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'Strive to Achieve'

Respect	Effort
Safety	Self-Responsibility
Behaviour Expectations	

2014 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Dates for Diaries

Monday 17 November	Year 2-7 Golf With Greg Norman Foundation after lunch
Tuesday 18 November	P&C meeting 3.30pm All Welcome
Thursday 20 November	Volunteers Day! Morning Tea & Presentations.
Friday 21 November	2015 Prep Orientation ½ day attendance.
Monday 24 November	Traditional Japanese Storytelling Theatre
Tuesday 25 November	Seussical The Musical rehearsals at Woodgate Hall 10am-2pm
Tuesday 25 November	Seussical The Musical at Woodgate 6.pm
Wednesday 26 November	Library closed for borrowing
27 Nov to 10 December	Swimming lessons every day 9.30 to 12.15 (including transport by bus).
Friday 28 November	Year 6-7 Graduation
Monday 1 December	Year 7 Transition to Isis District State High School 8.45am-2.50pm
Tuesday 2 December	Year 7 Transition to Isis District State High School 8.45am-2.50pm
Wednesday 3 December	Year 6 Transition to Isis District State High School 8.45am-2.50pm
Thursday 4 December	Year 6 Transition to Isis District State High School 8.45am-2.50pm
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!

Awards



Congratulations Matthew, Kody, Steevie, Ebony, Caleb, Chantelle, Zane, Ashley, Charli, Rikki, Dakota and Jackson on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well Done!! ☺

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New Birth!

Congratulations to Anthony and Rachel and their new daughter LUKA who was born yesterday. A new sister for Yana, Tori, Stevie and Phoenix. Best wishes from all at Goodwood School.

Prep Orientation

How exciting it was to see our new 2015 Preppies attending school last Friday. They all fitted in so well and were a delightful addition to our school. Each new preppie had a great time participating in a mix of activities and were warmly welcomed by our existing students. They have another day this Friday and we hope this will help them feel enthusiastic and confident about being at school full-time next year.



High School Transition

Please note that the high school transition will be for full school days. You will need to organise transport for your child, the High School is expecting that most students will be traveling on the school buses but if you are taking your child they will need to go to the annexe area. This and further information is in the paperwork from the high school. On Friday afternoon we received permission paperwork for the Year 6 students which we will send home today. We have been in touch with the high school and they will be sending the Year 7 paperwork as soon as it is ready.

ICT Lessons From High School

On Mondays for the last 3 weeks students in Grades 4-7 have had the pleasure of spending a couple of hours with Mrs Kylie Onoprienko the business educator from Isis High. She has been teaching them the basics of Scratch – a software application aimed at 8-15 years olds programming their own animations.

Students have been prepared to experiment with the software and get their sprites (characters) to perform quite complex actions, including random and player-directed movement, changing direction using co-ordinates, scoring and sound. An example of the coding they have devised is included below.

Mrs Onoprienko said that she has really enjoyed watching these young students grow in confidence, solve their own programming problems and help each other.



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Great Achievements For All Students

At this stage of the year we are busy collecting data and final assessments from students to identify achievements and to use this information in comparison with our Semester 1 results to map progress.

Last weekend, I spent some time reviewing our data and felt that I needed to share with you the joy and satisfaction of our success. We often have students coming from other schools who were alleged to be doing well in their learning. Our assessments against national and state standards often indicated a difference of ability that was less than the family believed their child was achieving. Our school has a very high level of integrity in relation to reporting to standards. This is reflected in the NAPLAN results shown on the My Schools website. Our school has achievements significantly above many schools across the state, even those private schools with double the funding and staffing. This is a credit to our excellent teaching team and the successful partnership with our supportive community.

And for those students who experience difficulties with their learning, we are also able to show excellent levels of improvement. Here is an example of some progress in our school in relation to reading:

This table shows samples of student growth from the end of semester one to the end of semester 2 in Reading. It is just a small example of the types of success that we typically see across all learning areas for all students.

Please note that Semester 2 has a higher expectation than that of Semester 1.

