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'Strive to Achieve'

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| Respect | Effort |
| Safety | Self-Responsibility |
| Behaviour Expectations | |

2015 School Improvement Focus: Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dates for Diaries

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| November 25 Wednesday | School Swimming starts every day. |
| November 30 Monday | Yr 6 High School Transition |
| December 1 Tuesday | Yr 6 High School Transition |
| December 4 Friday | Yr 6 Graduation 5.30pm – Late! |
| December 9 Wednesday | Concert and Awards Night |
| December 9 Wednesday | Last day of school swimming |
| December 10 Thursday | School Fun Day |
| December 11 Friday | Last Day of School for 2015 Farewell Y6! |
| January 22 Friday | Collect Student Resources from School |
| January 25 Monday | Collect Student Resources from School |
| January 27 Wednesday | Students First Day of School in 2016 |

Awards



Congratulations

Ethan, Braydan, Joey, Ella,

Tori, Logan, Ella, Summer,

Tasha, Sara, Levi and Reef

on receiving their meritorious

awards.

Well Done! ☺

Swimming Carnival Update

As a culminating activity of our swimming and to respond to popular parent requests, we will be having a simple swimming carnival on Wednesday 9th December. As we have a short period of time to conduct the carnival, we have focused on delivering a program that enables every student (who wishes) to participate in at least one event. For example, we have "sea horse" races across the width for those who are yet to develop stroke skills (and 4 support people in the water with them). There are width races using a kick board and there are width

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races without floatation aids for those a little more proficient. Next there will be the standard 25m and 50m races in Freestyle. Should there be enough time we will also have 25m and 50m backstroke.

As a matter of safety, determining the race events that students participate in will be dependent on the swimming competency level they have achieved in the swimming program.

Students will receive ribbons directly after each event and will be competing to represent their House (Green V Gold). All points will be tallied after the carnival and the new Goodwood Swimming Carnival Shield will be presented that night at our Awards Night. Programs will be issued on the day.

Posting School Reports

As you can imagine, we are working very hard to try and prepare our reports at the moment. Some of us are still waiting for students to complete assessments, and due to swimming and concert preparation commitments, there are less times each day to work on them. It could be a possibility that we (ok, I won't include my esteemed colleagues in this statement☺) may still be writing the student reports in the first two weeks of the holidays. Although this is hopefully avoided, it is a real possibility.

All teachers will be getting in touch with parents before the end of term if it looks like there will be a substantial drop in achievement (eg a drop of two grades A to C or B to D, etc). We may not contact you if there is a drop of one grade (eg B to C or A to B) but will contact you if it looks like a drop from C to D or E. Our aim is to ensure that there are NO negative surprises. We are happy to provide positive surprises and will not contact you beforehand to spoil that surprise. ☺

Please double check with Mrs Merrett or Georgia that your correct postal address is on our system. As this is where we will be posting reports. Also, at the same time, please ensure that we have your correct and up-to-date telephone numbers.

Awards Night Wednesday 9th December

Please make every effort to attend this celebration of our school year. It is a time to recognise and acknowledge the special achievements of our students. We invite special guests and sponsors of our awards to help contribute to the significance of the occasion. It is also a time when our P&C acknowledges all the efforts of all its members and helpers.

Our students will present a song as a whole school at the commencement of the night and will again join together at the end to perform the final song. In between there will be an item from each class as well as performances from our school choir, the guitar group and the wind instrument group.

School Leader Speeches

Last Thursday afternoon we heard the speeches from the Y5 students who wanted to be considered for a leadership role in 2016. We offered support and provided an exemplar for all the candidates over the last few days and have provided class time and support for all of them.

The calibre of the speeches and the manner in which they presented them was excellent. It was a very heart-felt occasion to see how far each of the students has travelled in the time with us. We are exceptionally fortunate with a rich choice of applicants. Each of them needs to be very proud of their presentation and know that they have done very well indeed.

The outcome of the election process is kept a secret for Awards Night when our existing captains open their secret envelopes to reveal and identify their replacement and badges will be presented by Councillor Ricciardi to the recipients.

Welcome Georgia Wiemers

We welcome Miss Georgia Wiemers to our school team! Georgia's role is primarily to assist Mrs Merrett in the office and to develop skills and competence in using the Education Queensland, online, web-based, purpose built data management system called OneSchool. To provide employment stability and to hopefully retain Georgia after completing all her training, we have arrangements with other schools in our area who will also utilise her developed, organisation specific skill set. Georgia came to us on recommendation from Isis State High School where she is already employed part time.

