art equipment. We also have some sporting equipment. Thank you to everyone for your generous contribution of time to bring in the dockets and to those who counted them all up and sent off the orders. 😊

Yr4-7 School Camp

After the unanimous results of the camp survey and the endorsement from the P&C it has been decided that the Year 4-7 camp will be held at Columboola this year from the 18th to 22nd 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. There will be a camp fee of $16 per student which is amazing value for the five day camp and activities. The P&C have agreed to make a contribution towards the costs and the school will also be subsidising the camp.
I am really pleased to inform you that we are looking at an approximate cost of $180 per student for the 5 days which includes camp fees, bus and food. A letter will be sent out to students in Yr4-7 when more details become available.

Cross Country

Our school cross country will be held on the 31st of March (the last Monday of this Term).

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 1st of May.

Award criteria

So that all children can aspire to receive an award at our End of Year concert, I have listed the criteria for various awards. To be eligible for the awards the child must demonstrate the criteria for the full school year.

**Outstanding Academic Achievement** - Demonstrated very high achievement in key learning areas. Evidence can come from: National Progressive Assessment Tests, NAPLAN, ICAS, EQ C2C Tasks, and other internal assessment tasks.

**Principal’s Star Awards** - The most consistent students in a year level for each of the following: Consistent application of all school rules (respect, effort, safety, self-responsibility). Kind, polite and caring to everyone. Always cooperative seeks opportunities to help others.

**Student of the Year** - Overall academic performance; Trusted to work independently; Committed to complete tasks; Co-operates with others; Uses common sense at school; Uses communication skills; Cares for own, school and others property; Shows pride in the school uniform; Overall behaviour; Truthfulness and honesty

**Dux of Y7** - Highest academic achievement over all learning areas in Year 7.

Disco This Friday 6.00-8.00pm

Our first disco for 2014! Kids love them and have a ball! We hold the disco in the multi-purpose court and keep the gate closed. Children are escorted to and from the toilets to ensure their safety. We play current pop music through our stereo system and the P&C offer tea and coffee for parents and cold drinks and chips for children.

Thanks to Mr Jake Bauer for being our DJ and thanks to Mrs Melinda Ricciardi for providing games. Parents are encouraged/welcome to stay and help supervise their children and have a chat with other members of our community.
You may have noticed that the Bundaberg News Mail is running a competition where a school will win 10 iPads. As the competition will be closing soon could you please send any tokens that you may have collected in to the school as soon as possible.

Hats

There seems to be an increase in the number of hats being misplaced. It is critical that hats are worn at school. As a Sun Smart school, all students must have a hat to be able to play outside. To assist in reuniting students with hats, please ensure their name is clearly visible inside the brim of the hat.

 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

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book Fair and for all the effort put in to providing all those amazing costumes on Thursday. Our winners each received a $6 book voucher to spend at the book Fair.

Congratulations Isabel, Zara, Jayde, Jimmy, Isaiah, Riki-Lee, Tara & Jamilee

There were some very creative bookmarks, well done to everyone who entered. Your bookmarks will be laminated and returned to you.

The winners each receive a selection of rubbers and pencils. Thank you to all the parents and staff who voted on the winners.
Congratulations James, Kelsie, Joseph, Lily, Alex, Tori, Max, Chantelle and Teagan.

We took just over $1000 and received $309 in commission (which we spend in books) plus a further $50 worth of books for rebooking next year. This is amazing!

ANZAC Centenary

Last week on St Patrick’s Day, Mr Max Emery of Woodgate RSL, visited St Thomas Aquinas Primary School in New Zealand and presented the signed shirt from our school. This is the beginning of the development of rapport between our two schools in preparation for the ANZAC centenary in 2015.

Soon Mr Emery will present us with a signed shirt from St Thomas Aquinas and some messages from the students. We will take a photo of the occasion and St Thomas Aquinas will have the photo in their newsletter as we have done. 😊

Meetings Last Week

Mandatory Quality School Inclusive Leaders.
We were introduced to a range of ideas in relation to providing inclusive school environments and were informed of the Disability Services Commission expectations. There is a bank of work that we will gradually need to engage with throughout the year.

Queensland Association of State School Principals
For those who are not aware, I am the State Secretary of this organisation and am also the State Chair of the Small Schools sub-committee and represent around 1,200 schools across Queensland. Through our advocacy we achieved some excellent results; one of which is the amount of funding received through Great Results Guarantee. Other states received a far smaller portion of funding direct to schools. “Cut the Red Tape” was also our initiative. We are also actively influencing the agenda surrounding the Great Teacher – Great Results. Ultimately, our advocacy produces improved capacity of schools in delivering service to our students.