	At the end of Semester 1	At the end of Semester 2
Student A	4 levels above semester 1 expectation	6 levels above semester 2 expectation
Student B	5 levels above semester 1 expectation	6 levels above semester 2 expectation
Student C	4 levels below semester 1 expectation	At expectation for semester 2
Student D	2 levels below semester 1 expectation	2 levels above semester 2 expectation

This small piece of data shows examples of students who were performing well, were able to be extended even further and it also shows that students who were struggling have been assisted to achieve expectations or better.

The grades we award our students are well supported and dependable. We have heard from students who have moved to new locations, attended another school and have received grades significantly higher than ours in subsequent reports. This does not mean that we held the student back or that our teaching and learning was inadequate. What it does mean is that some schools do not have the same level of integrity in their assessment and reporting. Our reporting correlates strongly with the NAPLAN results and with moderation with other schools.

Goodwood has a relentless focus on high levels of academic achievement and works hard to ensure every student is achieving their potential. We strive to ensure that our students have the best start possible to high school and their future learning and success in life.

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Class Numbers 2015

Next year we look to have idyllic numbers in all of our classrooms and the numbers are evenly dispersed. ☺

Prep / Y1	Y2 & 3	Y4/5/6
Mrs Byrnes	Mrs Carlon	Mr Coleman
17	18	19

We are most fortunate to be able to have these numbers, considering the transition of the 2014 Y6 students into Y7 at high school. Many other schools are less fortunate and many primary schools are losing teachers that need to be found new positions.

We thank our strongly supportive community for their commitment and unrelenting confidence in our school. Your support benefits the whole school.

Admin Relief Teacher for Principal

Last week it came to my attention that many families would not know our processes in relation to relieving the principal from class to take up administrative duties each week and it is important that our community knows and understands this process.

Using the staffing allocation to the school, we are able to appoint a teacher one day each week to replace the teaching principal from class. To ensure this benefits the students as much as possible, we organise the relieving teacher to be responsible for independent sections of the curriculum so that there is no need to integrate lessons between teachers. Mrs Wilson is responsible for Science and The Arts and she prepares all the lessons and assessments and is responsible for reporting on those two subject areas.

As a result, the students experience having a different teacher and get the best, most efficient instruction for all of the subject areas.

Most of you would know that I am often called away as principal to attend meetings. These usually occur on Fridays. This is why I have organised my off class, administration day to be Fridays, so that it does not impact on the learning of the students in my class. At Goodwood, we highly value every school day as an important opportunity to progress every student's learning.

Our Woodgate RSL

The Woodgate RSL Sub-Branch have a very close and strong bond with our school. They refer to Goodwood as "our school" and are very proud and supportive of us. Last Tuesday I was privileged to have attended their Remembrance Day dinner and received numerous favourable comments from those attending, in relation to our school.

One of their members, Mr John Ledger who was a strong supporter of our school by being a part of our school ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies every year was unable to attend this year as he was unwell and in hospital. We had heard of his illness and prepared a card for him with a picture of our school and signed by all the children and gave it to Reverend Don Moore who was going to visit Mr Ledger.

At the dinner on Tuesday night, it was announced that Mr Ledger was unlikely to survive the end of the week. The next day Reverend Don Moore called in to see me in the afternoon. He told me he had just visited Mr Ledger and presented our card to him. He said that it had made Mr Ledger so very happy. He kept holding the card in his hands, looking at it and was smiling and refused to let it go and be put on the bedside table.

At school parade on Thursday, I let all of the students know how important their small act of kindness was to Mr Ledger.

We have just been informed that Mr Ledger passed away early this morning.

Remembrance Day Service

Thank you to all those who joined us for our service last week. We are very grateful to the RSL for their ongoing support and commitment to our school. They have also kindly presented us with a collection of David Attenborough discs as a resource for our school.

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As a tribute to the Woodgate RSL sub-branch, we have initiated a document to record the attendance each year. The record has the names, signatures and which service they represent as well as a picture of them. This is then laminated and presented to the RSL each year on each occasion and a copy is kept at the school.