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We owe a great deal to Mrs Merrett in her incredible devotion to our school and our team. Because the required skills for her role are unique to our organisation, Mrs Merrett is not able to be replaced if she is sick or needs some time off. Having Georgia on hand will be an enormous relief to Mrs Merrett so that she can feel that all tasks will be correctly processed in her absence whenever she needs time off.

As the State Advocate of Small Schools, representing 435 of them across the state, I can say with utmost confidence that Teaching Principals are extremely appreciative of our Admin Officers who we feel need to be better acknowledged by their union and the organisation. As this is a school newsletter, I probably cannot comment any more except to say that through my advocacy, the Queensland Association of State School Principals are united in persistently seeking better recognition of the value of the work and role of our Admin Officers.

Farewell to Our Year 6 Students

In two weeks, when our school year ends, our Year 6 students will complete their Primary schooling and will commence the Secondary chapter of their education. For some, I have been their teacher for the past four years and it is with a mix of feelings that I and my fellow colleagues farewell them. Obviously, I will miss their unique, individual strengths and personalities and their company in the classroom. However, it is also an exciting time when they embark upon a new set of adventures and continue to develop their future and find their place in our world.

We extend an invitation to each one of them to remain in contact with us to let us know of their journey and seek our support and assistance if it is needed.

To Samantha, Tori, Ethan, Alishia, Ashley, Alex and Emma, we all wish you every happiness, good health and contentment in your lives ahead. Thank you for your important and highly valued contributions to Goodwood State School.

Resource Scheme

We are now ordering all the supplies for the 2016 orders. Please ensure you have returned your permission forms to contribute in this scheme.

DO NOT PAY NOW. Please delay any payment until you are invoiced in Term 1 next year.

Year 6 Graduation This Friday Night

As a way to specially honour and acknowledge our Year 6 students, we provide them with a graduation night. During this term they have been selling Zooper Doopers to raise money which will pay for their limousine that takes them to Sizzler for dinner and then to Bundy Bowl and Leisure and back to school. The school pays for their dinner and their activities at Bundy Bowl and Leisure.

White Ribbon Day

Thank you to the great support we received last week for this important event. It is important to acknowledge and emphasise that not all men are threats to the safety and wellbeing of women and children. In fact there are incidences when men are victims of domestic violence as well.

However, all too often we hear of atrocious acts carried out by those few hostile men against women and children. On average, one woman is killed each week in Australia and often it is by her partner or ex-partner. One child in every four (or 25%) of children are exposed to domestic violence. This is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated.

Our focus is about respecting and preventing harm of all people, with a special emphasis on women and children. Recently, many of you would have heard of the terrible news of how a young father treated his infant child.

Please be clear that I am a zealous proponent for the protection of children and women. Last term I wrote a personal letter to Minister of Education Kate Jones suggesting how we as a society could make changes to bring dignity and respect of our culture in the way that we care and protect all people, especially women and children. Below is a portion of her response:

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"We will work with Queenslanders across the state to bring about a cultural shift that ensures family and domestic violence is never, ever accepted. Queensland's education sector will play a key role in this social change.

One of the key recommendations of Dame Quentin Bryce's report Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland, is that the Queensland Government leads and facilitates the introduction of programs in state schools to embed through the school life of all secondary and primary state schools a culture that emphasises:

- developing and maintaining respectful relationships;*
- respecting self; and*
- gender equality.*

Working with principals, teachers, schools, parents and citizens' associations (P&Cs), parents and school communities, we will drive cultural change to teach children to understand what respectful relationships are. Schools will teach children to identify and report abuse and violence and how to react and respond in unsafe situations.

The Department of Education and Training is currently preparing new resources to teach students about respectful relationships, gender equality and safety. These resources will be available for schools next term and will be taught to P-10 students from Term 1, 2016.

For Year 11 and 12 students, the Department is developing resources to help them identify and respond safely to violence, report fears, and to help promote gender equality and respectful relationships. These resources will be shared with non-state schools and will strengthen education and awareness that domestic violence is never acceptable.

Additionally, the Department will provide access to training for all of its staff on recognising the possible signs of domestic and family violence and responding appropriately. A range of workplace supports already exist for staff affected by domestic and family violence. Ensuring our staff are aware of these provisions and supports will continue to be a priority. Domestic and family violence can only be eradicated if we respond collaboratively.

