



Goodwood Gazette

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2015 School Improvement Focus: Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to Goodwood for 2015!

I am hoping you had increased opportunities to spend extra time with your children to create precious memories.

It is wonderful to see all the happy faces back at school safe and sound. What a delightful start we have had! The tone, behaviour and attitudes of the children have been magnificent! I am so very proud of what we are achieving as a community in creating a remarkable, outstanding learning environment for our children.

Dates for Diaries

We will supply you with dates in the next newsletter. Please note that school parades will be on Thursday mornings at 8.45am starting on the 5th January.

Classes & Enrolments

We are most fortunate to have numbers that are evenly distributed across the key junctures to provide idyllic class sizes.

Mrs Byrnes	Mrs Carlon	Mr Coleman / Mrs Wilson
Prep & Year 1	Year 2 & 3	Year 4/5/6
19	17	18

In addition, we have four more students joining us in about 3 weeks and another 2 commencing in Term 2. These later enrolments are spread across all classes. We have supported teachers with Teacher Aide time and have ensured the infant class has almost full-time Teacher Aide support to best assist their development.

GRG / Pedagogical Coach

Goodwood State School will again be receiving Great Results Guarantee funding. This year we are using the funds to enable me to focus on strengthening school improvement and pedagogical practices. Our ambition is to deliver educational experiences on par with the best in Australia. Pedagogy is the study of child learning and teaching practices to facilitate learning.

Tuesdays will be when I apply intense and focused attention to School Improvement and pedagogy. This means I will be in classrooms to carry out lesson observations, providing detailed feedback to teachers, developing Performance & Development Plans with staff to enhance the capability of each member, gathering and analysing student performance data on a regular basis and overseeing the targeting of support and extension of students. This is a role I will take very seriously and Tuesdays will be "sacred" time to focus specifically on these areas. Already I have commenced reading, in the evenings at home, recent research literature on neuroscience and the implications for learning to support our work.

Mrs Wilson will be working with the Y4-6 class on Tuesdays and Fridays (Fridays are Principal Administration days).

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Please know that we have arranged dedicated, specific curriculum content on the days that Mrs Wilson and I teach our class. Student learning and achievement has been paramount in organising our routines. The students have been informed and are fully aware and accepting of the program.

This is a very exciting opportunity and I believe that it will provide the momentum to help us achieve the very best for every student in our school and surpass even our past commendable accomplishments.

Success Schools Program

Last year I submitted a request that we be considered to become a part of the Success Schools program. Happily we were accepted into the program which means that we gain significant, specialised support in advancing our school's achievements in reading. Already, Goodwood has a very high level of attainment in reading. This program will enable us to further that achievement and to help us embrace the Sheena Cameron and the Guided Release reading strategies across our school and to use data to help inform our progress. Mrs Katrina Kruger, who is the Success Schools Project Officer, will be visiting our school one day each fortnight and will carry out observations of reading episodes and provide feedback to teachers, teacher aides and myself. She will also analyse and discuss data with me to identify areas for growth and measure our progress.

Staffing 2015

Just for your information, here is a list of who is here at school on each day. Some are only for a brief lesson others the whole day. Some are fortnightly (f.n.).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mr Coleman Y4-6 Mrs Byrnes P/Y1 Mrs Carlon Y2/3 Mrs Hawker TA Mrs Last TA Mr David Horner – ICT Support (f.n.) Kaye Merrett – Admin Officer Ian McGregor – Special Education Teacher	Mr Coleman Y4-6 Mrs Byrnes P/Y1 Mrs Carlon Y2/3 Mrs Hawker TA Mrs Last TA Religious Instructors Mr Shane Turner – Chaplain Ian McGregor – Special Education Teacher Mrs Cindy Wilson – Teacher Mrs Katrina Kruger – Success Schools	Mr Coleman Y4-6 Mrs Byrnes P/Y1 Mrs Carlon Y2/3 Mrs Hawker TA Mrs Last TA Charlotte Guenther – German Teacher Kellie Orreal – PE Teacher David Horner – Music Kaye Merrett – Admin Officer	Mr Coleman Y4-6 Mrs Byrnes P/Y1 Mrs Carlon Y2/3 Mrs Hawker TA Mrs Last TA Ms Lay TA Charlotte Guenther – German Teacher	Mr Coleman Y4-6 Mrs Byrnes P/Y1 Mrs Carlon Y2/3 Mrs Hawker TA Mrs Last TA Ms Lay TA Cindy Wilson – Teacher Kaye Merrett – Admin Officer Jane Gray – Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy (f.n.)

