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2015 School Improvement Focus: Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Welcome back!! 😊

Welcome to New Families

Welcome to the Spotswood Family, we hope your time with Goodwood will be rewarding and satisfying.

Dates for Diaries

20 April Monday	First day of Term 2 for students
23 April Thursday	Captains attending Book Launch in Childers of History of local diggers in WW1
24 April Friday	School ANZAC SERVICE 9.00am Please attend. Seating under our stadium
25 April Saturday	ANZAC Centenary – Please plan ahead to attend this extremely important occasion – all of our school (every student) is needed at the Woodgate Service to make the 100 year commemoration a very special one. We are expecting 100% attendance.
27 th April Monday	Isis Area Cross Country Childers
12 May Tuesday	NAPLAN Testing for Y3 & 5 Language Conventions (Grammar and punctuation & spelling)
13 May Wednesday	NAPLAN Testing for Y3 & 5 Reading Comprehension
14 May Thursday	NAPLAN Testing for Y3 & 5 Numeracy
26 May	Chess Tournament Walkervale
16 June	Golf for years 2-3 and 4-6
22 June Monday	Goodwood State School Sports Day – Gold Vs Green

THERE WILL BE NO PARADE THIS WEEK.

After School Music This Wednesday

Mr Bill Hood will be here to meet with all students in Y3-6 who wanted to do any of the activities he offered (e.g. guitar, singing, etc.) this Wednesday at 3.00pm. His initial meeting with students will be to discuss their needs and identify how best to work with students to help them achieve their goals.

ANZAC DAY SATURDAY - CENTENARY

This year marks the centenary of when ANZAC began in 1915. As a special effort to commemorate this occasion we have been working with the Woodgate RSL sub-branch, St Thomas Aquinas in Winton NZ as well as the RSA in Winton NZ to produce a pictorial memorial that will be unveiled at the community service at Woodgate.

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Another special thing our students will be doing is adopting a WW1 digger from our area and marching with their picture on a small board. These boards will be placed on the memorial behind the catafalque party after the wreaths have been laid. Each student will have some brief information about their adopted digger (name, age, next of kin, date of death, etc.). We have about 60 diggers to be adopted, carried in the march and placed at the service.

For this special service, we would like every student to attend. If you are unable to be there personally, perhaps you can make arrangements with another family so that your children can be present. Goodwood State School is the predominant school to support the Woodgate RSL sub branch and the community service. It really is very important for the community that all our children attend.

School ANZAC Service 9am Friday

On Friday the 24th at 9.00am we hold our school service. We are most fortunate that we have a close and strong rapport with the Woodgate RSL sub-branch who generously support our school. They facilitate a special service just for our school and members of the community. Some attendees from the community have continued their commitment to our school service for many years.

The Chaplain for the Woodgate RSL, Rev Don Moore, provides a special and meaningful service for our children. This year he has prepared a recount of four local diggers who entered WW1. The recounts will be read by our captains.

We have carried out a lot of work especially for our school service. We have new flagpoles installed and have planted a new Lone Pine and have adjusted the memorial to face both East and the stadium. This year our students and guests will enjoy the shelter of our stadium. Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to attend this particularly special School ANZAC Service.

Mrs Wilson Away for T2 - Mrs Welcome Mrs Elsmore

This will come as a surprise to everyone as it was unknown at the end of last term, Mrs Wilson has accepted a full time position as teacher at Bundaberg North High School.

During the holidays, I was able to secure a replacement, Mrs Madonna Elsmore, who is principal on leave from Finch Hatton State School near Mackay. Mrs Elsmore has extensive experience and skills in delivering learning and will continue with the same work as Mrs Wilson, delivering Science, History and The Arts as well as some parts of Maths. Mrs Elsmore is unable to work Tuesdays and so she will be working Thursdays and Fridays with the Y4-6 class. Thursdays will now be my Pedagogy (focus on teaching and learning and staff improvement) days and Fridays are for administration.

Please say hello to Mrs Elsmore and help her to feel welcomed into our community.

Please know that student learning will continue and progress without interruption. Their learning and progress is paramount.

New School Improvements to Facilities What a Team!

During the holidays we have had a lot of improvements to facilities to be enjoyed by our staff and students. Every day last week I supported contractors in carrying our works in almost every part of our school. In the toilets the old flooring was broken up and removed and new, seamless flooring was installed. The concrete slab was laid for the flagpoles in front of the stadium and the poles were erected over the weekend. The flooring was replaced in the Prep / Y1 classroom, the kitchen, the admin office and the Y2/3 classroom.

The team didn't want Mrs Merrett to be worried about preparing for such major work (which required for all filing cabinets to be emptied and every item to be removed from the room). So they kept it a secret and did all the preparation work on the last day of school last term.