Construction

At last construction has commenced for the construction of a fixed roof over the multi-purpose court. We are still on schedule for completion prior to our Awards/Concert Night. Mr Stephen Bennett MP will be opening the new construction that evening.

This area will provide us with long needed shelter from both heat and rain for PE activities, after school sport, discos, ANZAC and Remembrance Day services and Awards/Concert nights.

Please note that our concert will be lower key than previous years as we have been preparing for Seussical - The Musical. The classes will have a couple of items to present and the main focus will be on celebrating the achievements of our students.

Student Resource Scheme

Please note the attached documents in relation to this scheme which is a service we provide for families. Many parents have told me how wonderfully convenient and inexpensive it is for them. School subsidises the cost to families.

This truly is a **service we provide for families**. We provide this support and service to our families in return for their wonderful support and commitment to our school. If you choose to accept this offer, you are able to collect your child's resources on the student free days in January 2015.

Please read the attached documents carefully particularly item numbers 26 through to 29. Payment can be made either by EFT directly into our bank account BSB 064 408 A/C no 00090044, by cheque or cash.

The cost is the same as last year. \$60 1st child, \$55 for the second child & \$50 for any other children in each family.

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Seussical The Musical

Please see the note below from our previous newsletter. 'Our students' refers to ALL of our students. Hopefully this will clarify any confusion.

Tickets are now on sale 😊
Book now to secure your seats!
On our website bottom left hand side – says “click here to book online”

Our students will be featuring in this performance on Tuesday 25th November. Students are asked to be there at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. We encourage as many people to attend as possible to make the event a great success. Our P&C will be selling refreshments including cake, chips, lolly bags, popcorn, chocolate, poppers, tea, coffee and soft drinks during the interval. If you have any problems following the online booking information which was sent home last week please contact school and we will assist you.

All students have a role singing in the Seussical performance. Each and every child is involved. A whole school rehearsal has been arranged for the 25th November during the day prior to the evening performance. All students are required to be at the hall from 10am to 2pm on 25th November for this rehearsal.

To provide support for our families, we will organise a bus from our school that morning (leaving at around 9.30am) and then a bus back to school in the afternoon leaving Woodgate at 2.00pm. This will allow students to be dropped off and collected by families or the bus as normal. For those families who prefer to take their children to and from the hall (perhaps those who live in Woodgate), Mrs Byrnes will be present at the hall to supervise students for a brief period before and after rehearsals.

David Horner is also looking for volunteers who might be able to spare a little time to help set up or pack up for the event. Anytime between 9.30am and 5pm on Monday 24th or 8.30- 11.30pm on Tuesday 25th. Many hands make light work so if you feel that you could assist please let us know as any help would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A PERMISSION NOTE FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REHEARSAL AND TO BE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM THE REHEARSAL.

Y4-7 No Homework

The students are fully engaged in completing formal assessments during this final stage of the year. The help alleviate their load, we are ceasing homework activities so they can have a better break between classless. Of course the intensity of learning will not diminish as we move through the final weeks.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Our school is extremely privileged and fortunate to have so many generous people in our community who are willing to give up their time and commit energy and effort in support of our school and its students. This Thursday is a special time in our calendar to acknowledge and express our gratitude to our volunteers at a morning tea. We have sent out over 40 invitations! This is a terrific example to our students of community and generosity.

If you have volunteered at our school and have not received an invite, please let us know!! We have asked around and done our best to ensure we have not missed anyone. We are always anxious of inadvertently missing someone!!

Accounts Payable

Statements showing amounts owed are being sent home today. It would be appreciated if all outstanding monies owed to the school could be paid as soon as possible.

Swimming payments are now due. Swimming fees are \$25 per student and \$20 for those students in Yr6 & 7 who are attending transition at Isis High.

North Burnett Sport 2015

We (the Childers cluster) have already had a meeting with a representative from our new sporting District which will include, Biggenden, Gaydah, Mundubbera, Eidsvold and Monto as well as the small schools around these towns. The meeting was very positive and we find ourselves linked up with very like-minded and student

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focused schools. There is speculation that we will have greater opportunities for our students to move to the District level.