The Department of Education and Training will continue to work with all of our education partners to make sure we can deliver the support and services which fit specific local needs and, importantly, prevent domestic and family violence from occurring in the first place."

I respectfully ask everyone to please put your shoulder to the wheel on this agenda to rapidly change our society's culture to one that is positive, respectful and supportive; one that prevents any child or woman from being abused ever again.

Year 6 Transition Today and Tomorrow

Today and tomorrow, our Year 6 students are attending transition days at Isis High to help them feel more confident and prepared for their commencement next year. Mrs Last will be accompanying them each day to be of support in their activities and movements around the school. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet students from other schools and to meet some of their teachers. In this way, they can have a clear picture in their mind over the holidays of what their life will be like at high school. The Isis High team usually provide our students with some interesting and exciting activities that are generally unavailable in a primary school (for example science labs, technology facilities, etc.).

After School Activities

- 1. No After School Sport Tomorrow**
- 2. Last Day of Choir this Thursday. Mrs Johnson will be having another session with the choir during school time next week in preparation for Concert / Awards Night.**
- 3. Bill will be doing guitar this week and next week on the afternoon of the concert.**
- 4. Last week of music with Mrs Hawker for those performing in the concert.**

P&C

Monster Raffle

Just a friendly reminder that all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) and money need to be returned to school by Friday 4 December. For more raffle tickets, please contact Karen Blain on 0438794646. The lucky 38 winners will be drawn on Wednesday 9 December during the Goodwood State School Christmas Concert and Awards Night. Lucky Door prizes also to be won. Thank you to those families who supported the P&C in this fundraiser, and best of luck to all!

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Free Sausage Sizzle

On Thursday 10 December the P&C will be providing a free sausage sizzle, juice popper and ice block to all students for lunch to coincide with the End of Year School Fun Day. Please ensure students still bring their own fruit/veg and morning tea.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their valuable help throughout the year! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Kind Regards P&C Committee

Karen Blain - P&C President

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Community Messages

Bundy Bowl & Leisure's Wipeout Deals
this School Holidays

- \$9.00 p.p. Summer Tenpin (family deal)**
1 x Game of Tenpin + 2 Arcade Tokens
(for families with kids under 12)
- \$12.50 p.p. Tropical Double Deal**
Wild West Shootout, OR Putt Putt + 30mins Slide/
Zone 3 Lasertag + 2 Tokens Playcentre + 2 Tokens
- \$19.00 p.p. Wipeout Triple Deal**
1 x Game of Tenpin, Zone 3 Lasertag
Wild West Shootout OR 1x Dodgem Ride
- \$25.00 p.p. Ultimate Deal**
1x Game of Tenpin, Zone 3 Lasertag
1x Jurassic Putt, 1 x Dodgem Ride
Wild West Shootout, 2 Arcade Tokens
& 30mins slide/playground

Giant Balloon Drop Daily 12 noon

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Dino-mite Movie Morning

MONCRIEFF ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Thursday January 14 @ 8.30am

ACTIVITIES FROM 8.30AM

Face Painting (Gold Coin Donation)

Make Your Own Dinosaur Fossil

Badge Making

Goodie Bags for the first 100 Children

Dino-Stories in the Jurassic Reading Corner

'The Good Dinosaur' Selfie Spot

Colouring Fun

WIN an Interactive Dino Pet (RRP \$150)

MOVIE STARTS 10.30AM

'The Good Dinosaur' (PG)

TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC - Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner together with Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association Inc. & Dept. of National Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing & 4BU will be conducting a "Holiday, Get Active" Tennis clinic at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg, Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th January 2016 for Junior Beginners (5-12 years) 8-9am or 9-10am; Begin/Intermed. Beginners (5-12years) 8am - 10am; High School/Intermed./Advanced -3-5pm. Bookings are Essential with Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 410753

HOT SHOTS - LEARN & PLAY TENNIS: Bundaberg Tennis Academy's Coaches Murray Whitbread & Kevin Banner will commence classes for Learning with a Sign-on: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th January and Saturday 30th January & 6th February 2016 from 8am - 10am. Weekly Learning -Beginners: Wednesday 4-5pm & Saturday 8-9am; Intermediate Beginners: 9-10am or 8-10am Games League sign on and trial day - Saturday 30th January 2016 with games to commence Saturday 6th February 2016. Also weekly Learning Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays. To register and for all further information please contact Murray: 0407 639824 or Kevin: 4152 0753