Instrumental Music

Mrs Hawker will be offering Flute, saxophone and recorder lessons for interested students after school. Students wishing to learn recorder need to be in Yr 2-6. Flute and saxophone lessons will be offered to students in Yr 4-6 (this is mainly because their fingers need to have grown enough to reach the keys). Students will need their own instrument. Please speak with Mrs Hawker if you are interested.

Mr Hood will also be offering guitar lessons this year on a Wednesday Afternoon for students in Yr 3-6. Mr Hood is currently away for medical reasons and we will notify you of his return. Expressions of interest will be sort in the next newsletter.

Homework

Only the infant class will have some homework activities this week. Mrs Carlon and I will commence homework routines next week. Parents of students in my class will have an explanation and example glued into the front of their child's homework book. If there is any confusion for any child at any time, please do contact your child's teacher. We are a very approachable and friendly team! ☺

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Chess Club

Interschool competition starts early in the year for those students interested in being on the chess team. As two of our chess team have moved on to high school there is room on the team for some new players. If you are interested in improving your game and trying out for the team come along to chess club on Thursday lunch time in the 2/3 classroom.

Chess club is also for those students who would like to learn to play or just have a friendly game. We have checkers and chess games for you to challenge your friends. ☺

2014 Awards / Concert Night

What brilliant success our end of year concert and awards night was!! My sincere thanks to each and every student for their participation and commitment to making it a great performance. Thank you to all our families for your attendance and excellent support and helping to make it a very special night.



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New Bus Runs

This year the Dept Transport commenced new bus-runs that is sub-contracted to G&D Ross. The bus-runs largely separate high school and primary school. Please see the attached schedule to identify collection points.

As would be expected there have been some problems in establishing the new routines. I have received a number of complaints about the bus company and I have brought them to the attention of both the bus company and the Department of Transport. It is very important that you register your concerns with the bus owners as correct protocols to enable them the opportunity to correct the situation.

Their number is on the attached timetable.

P&C Meeting / Membership

We are always looking for new members to join our P&C which is an extremely rewarding and constructive way to positively contribute to the school. The P&C is also the main body representing the school community that I often refer to for consultation in gathering ideas and opinions about different concepts.

These are essentially the roles and responsibilities of the P&C (extracted from the DETE Policies and Procedures Register <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Parents-and-Citizens'-Associations---State-Schools.aspx>)

- **adopt the Model Constitution**(<http://education.qld.gov.au/corporate/pandc/>) seeking approval from the school principal
- **when asked, provide advice** and recommendations to the principal on issues and concerns in respect of students, and the general operation and management of the school
- **provide or assist in the provision of financial** or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school
- **use key documents to ensure compliance** with the Association's financial responsibilities and for guidance on how to manage efficient and accurate business practices:
- **check insurance documents annually** to ensure currency

The P&C is a magnificent group that works constructively in partnership with the school and achieves brilliant outcomes for our students. This is illustrated in the messages from Mrs Blain below.

P&C Messages from President Mrs Karen Blain

Welcome back to another year at GSS! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday!

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

P&C Achievements

Did you know that the Goodwood State School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) runs a wide variety of events throughout the year to raise funds for our school? These funds enable the P&C to help finance a range of projects and programs that directly benefit the students, for example making the learning environment more comfortable or to help reduce the cost of valuable school activities.

