



# Goodwood Gazette

'Strive to Achieve'

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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 10 September	P&C Bicycle Fundraiser
Wednesday 10 September	Mr Coleman at Mandatory Principal's Meeting in Bundaberg
Thur & Fri 11/12 September	Mr Coleman at QASSP Meeting in Brisbane
Sunday 14 September	P&C Working Bee at school commencing at 9.00am – come along and help and be a part of the happy group/atmosphere.
Sept 15 – Sept 19	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 16 September	Mrs Hawker and Mrs Last in School Wide Positive Behaviour Support training.
Friday 19 September	Arts workshop for Seussical musical and last day of Term
Friday 19 September	Last Day of Term 3.
Thursday 25 September	Mr Coleman representing Burnett Electorate at Education Accord Summit in Brisbane.
Monday 6 October	Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 7 October</b>	<b>T4 First Day Back for Staff &amp; Students</b>
Wednesday 8 October	Childers Principals' Cluster meeting 4.00pm
Monday 20 October	Student Free Day (only staff at school/other schools doing Professional Development)
Monday 27 October	Y4-7 Computer Technology Lesson with Isis High teacher at Goodwood.
Monday 3 November	Y4-7 Computer Technology Lesson with Isis High teacher at Goodwood.
Tuesday 4 November	Swimming Trials in Childers for selection into Isis squad.
Tuesday 11 November	Remembrance Day with Woodgate RSL 9.00am at Goodwood State School
Monday 17 November	Year 2-7 Golf With Greg Norman Foundation after lunch
Thursday 20 November	Volunteers Day! Morning Tea & Presentations.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Suessical The Musical at Woodgate 6.pm
27 November to 10 December	Swimming lessons every day 9.30 to 12.15 (including transport by bus).
Wednesday 10 December	School Concert and Awards Night 6.00pm
Thursday 11 December	School Fun Day
Friday 12 December	Last day of school for 2014. Farewell Y6&7s!

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### Awards



Congratulations Zane, Allegra, Thomas, Isaiah, Michael, James, Emma, Tianna and Max on receiving your meritorious awards.

Well Done!! ☺

### SWPBS Training Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Both Mrs Hawker and Mrs Last will be completing training here at school with regional coordinator Mr Graham Richie. The training is in the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support system. Our school is a SWPBS school and we have made significant improvements to the overall school behaviour since my arrival in 2012. Mrs Carlon, Mrs Byrnes and I have all previously completed the training which is about providing a systemic approach to managing behaviour and to use data to inform our decision making and to target our intervention.

### Congratulations to our Wide Bay Champion!!

Congratulations to Bailey Graham who attended the Wide Bay Athletics competitions recently. Bailey has performed exceptionally well at this highly competitive event. He came 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> in 200, 5<sup>th</sup> in 800m, 3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> for high jump.

Bailey will be going to represent the Wide Bay at State level for 100m, 200 and long jump. A magnificent achievement, Bailey! Congratulations!!

### Changes to Music and After School Sport

Unfortunately there have been some changes that we have needed to contend with to maintain our after school activities for our students. The following is the best schedule that would work:

Guitar – Monday afternoons Beginners 3.00 – 3.45, Intermediate 3.45 to 4.30.

Active After School Sport: Tuesdays and Wednesdays – 3.15 to 4.15

Flute – Mrs Hawker will contact families to identify the best day that does not conflict but cannot be Monday (Thursday looks best as it does not conflict with After School Sport).

This schedule commences this week.

We informed all students last week at school parade. We apologise if children have forgotten to let you know as unfortunately we had little time to make these changes.

### Reading Focus

Across our school, in line with the region, we are following a reading comprehension program developed by Sheena Cameron. Every two weeks we seek opportunities to focus on a specific reading strategy through learning experiences and in reading groups. This fortnight our reading focus will be focused on “**Visualising**”.

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When authors write, they use words to describe things which we can use to make pictures. Creating a picture in your mind or drawing a picture on paper can help you understand what you are reading.

This is an opportunity for parents to fit in with and support the focus occurring in our classrooms which will continue for two weeks. When you are reading with your child you can help them visualise by asking them to close their eyes and imagine what it looks like, or draw a picture of what is being described.

### Tenders Invited for Small Machines

Thank you to Barb, Jodi and Ryan for helping Nicki with cleaning out the shed last week. It is wonderful to see the cleared space in our shed. Your time and commitment to our school is greatly appreciated.

As a part of the tidying up and to create space, we are offering for tender 3 pieces of equipment that we no longer use as we pay contractors to maintain our grounds.