The progression of success for sports in 2015 will be 1) School 2) Isis (Childers Area). 3) North Burnett District 4) Wide Bay Region 5) State. 6) National.

Sporting Teams for 2015

We are currently investigating additional opportunities for our students to participate in events that they are interested in/suited to. These include Table Tennis and Orienteering.

At our school camp, our Y4-7 students participated in Orienteering and many showed great interest and aptitude for the sport. We are investigating if it is possible to send off a small team to compete in the existing competitions.

Since we have the Table Tennis equipment, students have become very enthusiastic about playing each day during each break and the competition is strong, promoting fast skill development. We are seeking opportunities to send off a small contingent to participate in the Bundaberg competitions in 2015.

Thank you very much to Mr McGregor who donated another table tennis table to our school. It is greatly appreciated!!!!

ICT Progress

More Great News! Technicians will be at our school on Tuesday to install a new "switch" (a device that receives and transfers data through a number of lines). This is our first step to moving towards having wireless across our school. The next step will be to install the wireless system.

P&C Messages from President Mrs Karen Blain

Monster Raffle

Raffle tickets for the P&C end of year raffle will be sent home later this week. This is our final fundraiser for the year, and there are some fabulous prizes on offer, thanks to the generosity of our local businesses and school community.

Students will be issued with a book of 10 raffle tickets to be sold at only \$2 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Woodgate Beach Bowls Club on Friday 26 December (Boxing Day). Please ensure that all ticket butts / unsold tickets and money are returned to school by Tuesday 9 December.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and Happy Selling.

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 this Tuesday 18 November at 3.30pm in the Library. We hope to see you there!

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Year 6 & 7 Graduation - Fundraising

Zooper Doopers (ice-blocks) are still available to purchase for 50cents, with all money raised going towards transport costs (limousines) on graduation night.

Monday - After school

Wednesday - After school

Friday - After school

Bingo

Woodgate Beach Bowls Club Bingo sessions are held every Friday at 10am. In addition to cash prizes, there will also be a Goodwood State School raffle prize on offer each Friday, with tickets available to purchase on the day.

Next Goodwood School session in which the club kindly donates the proceeds from the day to our school: Friday 5 December .

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

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Free Sausage Sizzle

On Thursday 11 December the P&C will be providing a free sausage sizzle, juice popper and ice block to all students to coincide with the End of Year Fun Day. Please ensure students still bring their own fruit/veg and morning tea

Community Notices

Gooburrum State School Fete and Ham Wheel

WHEN: 22nd November 2014

Fete starts at 3pm followed by Ham Wheel at 6.30pm

Come along and enjoy a great family afternoon and stay into the evening for the Ham Wheel.

• BBQ Available from 3pm • Around 20 different stalls • Rides - (pre-purchase tickets available at the school - ph 41 599 296) • Pony Poo Competition • GIVEAWAYS • Kiss the Pig! • Dunking Machine • Fairy Floss • Popcorn • Slushies • Lazer Tag • Devonshire Tea • Face Painting • AND MUCH MORE! Parking will be available on the School Oval. Contact Linda 0434 402 255 for further information.

Bundaberg Orpheus Singers

ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7th December 7.30 pm

Holy Rosary Church - Barolin Street Entrance: All adults \$5.00 Children under 12 free

Poco savvi voce - Savvi voce - Bundaberg Municipal Band

MUMMA'S NEST MARKETS

Saturday 22 Nov from 8am to 4pm at the Civic Centre.

\$2 entry fee with all money donated to Carinbundi.

Free entry for kids under 15 – free jumping castle – huge raffle with great prizes – over 80 amazing stalls – yummy food.

BREAST SCREEN BUNDABERG

Female?

40?

Free!!

Monday – Friday at Bundaberg Base Hospital, Bourbong Street next to Red Cross Blood Bank

BreatScreen Queensland invites all women **OVER 40** to have a free breast screen every two years. **Phone 13 20 50**

(1 in 8 Qld women will develop breast cancer).