Below are just some of the initiatives funded in recent years by the P&C:

- Air conditioning for all classrooms- fixed roof over multi-purpose court: gambling grant \$23,377
- soccer goals
- tuckshop improvements; including a new oven
- library books
- graduation gifts
- subsidise the swimming program, school camp and graduation limousine transport costs
- food donations: sports days, fruit and vegetable program and fun days

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Upcoming Projects

In 2015 the committee's new focus will be to assist the school with these beneficial projects:

- Provide funding for upgrades to technical hardware and possibly provide funding for devices as well
- Continued improvements for the Tuckshop.

Fundraising is often a difficult task at a small school so the help of other parents, community members and local organisations will be most appreciated in assisting us to reach these targets.

How can you help?

There are many ways you can get involved in the P&C.

- attend P&C meetings or consider taking a position on the P&C
- share new ideas for a social event, fundraiser or project
- assist in the canteen or uniform shop
- volunteer at fundraising events (even if it's just an hour on the BBQ)
- provide a cash donation (we keep all cash donations confidential)

Join us for our next meeting

Tuesday 17 February, 3.30pm at the School library.

By attending P&C meetings you have the opportunity to discuss many aspects of the school, assist with fundraising, raise concerns and vote on how funds raised are allocated. It is also a great way of meeting new people especially if you are new to the area. Upcoming fundraisers for this term will be discussed during this meeting and information on these events will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Please note: Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) date is still TBA but be sure to come along as this is a great opportunity to find out more about the P&C's role, plans for the year and to sign up to get involved in any way big or small!

Call for Volunteers - Can you help raise funds for our school?

If you can spare an hour to help sell raffle tickets on a Friday morning once or twice a month at the Woodgate Beach Bowls Club, please contact Karen Blain on 0438794646 for more information. Thank you, for supporting our local kids!

Goodwood State School P&C Term 1 2015 - Bingo Raffle Roster

Week 1 Friday 30/01/2015 - Kylie Week 6 Friday 06/03/2015 -
Week 2 Friday 06/02/2015 - Karen Week 7 Friday 13/03/2015 -
Week 3 Friday 13/02/2015 - Week 8 Friday 20/03/2015 -
Week 4 Friday 20/02/2015 - Week 9 Friday 27/03/2015 -
Week 5 Friday 27/02/2015 - Week 10 Friday 03/04/2015 -

Bingo Raffles

The Woodgate Beach Bowls Club hold bingo sessions every Friday morning at 10am and sessions that are held on the first Friday of the month, make for a convenient fundraising opportunity for the P&C as the club kindly donates proceeds on that day to our school.

Next Goodwood School day is: Friday 6 February.

In addition to club's cash prizes, the Goodwood State School also have on offer fabulous raffle prizes each Friday, with all money raised from the raffles going back to the school.

Uniform Shop

To purchase school uniforms, please see Janine Leverett - Uniform Shop co-ordinator, either in the Uniform Shop located at the school tuckshop or outside the Lower classroom.

Hours of operation are Monday - Friday mornings from 8.00am - 9.00am

Tuckshop/Special Food Day

Currently the P&C only offer Special Food Days on a Wednesday once or twice a term for Morning Tea and Lunch breaks. Order forms are issued to students two weeks prior. Dates will be set at our next meeting, along with a new tuckshop menu.

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Monster Raffle

Congratulations to all our Monster Raffle winners! A big thank you to all those who participated in the selling of the raffle tickets and also those families who donated food for the hamper, your contributions were greatly appreciated. We raised \$1967.51 which will go a long way to enabling us to continue supporting the school. Well done!

Karen Blain

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Community Messages

Get Active

Join a new

Team Sport for 2015

SIGN-ON for Junior Tenpin Bowling

Sat or Sun 7th and 8th February between 12 noon and 3pm.

OR

Sat or Sun 14th and 14th February between 12 noon and 3pm.

Contact Barb @ bundy bowl on 41524334

Or email barb@bundybowl.com.au

Childers Touch Football Association

Season 1 2015 Junior sign-on

Date: 2nd February 2015

Time:

Venue: Ridgway St, Childers

Enquiries: childerstouch@live.com.au