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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

July 29 Tuesday	ICAS English
Aug 12 Tuesday	Gardiner Chess Tournament
Aug 12 Tuesday	ICAS Maths
Aug 18 – Aug 22	Senior School Camp
Aug 26 Tuesday	Maths Team Challenge
August 26 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.30pm – Everyone Welcome! NB: this is a week later due to school camp)
Sept 15 – Sept 19	Parent Teacher Interviews
19 September	End of Term

Awards



Congratulations, James, Josh, Caleb, Rodreguez, Steevie, Brayden, Bailey, Tamalin and Ben on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well Done!! ☺

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Prep / Y1 Class

Mrs Judy Robershaw is the classroom teacher for Prep / Year 1 on Fridays while Mrs Byrnes is on leave. Mrs Robertshaw is a highly skilled teacher and has extensive experience in Special Education which will be a great support to our infant class on Fridays. Welcome Mrs Robertshaw!

Active After School Care

We are pleased to announce that once again we have secured funding to continue the Active After School Care Program for Term 3. It will commence next Tuesday and Thursday.

Small School Sports Day Success

What a magnificent achievement for our school last Friday!



The students showed exemplary sportsmanship and determination as they participated in each event. As a result Goodwood won the Total Overall Points Shield and the Ball Games Shield. Our House Captains Yana and Brent were very respectful and gracious in receiving the shields and spoke very well to the audience.

Congratulations to Tori Holmes and Bailey Graham who won the Age Champion medallions for 10 year olds. A magnificent accomplishment!

A special thanks to Mrs Ricciardi who has worked enthusiastically in preparing our students for the sports day.

Future Small School Sports Days?

I am aware that some families were disappointed that their children did not get to participate in the Small School Sports Day and would have preferred to have sent their children to school instead. I apologise for the inconvenience families may have experienced caused by the sports day. I was not fully aware of how limited our opportunities were in including our students in events. Should there be a small schools sports day next year in the same format as we had this year, I will alter how we participate in the program and ensure we have the option of students attending classes at school.

Due to the changes of our sports (loss of Y7s to high school, change of sporting zones) the question was raised at our last sports meeting of whether or not the small schools sports should continue. This is a very challenging and sad question considering the long history of the event. Another consideration is that the small schools end up having two selection processes to make the Isis Team (Small Schools Day then Childers Sports Day). Another alternative is to make the Small Schools Sports day more inclusive (more events for all ages) or to have

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just 9yo to 12yo and to use the data from that event to compare with Childers in selecting a team to represent Isis and thereby eliminating the need for Childers District Sports.

Obviously, we have a lot to discuss and work through before next year. I will keep you informed of our developments.

Golf for Y2-7

Mr Doug Gardiner from the Greg Norman Foundation will be visiting our school and providing golf activities for all students in Years 2 to 7 on two separate occasions. The first is today and the next is on 17th of November. The Y2-3 and Y4-7 classes will have separate sessions on each day.

School Opinion Surveys

Every year the department of education issues opinion surveys to families, students and staff to provide feedback on the services of their school. In the past it has been in the form of a paper document that is placed in a sealed envelope once completed. This year it is entirely electronic. We have been given letters to issue to all parents that provides a website address and logon details. This should be attached to this newsletter.

When completing the survey, it is important to keep in mind that any mark other than Agree or Strongly Agree is counted as dissatisfied. The school is judged by Education Queensland on the percentage of respondents that were either Satisfied or Very Satisfied.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these surveys.

Ian Gawler OAM Free Presentation

I don't always get to see all of the contributions to the newsletter before it is finally printed. In the last newsletter Mrs Merrett kindly inserted the information on Dr Ian Gawler OAM in our community announcements.

From a personal perspective, I seek the opportunity to encourage those who may even vaguely be interested, to attend the free presentation in Bundaberg tomorrow at 5.30pm (see details below). I am sure everyone has had some connection with cancer; either ourselves, our family or someone we know. In 1985 my mother died due to cancer and in 1990 I was struck with Melanoma and after operations given a prognosis of two years to live by the head of the Cancer Clinic. I believe that my decision to seek out alternative methods of treatment considerably contributed to my survival. It, at the very least, gave me a positive and peaceful resolution to my circumstances.

Dr Gawler has a number of published texts that focus on improving the well-being of people and was presented with the Order of Australia Medal for his services to the community.

District Sports

Last Wednesday 18 Goodwood students, Asher, Charli, Ben, Kelsie, Caleb, Bella, Joey, Ashley, Bailey, Zane, Tom, Joshua, Tori, Brent, Teagan, Max, Tara and Joshua, attended the Isis District Sports Day to compete for a place in the Isis Team to attend the Zone Sports. Congratulations to Bailey, Brent, Joey and Caleb who were selected and will represent the Childers area at the Zone District Sports in Hervey Bay. Well done Kids!!

