Dear Parents / Guardians,

2014 School Improvement Focus:
Writing Skills & Reading Comprehension

April 22 Tuesday First day back for Term 2.
April 22 - 25 Mrs Byrnes on Leave
April 23 Wednesday Newsletter issued
April 23 Wednesday Cluster Principal’s Meeting 4.00pm
April 24 Thursday School ANZAC service 9am – Everyone encouraged to attend
April 25 Friday ANZAC Day – No School – All students encouraged to participate in Woodgate Community Service – Full School Uniform.

May 1 Thursday District Cross Country
May 6 Tuesday Zone Cross Country
May 7 Wednesday Discipline Audit of school
May 13 Tuesday NAPLAN
May 13 Tuesday District Sports Meeting 3.30pm
May 14 Wednesday NAPLAN
May 14 Wednesday Special Food Day
May 15 Thursday NAPLAN
May 20 Tuesday P&C Meeting 3.30pm – please make every effort to attend these very important meetings.
May 24 Saturday Bunning Sausage Sizzle – Help Needed for Shifts – Please contact President Karen
May 27 Tuesday Chess Tournament
May 27 Tuesday Y7 Transition to Isis High
June 5 Thursday Y6 Transition to Isis High
June 8 Sunday Woofers’ Walk at Woodgate
June 9 Monday Public Holiday
June 12 Thursday Mr Coleman away at QASSP Meeting
June 16 Monday Goodwood Sports Day
June 17 Tuesday P&C Meeting 3.30pm – please make every effort to attend these very important meetings.
June 18 Wednesday School Photos
June 27 Friday Reports issued
Congratulations Kody, Tallon, Baileigh, Tom, Josh, Tara, Montanna, Asher, Ashley, Ebony, Sam, Freya, Chantelle, Bailey, Joey, Teagan, Zara, Chloe, Conor and Gideon on receiving their meritorious awards.

Congratulations to Bailey, Angus, Tom and Josh who have achieved their times table mastery awards.

Well done!!

Cleaner’s Cleanest Classroom Award

Congratulations to the students of Mrs Carlon’s class who were meticulous in keeping their classroom spotless and earned the trophy for the last week of school. I know there were a number of Y4-7s trying to bring our class up to par and the Prep/Y1 class were also keen to keep the trophy in their room.

This award helps to acknowledge two of our school expectations: Respect and Self-Responsibility. Students need to show great respect for the presentation of their room and workspace and to be self-responsible in taking action without being asked to maintain a meticulous classroom.

Drought Help

Thank you for all the wonderful donations which were sent to the rural communities in need during the holidays. And the funds raised through free dress days were donated to “buy-a-bale”.

Active After School Care will resume next Tuesday the 29th April and will be operating every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15 to 4.15 until Thursday 19th June. Thank you to Mrs Carlon for being the site supervisor and to Mrs Ricciardi for being our coach.

As a result of the coaching from Mrs Ricciardi, there were an unusual number of records broken at our recent school cross country. Let's hope the same occurs at our annual school sports day! 😊

**Year 6 & 7 Isis High Transition Program**

**Y7 - 27/05/14**
Howard S.S. / Cordalba S.S. / Dallarnil S.S. / Goodwood S.S.- Total Number of Students - 28

**Y6 - 5/06/14**
Howard S.S. / Cordalba S.S. / Booyal Central S.S. (Yr. 6/7) / Dallarnil S.S. / Goodwood S.S. / St Josephs- Total Number of Students - 37

**Times:** 10:00 am till 1:15 pm - Periods Two, Three and Lunchbreak

*Students have been invited to Isis High School on the 5th June as part of their* 2014 Junior Secondary Transition Program. The aim of this excursion is for students to make use of the Science Labs and Manual Arts workshops at Isis High.

Students will be at the high school from 10am -1.15pm. We are awaiting confirmation regarding transport arrangements and will pass this information on ASAP. Lunch will also be provided.

**Other Details:**
Lunch will be provided to students. Please let us know if your child has any special dietary requirements.

Costs associated with this excursion will be met by Isis High.

Students with Disabilities - The Science Labs and Manual Arts workshops are wheelchair accessible.

**Mrs Byrnes on Leave This Week**

During Mrs Byrnes’ absence this week Mrs Cindy Wilson will be the class teacher on Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Pam Turner will be their teacher on Thursday.