I thank you all sincerely for understanding and supporting my commitment to this work of improving state education.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our P&C members from 2013. The P&C have done a wonderful job raising funds and providing so many extras for our students. We know that the students would like to thank you for all the special food days and discos throughout the year.

The AGM was held on Tuesday last week and we are pleased to announce that all positions have been filled for 2014. We would like to congratulate those who are continuing in their positions, Karen Blain as President and Janine Leverett as Treasurer. Congratulations also to Barbara Gibson who is vice president and to Nerelle Holland, a new member of the committee, who has kindly agreed to accept the position of Secretary.

We wish you all the best in your new roles and thank you for accepting these important roles within our school.

P&C Messages From President Mrs Karen Blain

As a result of the P&C AGM which was held last Tuesday, the new 2014 Executive Committee is as follows: President: Karen Blain, Vice President: Barbara Gibson, Secretary: Nerelle Holland, Treasurer: Janine Leverett.

I look forward to another wonderful year working with the very supportive P&C, teachers and school community to support our school and children.

If you have any views on what you’d like to see the P&C accomplish, or ideas for fundraising events please feel free to contact us.
Karen Blain - P&C President

Disco
A reminder that the P&C are hosting a disco this Friday evening, starting at 6pm at the school multi-purpose court. Cost is $1 per child, parents free. There will be a sausage sizzle dinner available for $1, commencing at 5.30pm. Drinks and snacks will also be available to purchase. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle that they can refill. Parents, please ensure all students are collected from the multi-purpose court.

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 Beach Bowls Club 1pm
CASH PRIZES AND RAFFLES TO BE WON!
Tell your family and friends to come along for a fun afternoon and support Goodwood School!

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. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out so far. To ensure this fundraiser is a success, additional support is still needed.
If you are interested in volunteering your time to assist on the day, baking items for the stall or donating ingredients, please contact Janine Leverett on (07) 4126 8357 for more information. Thank you.

P&C meeting
All monies raised by the P&C are spent on projects that directly benefit the students. These projects are decided at the monthly meetings, so if you would like to have a say in how the money is spent, please feel free to come along to our meetings. The next one is on Tuesday 22 April, 3.15 in the Library.
Fatigue or falling asleep at the wheel is a cause of many serious crashes every year. On long trips or at any time you’re tired please pull over or change drivers before you kill someone, which can happen in the blink of an eye. Warning signs are yawnning, poor concentration or micro sleeps. Remember, just a 15 minute stop of stretching your legs or having a coffee break could be the difference between a safe journey or killing someone.

Remember to plan your trip and visit the Driver Reviver sites.

The Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc. are having an Easter Cent Sale
Woodgate Community Hall
19th April.
There will be lots of terrific prizes, the raffle is a basket of groceries, a Fruit Tray as a lucky door prize, a Whip Around prize of a basket of home made goodies, Jackpots. The doors will open at 1:00pm, and it all starst with eyes down at 2:00pm.
Admission $3.00 which includes lucky door ticket and afternoon tea. Children free and receive a free cent sale ticket, and a free raffle ticket.
The Rotary Club of Bundaberg City Daybreak, supported by Bunnings Warehouse, Boylans Produce and the Avoca Garden Centre invites you to participate in the annual “Spud Growing Competition”

$10 per bucket

All proceeds donated TBA.

You plant the potato, look after it, keep it fed and watered, and join us for the Award Ceremony TBA.

At this function, the contents of all buckets will be revealed, counted and weighed.

Prizes offered for:

- The biggest potato
- The weirdest shaped potato
- The longest potato
- The most potatoes
- The ugliest potato
- Special ‘Hard Luck’ Award

Phone 0406 725 982 / 0427 155 261

Hint – as your potato grows, top up the soil

On the 30th of March, the Moore Park Beach Tavern is hosting a World’s Greatest Shave and family fun day fundraiser. All the fun will begin at 12pm and go until 4pm. There will be rides from Fun Time Amusements, camel rides, Monster raffles, auction, Lunch specials, live entertainment, Market stalls and much more! We are still seeking market stall holders, Donations from local businesses and of course more people who are brave enough to shave!!! All proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

If you’re interested in having a market stall on the day, want to donate to our monster raffle and auction or want to register to shave, please contact Samantha Myles at the tavern on 4154 8519 or email on samantha.myles@hotmail.com