Welcome to Matthew in Year 1 and James in Year 3 and their family who started with us last week. We also welcome Sherrin and Michael Ham and their children Ella, Ruby, Chelsea and Sara who will be arriving at school tomorrow. Welcome to you all! We hope you have a very happy and rewarding association with our school.

Congratulations to Kim and Jake Bauer and family on the birth of Jasmine Rose Bauer, who was brought into this world over the weekend. 😊

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Congratulations, Brayden, Steevie, Tria, Lilly, Craig, Conner and Tyler on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well Done!!
Congratulations to all our students who received a swimming award for their achievements at the end of 2014. Don’t worry if you weren’t here last year you will get a chance to gain an award at the end of this year 😊

Enrolments

We are delighted to confirm that our student numbers for 2015 have been submitted and we have a current enrolment of 60 students.

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We also have an additional family with 2 children commencing next term.

Thanks To Vella and Johnson Families

Our thanks to both Josh and Alison Vella and Trevor and Tamara Johnson for their very kind efforts over the holidays in removing the dying pine tree. It was becoming a safety issue for our children. As a bonus positive outcome, the trunk of the tree went to the Men’s Shed at Woodgate. Thank you very much to the Vella and Johnson Families!!! 😊

After School Sport – Tomorrow! 😊

Sadly the Active After School Care grants ended last year. There is a new program called Sporting Schools but there is no funding available this first Semester.

This means we need to fund the activity out of our school grant. As our school grant has reduced due to a reduction in enrolments, we were uncertain if we were able to fund the activity.

However, after some very intense scrutinising of our budget last Friday, we have been able to allocate funds to offer Tuesday afternoons each week starting tomorrow! 😊:

Mrs Ricciardi will be focusing on athletics skills to help prepare our students for inter-school sports next term.

Students will need to provide their own afternoon tea.

Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of the 16th March. The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to promote a love of reading amongst our students. There will be activities, competitions and chances to purchase some wonderful books.

The commission raised from sales along with books that are purchased and donated to the library allow us to maintain a great selection of books for our students to enjoy throughout the year. Keep a look out for further information over the coming weeks.
Student Resource Scheme

The money for the Student Resource Scheme is now due. The cost is $60 for the 1st child, $55 for the second child and $50 for consecutive children.

As the school has already purchased and paid for all of the text books and resources we would appreciate your prompt payment unless you have made previous arrangements to pay off the total amount. Thank you for your cooperation.

Guitar

Mr Hood will be delivering guitar lessons again for us this year. At present he is unable to start due to medical conditions. We will let you know as soon as Mr Hood is ready to return to provide lessons after school on Wednesdays. Students in Y3 and above are welcome to participate. Cost is by donation. We suggest about $5 per lesson if you are able to afford it. Students need to have their own guitars.

Car Park

Everyone would have noticed the fabulous work that has been completed over the holidays for our car-park. As there are no lines or markings at present it may be confusing where people can park. To help understand this, the bus drives into the car park and veers left and goes very close to the line of trees (G’wood Rd side). It swings around right parallel to our gate fence and parks with the nose of the bus near the top right corner of the car park, where children disembark. The bus then continues its turn heading down along the pine forest side of the car park.

Best places for parking: Centre of the car park (in the middle of the loop), at the extreme top left (where the bus used to reverse into) and at the bottom below the trees (G’wood Rd side).

The council are concerned about parking between the trees in case people leave their cars jutting out in the way of the bus approach.

The council will be organising the painting of lines soon and we will pay Building and Asset Services to re-install the fence in its new position.

School Sores

We have been informed that a few students have school sores (impetigo). Please be vigilant of any cuts that your child may have. If you suspect that your child has school sores please seek medical advice as they need to be excluded from school until they have received appropriate antibiotics for at least 24 hours and sores on exposed areas must be covered with a waterproof dressing.

NewsMail

The NewsMail will publish their annual photographic Preps feature on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. This feature is a wonderful keepsake for parents and grandparents in Bundaberg and elsewhere, of their child’s first year at school. The NewsMail photographer will be coming to take photos on Tuesday 17 February at 9.30am.

School Budget

Last Friday Mrs Merrett and I worked on our school budget for 2015. An overarching aim was to ensure we maintain a high level of staffing to best support our students and their learning in the classrooms and to maintain adequate learning opportunities for our staff. We are very pleased to say that we have been able to achieve our goals. All Teacher Aides and our Administration Officer will be able to retain the same hours as last year and we are purchasing additional TA hours to support both infant classes. As a result every class will have their own full time Teacher Aide. This is a fantastic outcome for our students! The trade-off is that we have a little less in our budget for some other areas.
This year we have embarked upon the Success Schools project which focuses specifically on reading. Goodwood already has excellent reading achievements and is well above state and national trends, thanks to the magnificent support we have from our families, the Woodgate Readers and of course the skills of our teachers.

The intent of embarking on this project is to fully embed the Sheena Cameron strategies and the Gradual Release Model across our school and to ensure that all our practices are consistent and to strengthen teacher confidence in their practices.