Last Friday the whole team turned up voluntarily to put all the school back into order ready to surprise Mrs Merrett and our students. What a great team!!! Thank you to all of you! ☺

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Welcome Mrs Lisa Leppala

For the first three weeks Mrs Hawker will be on leave to complete her teaching placement as part of her studies. Mrs Hawker is in her final year of her teaching degree and will be teaching a Y5 class at Norville State School. Leppala and make her feel welcome.

A reminder that Mrs Hawker will not be present to provide the music lessons after school for wind instruments.

Thursday Afternoon Choir – Thanks to Mrs Tamara Johnson! 😊

More great news!!! As part of our efforts to focus on the “whole child” we are able to add to our school offerings, the opportunity for all children (Prep to Y6) to participate in school choir after school every Thursday from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

The idea came from my thoughts of the aged within our community/society and how they seem to be made more isolated from society. I think this a sad loss for both the aged and younger members of our society as the blending can enrich our lives. My plan was to prepare a school choir and to then take them to visit aged homes and perform for them. This will help our students understand and appreciate the concept of “giving back to community”.

Another benefit could be that we may have a choir of a calibre that is capable of entering the Bundaberg Eisteddfod.

Mrs Johnson in completing her Bachelor of Education, majored in Performing Arts which included music and drama and has all the skills to work with our children and prepare them singing to an audience.

Another benefit would be featuring our choir at our concert night at the end of the year.

Thank you very much for your kind generosity, Mrs Johnson.

Drought Relief/Support Out West

As you know, the circumstances for families out west continue to worsen. Due to the drought they are losing all their stock and all their income and families are severely struggling. Last year we sent out some donations of both money for Buy a Bale and toiletries that were sent out to the Longreach area and distributed to families by community organisations. We received a lovely photo and letter from one family saying how much it helped to know that other people cared for them and were thinking of them. Families are struggling to put food on the table and are in a situation where simple things we take for granted are becoming luxuries that are not affordable (e.g. shampoos, toothbrushes, deodorants, etc.). So we are gathering as much as we can and will package them up and send them out to them again. We are also collecting money to contribute to Buy A Bale, a national program to help support farmers by supplying bales of hay from other parts of Australia to help keep stock alive.

Buy A Bale

Our captains have been responsible for collecting these funds and they are kept in a locked cash tin and the key is kept safe.

Toiletries

We have containers in each classroom to receive these donations.

Cross Country Isis District Monday

I received an email in the last week of school stating that the Isis district cross country has been changed from this Thursday to next Monday. Students aged 9 years and above who won the first two places in their race (or came very close after in 3rd place) will be invited to participate to be selected to represent the Isis district at the North Burnett Zone sports.

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We will send out separate notes asap to those students who meet this criteria.

P&C Messages from President Mrs Karen Blain

Fundraising

Did you know that the Goodwood State School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) run 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, such as making the learning environment more comfortable or to help reduce the cost of valuable school activities, eg. subsidise the swimming program and school camp costs.

Fundraising is often a difficult task at our 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

Tomorrow, Tuesday 21 April at 3.30pm in the School library. All welcome! We would love to see you there. Come along and hear what is going on at the school and share your thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to contact Karen on pandc@goodwoodss.eq.edu.au if you have any ideas or enquiries.

Fundraising Results

- Woodgate Easter Fair Cake Stall

An outstanding result, with \$1000 raised on the day. Many thanks to Janine Leverett and volunteers for your time, baking talents and donations that helped make our Cake Stall a success!

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to all our generous volunteers who kindly donated their time to help out at our recent Bunnings fundraiser. Due to your efforts, \$1018 was raised. Well done! Also a special thank you to Barb Gibson for running this successful fundraising activity and to Barry Handley for your kind donation of an esky!

ANZAC Day Service BBQ Lunch

The Woodgate Beach RSL has invited the Goodwood State School P&C to provide a BBQ lunch and drinks after the upcoming, ANZAC Day service. We are very grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community event and to ensure the day runs smoothly we will need volunteers to man the BBQ, prepare the food and serve customers.

If you are able to help at this event, please contact Tamara Johnson on 41268486. Thank you for your support!

Mother's Day Stall

The P&C will be having a Mother's Day Stall, 7 & 8 May. The stall is not designed to make a profit, but will provide the kids with an exciting opportunity to "secretly" choose a fabulous gift for Mum or another carer to open on Mother's Day. More information will be sent home soon.

Community Messages

Enjoy a night of laughs and fun at the Bundaberg Premiere of Carl Barron's first movie "Manny Lewis" (Rated M) Thursday April 23, 6.30pm at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre.

Tickets are just \$18 which includes a glass of wine with nibbles. Proceeds to Bundaberg Regional Council Staff's Relay for Life Team.

Manny Lewis is a story about a lonely comedian who, at the height of his career, finds something is missing in his life and sets out on a quest to find love.

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Tickets must be pre-purchased and are available now at the Moncrieff Box Office or phone 4130 4100 for credit card bookings.