**Instrumental Music**

A reminder to all those who participate in instrumental music on Wednesdays; lessons for the term commence today (Wednesday 23/4/14).
Congratulations to our Age Champions: Bella, Tara, Teagan, Freya, Brent, Josh, Ricky, Bailey and Zane. Well Done 😊

Congratulations to our new record holders Bella, Ricky, Teagan, Josh, Bailey and Joey. What an outstanding effort, well done! 😊 Congratulations also to Gold house who won the shield on the day.

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

Disco

Thank you very much to our P&C for facilitating the disco and providing drinks and snacks for families on the night. Thank you to Mrs Ricciardi for providing the entertaining activities for our children and thank you to Liam Leverett for being the DJ on the evening.

As promised, for all those who were unable to attend, we will have another disco early this term. The date is Friday 16th May.

Pre - ANZAC Service Thursday at School 9.00am

Thanks to our close association with the Woodgate Sub-Branch RSL, we are able to hold a very special and important service at our school. The service provides an opportunity to personalise the importance of ANZAC for our students. We have a “lone pine” planted on our grounds and a plaque stands in front of it. This is where we lay our wreaths.
Families are encouraged to attend this special service which will conclude at around 9.45am.

There will be no parade this week as we will be having the Pre – ANZAC service.

ANZAC DAY at WOODGATE

It is very important that every effort is made to ensure every student attends the ANZAC community service at Woodgate on Friday. The RSL and the community are expecting our school to play an important role in helping to acknowledge and honour those members of the defence forces who have served to defend our country and our quality of life in Australia.

Assemble at Woodgate Community Hall at:-
9.40 – for all students. or 9.30 for Year 6/7 students
The ANZAC service will commence at 10am sharp.

Students need to be in full school uniform including hats, shoes & socks etc.

A number of students have asked for the form to indicate if your family is attend the Woodgate ANZAC parade or not. The RSL would like to know numbers as they are providing every student with a popper to drink after the service.

Isis District Cross Country

The Isis District Cross Country will be held at Childers State School on Thursday 1 May commencing at 9.15am. If your child has been selected to represent Goodwood they will receive a letter and permission note tomorrow. Please return to the office by Monday 28 April.
Only children 9 years or older are eligible for selection at the Isis District Cross Country Trials.

Comprehension Skills

Comprehension is not just getting factual meaning from a text, it’s also understanding the vocabulary (word level) and also able to “read between the lines” – arrive at new conclusions based on evidence in the text. This is called Inferential Comprehension and is the one that students have the greatest difficulty in developing.

Here are some samples of texts and questions:

*For the last two nights he had been up late, desperately trying to make sense of his scanty, incomplete notes. Tonight he worked with increased urgency knowing that this was his last chance.*

Was he well organised? How do you know that?
Why was this his last chance?

*John had felt reluctant about playing football. His father had insisted – telling him that any exercise would be beneficial. Following the weigh-in he was put in a team with older boys.*

Did John play any sport before this? How do you know that?
Why was he put in a team with older boys?

To help your child improve their ability to make this meaning, give them lots of “why” questions when you are hearing them read their home readers.

Expectations – Not Rules

The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support system does not focus on “rules”, instead it focuses on the EXPECTATIONS of behaviours. These behaviours need to be understood by all students and what these expectations mean in different places of the school environment. I have included a DRAFT version of a matrix that shows how each of our behaviour expectations are demonstrated in different areas of our school. This will need to be worked on collaboratively with staff and P&C in the future.
A special thank you to all of our school families and volunteers for your outstanding help and support during Term 1!
Events for this term include: ANZAC Day BBQ, Disco, Mother’s Day Stall, Bunnings BBQ and The Woodgate Woofers Walk. More information will be sent home soon.

P&C Meeting
The Parents and Citizens Association meets in the Library on the third Tuesday of each month at 3.15pm. All welcome! Come along and help contribute to the terrific Goodwood State School community.
If you are unable to attend our monthly meetings, but have some questions, suggestions, comments or feedback for the P&C, please let us know.
E: pandc@goodwoodss.eq.edu.au

Disco
Thanks to all who attended the Disco. It was a wonderful evening, with a total of $100 raised on the night! Thank you to all our generous volunteers who kindly donated their time to help out!
Another disco is planned for this term on Friday 16th May.

Woodgate Easter Fair - Cake Stall
An outstanding result, with $1065 raised on the day. Thanks to our volunteers for your time, baking talents and donations to help make our Cake Stall a success!