Within this project there is a very large amount of reflection on practices (both self and others) and development of a culture where teachers constructively feedback to each other. Project Officer Mrs Katrina Kruger met with me last Friday and we spent almost 3 hours analysing our data and developing a plan for our school. Mrs Kruger will be visiting our school in two weeks’ time to demonstrate Modelled and Shared reading lessons in each classroom. I will be observing the lesson with the classroom teacher and I will be modelling the provision of feedback to Mrs Kruger on her lesson.

These practices will enrich and strengthen our pedagogy (study of teaching children) to ultimately benefit our students and works in perfectly with my Pedagogy Coach days.

We have installed a locked letter box at the top of the stairs in the Admin block, outside the staff room. You can now ask your children to send in notes and envelopes and to put them in the “Notes from Home” box. Mrs Merrett will open the box on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Book Club orders were sent home with our last newsletter. Please return your orders by Monday 16 February at the latest.

Please remember that you can send a cheque made out to ‘Scholastic Book Clubs’ or you can pay by credit card online. We cannot accept cash.

If you would like further information on payments online please contact the school office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

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 which are held every third Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm in the library. Our next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 February. We hope to see you there!

Club Raffles - Fundraising Results
Many thanks to our generous volunteers: Krista, Lynda, Ken, Cate and Kylie who kindly donated their time to sell raffle tickets. A total of $352 was raised for our school during the month of January, so that’s a fabulous result. Also a special thank you to Krista for donating raffle prizes each week and to Kylie for offering to sell raffle tickets every second Friday. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Call for Volunteers - Can you also help raise funds for our school?
If you can spare an hour to help sell raffle tickets on a Friday morning once or twice during the 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 - Club 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 - Kylie |
| Week 3 Friday 13/02/2015 - Kylie | Week 8 Friday 20/03/2015 - |
**Tuckshop / Special Food Day**
Our next Special Food Day will be conducted on Wednesday 18 February. Order forms were issued on Friday. If you are yet to receive one, let us know. Please ensure order forms and money are returned by Friday 13 February. NB: The P&C will be setting a new menu at our upcoming meeting for any future Special Food Days. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please advise. 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.

**Uniform Shop Update**
The uniform shop now has available, wide brimmed adjustable micro-fibre hats. Hats are black in colour and sizes range from XS - L, cost is $12. School shirts are also available to purchase in sizes 6 - 16, and cost $20 each. 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.

**Cash for Cans - Aluminium Can Drive**
Don’t forget to recycle - Recycling just one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a television set for 3 hours. The location of our recycling bin is in the top end of the Woodgate Road car park. Thank you to Ryan & Jody for running this fundraising activity.

**Community Messages**

*As part of the Bundaberg Regional Council Chinese New Year celebrations, the Bundaberg Regional Library and the Bundaberg Regional Galleries are joining together to bring you a special celebration for children aged 5 – 12. On Saturday, 21 February 2015, 10am to 11am, at Bundaberg Regional Library, there will be a wonderful Chinese/English storytelling of ‘The Runaway Wok’ by Julie Price and Enya Wu, followed by a Chinese Calligraphy workshop. Cost is free, but bookings are essential, so contact Bundaberg Regional Library on 41304140 to book your spot.*

Cities Hockey club is running two *Come & Try Training* sessions to encourage new players to participate in the great game of hockey. We would be very appreciative if you could include our flyer in your newsletter next week and/or Monday 9th February. *Come and Try* afternoons are on 10th and 17th February, 2015

The Isis Tennis Club in conjunction with professional tennis coach Kevin Banner will be resuming Tennis Coaching and Tennis Hot Shots at the Isis Tennis Complex, North St, Childers on Thursday 12th February 2015.

Introductory classes 3:30 - 4:15pm
Intermediate classes 4:15 - 5:15pm
Advanced classes 5:15 - 6:45pm


For further information and bookings, contact Kevin Banner 0409 520 753 / 4152 0753.
Friends for Life
Workshop for Children 8-12 years
The program teaches children an awareness of their own responses and how to cope with them, using problem solving skills to make a difference.

When: Tuesday February 10, 2015
(8 week duration)
Time: 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
(Bookings essential)
Cost: $40 per person (incl. workbook)

Funded by Australian Government Department of Social Services

Post Separation Cooperative Parenting Program
Post Separation Parenting
This three hour program is for separated parents or those contemplating separation who need support in managing cooperative parenting arrangements. The group is child focused; addresses parental conflict, aims to build stronger parental relationships.

When: Monday February 16, 2015
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
(Bookings essential)
Cost: Gold coin

Funded by Australian Government Department of Social Services

Introduction to Mindfulness
Mindfulness
During this two hour workshop, participants will have a chance to practice some introductory mindfulness techniques which may assist them in dealing with stress, depression, anxiety and recurring distressing thoughts.

When: Wednesday February 11, 2015
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
(Bookings essential)
Where: 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg
Cost: Gold Coin

Funded by Australian Government Department of Social Services

Cool, Calm and Collected
Stress
Cool, Calm and Collected is a 2 hour workshop that explores the causes of stress and offers some practical tips and exercises for managing stress.

When: Wednesday February 18, 2015
(2 hour session)
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
(Bookings essential)
Where: 3a River Terrace Bundaberg
Cost: Gold Coin donation

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