We have a chainsaw, whipper-snipper and push mower to put up for tender. If you would like to view these items Nikki (our cleaner) will be able to show you at the end of the school day, or please contact the office for a mutually agreeable time. I tested all three items yesterday and all are in working order. These items are sold as seen. **Tenders need to be in writing and handed in to the school office (listing your name, contact details items tendering for and value you set on each item).** Tenders close on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### Seussical the Musical

The Childers Choral Society was successful in gaining a grant to deliver a musical for the Childers area that included involvement and activities for the surrounding schools. Mr David Horner (our music teacher and school ICT person) is the director and producer of the project called "Suessical the Musical, based on the Dr Seuss stories.

Upon a special request from us, Mr Horner has organised for the whole musical to be provided at Woodgate for the whole community which is a wonderful opportunity for the Woodgate/Goodwood community. The performance has a set cast that come from all schools around the areas including some adults. Our school is being offered to contribute to the production by performing some of the songs that Mr Horner has been teaching the students at school during music. The Woodgate performance will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm for seating and an immediate 6.30pm start. The performance should conclude by 8.30pm. It would be wonderful if all our students are taken to the performance by parents and if it is very well attended by all the Woodgate / Goodwood Community. Please mark this time/day in your diaries.

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

#### Father's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Stall. It was very successful, with \$82.10 raised for our school. We hope your Dad enjoyed his special day and gift!

#### Sausage Sizzle

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle this Wednesday 10 September at our Bicycle Queensland food/drink stall fundraiser and all students are welcome to purchase a sausage on bread, drink and ice-block. Please see attached order form.

#### Working Bee

We will be holding a working bee this Sunday 14 September, 9am - 12pm. If you are able to help with some gardening, painting or a general tidy up we would be very grateful of your assistance.

#### Cupcakes for a Cure

On Tuesday 16 September, the P&C will be hosting a Cupcakes for a Cure day to help raise funds for the Kid's Cancer Project. All money raised will help fund Australia's best research into cures for childhood cancer. Home baked, Vanilla and Chocolate cupcakes will be available to purchase for \$1.00. Many thanks to the Upper Class for volunteering your time to decorate the cupcakes. Please see attached order form.

#### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16 September at 3.30pm in the library. All welcome! We would love to see you there. Come along and hear what is going on in the school and share your thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to contact Karen on:- [pandc@goodwoodss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@goodwoodss.eq.edu.au) if you have any ideas or enquires.

#### **Bicycle Queensland event - helpers required**

Goodwood State School P&C will be operating a food/drink stall for up to 720 cyclists at the upcoming Bicycle Queensland event which will be visiting our school on Wednesday 10 September and the P&C needs your support to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity. Perhaps you are able to assist? If so, please contact Karen Blain on 0438794646 for more information.

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## **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**

**UnitingCare Community Bundaberg** is calling on people from the community to help spread the word that suicide can be prevented and that help is available 24/7 through Lifeline. The *Out of the Shadows* walks will reinforce the key themes surrounding Lifeline's national response to suicide – hope, recovery, reflection and prevention. The campaign also aims to remember those lost, and those bereaved by suicide.

**UnitingCare Community Bundaberg** has organised an Out of the Shadows walk at 5:30am on **Wednesday 10 September 2014**. The walk commences from **Bargara Streetscape Decking, Esplanade, Bargara** and is a gentle walk along the foreshore to **Jack Schuhkraft Walk Park**.

To register for this walk please visit: [www.outoftheshadows.org.au](http://www.outoftheshadows.org.au)

## **2015 Year 8 Enrolment Interviews**

Isis Dist. State High School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Need to book an interview? Online Bookings at: [isisdistshs.eq.edu.au](http://isisdistshs.eq.edu.au) or Call our Office on 41 921 222

## **LIFE EDUCATION BUNDABERG**

We, the Committee wish to **INVITE** you Parents & Community Members **To our Annual Meeting**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Mary Walsh, Bundy Life Education Founding Member and Michael Fawsitt, CEO Life Education Queensland

**Where:** – Central State School Hall, Woondooma Street Entrance

**When:** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7:00 pm

**RSVP:** – Wendy by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September (4152 5735) E-mail: - [lifeducationbundaberg@gmail.com](mailto:lifeducationbundaberg@gmail.com)

## **TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3,5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceast@scce.com.au](mailto:scceast@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

## **Sunday Chess**

The last two Children's Sunday Chess Tournaments for 2014 will be on 26 October and 30 November

To encourage children to attend, any child who has not attended a Sunday Chess Tournament can attend at no cost for one of them. The tournaments are held at the U3A rooms and registration is by 9 am

For further information please contact Allan at [bundabergchessclubinc@outlook.com](mailto:bundabergchessclubinc@outlook.com)

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I am a local school teacher at Thabeban, a member of Rotaract Bundaberg and I have been collecting Prehistoric Dinosaur cards since they were published in the NewsMail earlier this year (May 17-June 21). I am collecting for students as well as children at the Bundaberg Children's Ward.

If you can help to swap my left overs or to complete sets to give away, could you please help by joining Site:

Prehistoric Dinosaur Cards - Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Maryborough

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/566642726791275/>

Megan Waldock  
TEACHER