Chess Tournament

Chess Club began again this Thursday. We have several new players who wish to learn as well as those trying out for the team. The chess team will be entered into the Gardiner chess interschool competition on 12 August at Walkervale School. All students, whatever their level, are welcome to come along and play chess on Thursday lunch times.

Those students who are successful in being selected for the tournament will receive a letter at a later date.

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P&C Messages from President Mrs Karen Blain

Childers Festival Cake Stall - Fundraising Results

Many thanks to our generous volunteers for your time, baking talents and donations. Also a special thank you to Janine Leverett for running this fundraising event. You'll be pleased to hear we raised \$420, well done!

Pie Drive

This fundraiser is well under way and students only have one more week before orders and money are due back to the school by - *Monday 4 August*. Bundy Pies, a locally owned and operated business will be supplying the yummy pies this year. The family pies range from \$8.00 - \$8.50, with a selection of sweet and savoury pies to choose from. Delivery of the pies will be - *Thursday 21 August*. Pie orders can be collected from school at end of day pick up. Don't forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues as all the money raised will be supporting our school and children. Also as an incentive the P&C are offering a **\$20 cash prize** for the student/family who sells the most pies from each classroom! Thank you in advance for your support.

Bingo

Our next bingo session will be held:
Thursday 7th August
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!

Thank you and well done to Kim Bauer and team for raising \$562.50 over the school holidays. In addition, so far this year due to your efforts and with the support of the local community and businesses, this fundraising activity has raised over \$5000 for our school! Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated!

P&C Meeting

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 come along to our monthly meetings or contact us on pandc@goodwoodss.eq.edu.au. Our **next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26th August**. We hope to see you there!

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.

Community Notices

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer called "Bring it to Childers". The Childers Chamber of Commerce is actively trying to promote businesses in Childers and trying to identify what the local community would like to see in Childers.

You can either fill in the flyer and send it to school to be placed in the "Bring it to Childers" box or you can email – secretary@childerschamber.com.au

TENNIS: Vacancies exist for children to Come and Learn and Play Tennis at the Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assocn. Inc. 69b George Street, South Bundaberg with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread (0407 639 824) and Kevin Banner. (4152 0753 or 0409 520 753)

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The Dental Van has now arrived at Goodwood.

(If children are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme (CDBS), parents need to complete and return the Medical Consent with the completed flyer a.s.a.p.)

Ian Gawler OAM, best-selling author and one of Australia's most experienced and respected authorities on mind-body medicine and meditation, is conducting a workshop on *Health, Healing and the Mind* at Bundaberg TAFE theatre on Tuesday 29th July 2014. Doors open 5.30 for 6 pm start.

ALL WELCOME – NO COST

T: Margaret on 4156 3281 or 0428 280 908

W: www.iangawler.com

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Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home



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Strong not Tough Adult Resilience Program

Strong not Tough is an adult resilience program to help adults navigate through challenges and opportunities and effectively manage emotions. Evidence shows that 'resilient' and 'mindful' people are less affected by stress, better able to achieve long-term goals, and less anxious in their approach to life.

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Developing awareness
- Feeling relaxed
- Mindfulness
- Thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- Resilience
- Role models, support teams and helping others
- Coping strategies
- Healthy lifestyles and
- Preparing for challenges

When: Wednesday August 6, 2014
(4 week duration)

Where: UnitingCare Community
3a River Terrace, Bundaberg.

Ph: (07) 4153 8400 (**Bookings essential**)

Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

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UnitingCare Community services are available to everyone. If you are experiencing financial hardship and may have difficulty paying for this workshop please discuss with the facilitator.

If you require any further information or would like to register please call UnitingCare Community between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

CREATE, DREAM AND CONNECT

This one day workshop is designed to encourage women to imagine a vision for your future, set some goals and create an action plan to guide you. Take some much needed time out to nourish yourself and connect with other women by creating an incredible year ahead!

This workshop will:

Allow you to explore visions you hold for your life and to be encouraged to dream and imagine how you would like this year to unfold. Each participant will receive a copy of the Create Dream Connect workbook.

Provide you with you with the opportunity to connect with other women, to share in one another's experiences and to support one another, in a safe place.

Provide an opportunity for timeout - to laugh, to reconnect with yourself and with others in your community.

Teach you and guide you through a series of meditation, relaxation and mindfulness processes that seek to enhance the body/mind connection, aim to reduce stress and help women develop alternative ways of coping with difficulties.

When: Saturday August 2, 2014

Where: UnitingCare Community

3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

Ph: (07) 4153 8400

(Bookings essential)

Time: 9.30am to 5.00pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Includes materials & lunch)

If you require any further information or would like to register please call UnitingCare Community between 8.30am and 4.00pm Monday - Friday.