Bingo
Our next Bingo session will be on Thursday 1 May. 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. Additional Bingo sessions are also held over the holidays. A special thank you to our local community and businesses for your continued support and also to Kim Bauer and team for running this successful fundraising activity.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be having a Mother’s Day Stall, 8 & 9 May. The stall is not designed to make a profit, but will provide the kids with an exciting opportunity to “secretly” choose a fabulous gift for Mum or another carer to open on Mother’s Day. More information will be sent home soon.

Tuckshop / Special Food Day
Our next Special Food Day will be conducted on Wednesday 14 May. Students will be issued with their order forms two weeks prior. 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.

Bunnings BBQ - Call for Volunteers
The P&C are still needing volunteers to assist at our upcoming fundraising event - BBQ at Bunnings Bundaberg on Saturday 24 May between 8am - 4pm. If you are able to lend a hand for any part of the day please contact Barb Gibson on 0400287984.
Thank you to those families who have already volunteered their time to support our school. Looking forward to a successful day!

Uniform Shop
To purchase uniforms visit the Uniform Shop located at the school tuckshop or please see Janine Leverett (our Uniform Shop co-ordinator) who can be found outside the Lower classroom.
Hours of operation are Monday - Friday mornings from 8.00am - 9.00am.
If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop during its opening hours, a School Uniform Order can be placed through the Admin Staff on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Alternatively enclose your cash or cheque in a sealed envelope marked with your child’s name, class and uniform order details. Orders will be collected from the office by our Uniform Shop co-ordinator and processed as soon as possible. When your package is ready, it will be sent home with your child. Please note that EFTPOS is unavailable.

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
The location of our recycling bin is in the top end of the Woodgate Road car park. 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!

Community Notices

The Mothers Day Classic will be run on Sunday May 11 to raise funds for Breast Cancer research. *Mother’s Day Classic* is all about raising awareness and honouring those impacted by the disease, as well as funding vital research into treatment, detection and prevention.

The 3Km walk will start from Neilson Park, Bargara and teams and individuals can meet and register at 8:30am with the walk starting at 9:00am. This is a great opportunity to get friends and family together to raise funds and invest in future generations of women with breast cancer. To register go to mothersdayclassic.com.au

Scratch coding classes will recommence at Bundaberg library on Monday 28 April 2014.

Junior Tennis
Isis Tennis Club and Bundaberg Tennis Academy professional coach Kevin banner are inviting new and existing juniors to sign-up for Term 2, commencing on Thursday 24th April at the Isis Tennis Complex, North St, Childers. Phone Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520 753.

**Cooling Anger by Living Mindfully (C-A-L-M)**
Anger Management for Women

C-A-L-M is a six week program that teaches women constructive problem-solving strategies for managing their anger.

**When:** Friday May 2, 2014  
(6 week duration)  
**Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm  
**Contact:** [UnitingCare Community](tel:4153 8400) on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)  
**Where:** 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

**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:** Saturday May 3, 2014  
(1 day workshop)  
**Time:** 9.30am to 4.00pm  
**Contact:** [UnitingCare Community](tel:4153 8400) on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)  
**Where:** 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

**Parenting Teens**
Workshop for Parents of Teenagers

Parenting Teens is a three session course for parents who want to improve the relationship they have with their teenager.

**When:** Monday May 5, 2014  
(3 week duration)  
**Time:** 6.30pm to 8.30pm  
**Contact:** [UnitingCare Community](tel:4153 8400) on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)  
**Where:** 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg
If you would like an entry for the Cross Country Championships (see below) please call up to the office.

There are opportunities throughout the year for students, who participate in sport at a club level, to try out for teams at a zone level. We do not always receive enough notice for these events to be listed individually in our newsletter. It would therefore be really helpful to know which sports students might be interested in. If opportunities arise we can then forward the appropriate invitations and details to you and reduce the risk of students missing out.

My child …………………………………………. is interested in further sporting opportunities and participates at club level in…………………………………………………………………………………………

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Y6/Y7 Transition to Isis High Permission

I………………………………………… give permission for my children ……………………………………… to travel by private transport to and from Isis High to attend the transition activities including science and manual arts on 27/5/14 for Y7 and 5/6/14 for Y6.

☐ I am able to assist with transport to and from Isis High and can legally seat …………. students.

Name: ………………………………… Signature: …………………………….. Date: ………………………