Welcome back, everyone! Great to see all our children back safe and sound and happy and smiling. 😊 I hope you enjoyed the extra time with your children to create some special memories.

Below is a fairly lengthy list of dates for the year for your convenience. Please cut this out and stick to the fridge for your reference through the year. Each newsletter we will share dates a couple weeks ahead and it would make sense to cross reference those with this list to note any changes.

### Dates for Diaries

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<td>Parent Teacher Interviews this week. Please book times with your child’s teacher.</td>
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<td>Pre ANZAC Day Service at school 9.00am All families encouraged to attend. Facilitated by RSL and open to wider community.</td>
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<td>ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday. All students are requested to attend the official community service at Woodgate and march for their community. Goodwood School plays an important role and student attendance is expected.</td>
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Welcome to New Families

We welcome to our community the Wylie family, the Carlsen family and the Nielsen family. We hope that your association with our school is rewarding and enjoyable.

We also welcome Vinnie, Chace and Tiffany who started Prep and are younger siblings of existing families.

After School Activities Resume NEXT Week

Next week we will resume our usual, after school activities:

- **Tuesday:** After School Sport with Mrs Ricciardi 3-3.15 afternoon tea, 3.15-4.15 Training Activities
- **Wednesday:** Guitar lessons with Mr Bill Hood for Y3 and above – need own guitar – 3.00 – 4.00
- **Thursday:** Choir Lessons with Mrs Johnson 3.00 – 3.30
- **Every day:** Wind instrument lessons with Mrs Hawker 3.00 – 3.30

All lessons are free. For guitar we invite donations of around $5/lesson if you are able to pay. For wind instrument lessons – discuss with Mrs Hawker – she works with different students on different days depending on instrument and level of ability. Please fill in attached permission slip and return asap.

Chess Club Thursday Lunchtimes

All students are invited to attend Chess Club coaching and practise every Thursday lunchtime in Mrs Carlon's classroom. Teams are selected from members of the club who undergo a play-off to establish our top 4 to go and compete against other schools each term. You don't need any experience to participate in the Chess Club, it is where you can learn to play.

School Leaver Shirts – Y6

Parents of Y6 students are invited to send in a school shirt and we will organise screen printing free of charge. The shirt will have on the back that they are the Year 6 of 2016 and list the names alphabetically. Families can also choose to buy a new school shirt to be printed.

Internet Use Agreement

When every student is enrolled, they are given an internet agreement that is most often completed by parents. We believe it is important to refresh this agreement each year to help remind students and families of the responsibilities and obligations in relation to using Education Queensland internet and digital services.
Please see attached agreement for your completion with your child/ren. (If you have just enrolled your child there is no need to complete it again.)

Resource Scheme – Message from Mrs Merrett

The bulk invoicing for the Student Resource Scheme was done on Friday. It should have automatically been sent to your email address. If you did not receive it please let me know and I will send a paper copy home. If you have changed your email address, please also let us know so that we can update our records.

The cost of the scheme is $65 per child. Some families have already paid so please disregard the invoice or keep for your records. As the school has already paid for these resources we would appreciate your prompt payment of the invoices.

Payment can be made by BPPoint (please EXACTLY follow the instructions on the invoice), cash or cheque.

EFTPOS IS UNAVAILABLE AT GOODWOOD.

Book Club

Book Club order forms are being sent home today. Ordering will cease on Monday 15 February.

You can order online using LOOP. (Please follow instructions on the order form), or you can send a cheque or money order with your order form to school. NO CASH CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR BOOK CLUB.

P&C

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.

Monster Raffle Fundraising Results

Congratulations to all our Monster Raffle winners! Thank you to those who purchased tickets, participated in the selling of the raffle tickets and also to the families who donated prizes, your support and contributions were greatly appreciated. A total of $1800 was raised, well done!

Join us for our next meeting

Tuesday 16 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!

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.

If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop during its opening hours, a School Uniform Order can be placed through the Admin Staff on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Alternatively enclose your cash or cheque in a sealed envelope marked with your child’s name, class and uniform order details. Please note that EFTPOS is unavailable.

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. Many thanks to our volunteers who make these days possible!

School Banking

The P&C has set up a school banking program through the Commonwealth Bank. School banking is part of P&C fundraising and provides an opportunity to encourage children to develop good saving habits. Children are able to make a deposit through school banking every Wednesday during the school term. For more information
Community Messages

**Parenting Support Group - starts 4 February 2016**

Parenting Support Group meets fortnightly for parents of children 0-18months.
The group focuses on play based activities for young children while providing an opportunity for parents to meet, socialise and access important information and support in an informal environment.

*Thursdays from 9.30am at the Isis*

**Sign On Day at Childers Scout Group!**

**ADDRESS:** Cnr Gaydon and Lord Streets, CHILDERS

**DATE:** Sat 6th Feb 2016

**TIME:** 10AM – 2PM

**For more info:** call 0422831533 or email: childersbest@yahoo.com

**Bundaberg Football Club**

Junior and Senior information session is being held on the first junior training afternoon - Thursday 4th February from 4 - 6 pm.

For further information regarding this season (contact after office hours):

**Bingera Junior Register** - 0437 637 661 email jrregister@bingerafootballclub.org.au

**Bingera Senior Register and Director of Coaching** - 0427 969 797

email - srregister@bingerafootballclub.org.au

**Stress Less Workshop for Primary School Students**

*The Stress Connection Program is a Bundaberg Regional Council Initiative*

This is a program for young people that uses art to talk about stress. Over the program we talk about how stress and worry effects the body, what we can do to reduce its effects on our body and where to go for help if we need it.

**When:** over 3 Thursdays - 4 Feb, 18 Feb, 3 Mar

**Where:** UnitingCare Community
3a River Terrace, Bundaberg.

**Phone:** (07) 4153 8400 *(Bookings essential)*

**Time:** 3.30pm to 5.00pm

**Cost:** Free

**BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**COME 'n' TRY JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS**

**Friday 29 January & 5 February**

7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

*It's free, win prizes*

**Free drink and ice block for every player**

Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre
Kendalls Rd (opposite Airport)

**Junior Season Starts**

Friday 12 Feb. 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.

**Nominations Close**

Thursday 11 February

**Junior Coaching**

Every Friday 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

**Adult Fixtures**

Tuesday & Wednesday nights

**Social play**

Fridays 8.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

(All welcome)

**Sundays 1.00 – 5.00 p.m.**

Ring Dave Delpratt 4155 2388 for more information.

*Table Tennis ~ sport for the whole family*