



Goodwood Gazette

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2016 School Improvement Focus: Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dates for Diaries

February 16 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.30 in Library. Everyone welcome. Please try to attend.
February 23 Tuesday	Brisbane Lions AFL team members to visit 2.15 – 3.00
March 3 Thursday	Chess competition in Bundaberg
March 7 Monday	Book Fair week begins
March 15 Tuesday	P&C & AGM Meeting 3.30 in Library. Everyone welcome. Please try to attend
March 21 Monday	Parent Teacher Interviews this week. Please book times with your child's teacher.
March 23 Wednesday	Goodwood Cross Country – Green V Gold 9.00-10.30ish
March 25 Friday	Good Friday – Public Holiday – Start of Easter Holidays
April 11 Monday	First day of Term 2 for Students

Awards



Congratulations Nic, Kaleena, Tyler, Dean, Braydan, Bella, Chace, Ebony, Tiffany, Steevie, Dakota, Ashleigh, Abigail, Tamalin, Ruby, Vinnie, Ricky, Charlotte, Mat and Summer on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well Done! ☺

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Congratulations to all our fantastic swimmers from last year ☺

Excellent Teachers = Excellent Student Achievement

We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated, professional and enthusiastic teachers who strive to achieve the best outcomes for every student. The commitment that Mrs Mattiazzi, Mrs Carlon and Mrs Byrnes make to each of their students, results in optimum achievement for every student and a proud, collective achievement for our school. Recently we have worked to map out and to align our units. You will now notice, if you have children across classes, that students are working on the same “Strand” (area) of science at the same time. Currently, our school is engaged in learning biological science. This can enable conversations between students and siblings across classrooms.

Our visiting teachers play a key and important role for our students by providing specialist instruction in focused curriculum areas Ms Orreal, Mr Horner & Miss Guenther are dedicated and highly qualified professionals with outstanding expertise in their areas. They seek to make their lessons interesting and valuable for our students, often organising special events and activities above and beyond the expectations of their roles. This adds excitement and diversity to the school week for students.

In addition, we have our visiting specialist teachers who strive to assist students with disabilities or learning difficulties. Mrs Hollier and Miss Gray are welcome and important visitors to our school who have a strong sense of care and empathy for our students and they work enthusiastically to encourage and assist students to make positive gains in their learning.

My sincere thanks and gratitude go to all of our magnificent teachers for their dedication, energy and commitment which they exhibit for our school and our students.

Excellent Support Staff = Excellent School Achievement

There is a great deal more to providing an excellent learning environment other than the explicit instruction given by teachers.

Mrs Merrett, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Hawker, Mrs Last, Ms Lay, Ms Brock provide magnificent support to students, teachers, parents and the school in general. They are critical team members and substantially contribute to the positive atmosphere and environment that families appreciate and enjoy. They support children, organise resources, maintain facilities and equipment and support teachers. Each of them is proud of being a member of Goodwood and work passionately and in a dedicated manner all through each day.

My sincere appreciation to each of our support staff, you are enormously appreciated!

Reminders

- Payment for the **Student Resource Scheme** is now due. As the school has already purchased and paid for these items we would appreciate prompt payment. (For those families who did not receive theirs by email a copy of the invoice will be attached to this newsletter).
- **Book Club** ordering will cease on 17 February. Please be aware that you can order either by using the LOOP system (see Book Club order form) or you can send a cheque or money order to the school made out to Scholastic Book Club. **CASH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED FOR BOOK CLUB.**

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Congratulations Joey Vella

Joey has been selected in a Wide Bay School Sport representative Team to compete at the Queensland School Sport State Aquathon Championships at Hervey Bay this weekend.

An Aquathon is a run, swim, run event. The distance for the 10 – 12 year old boys section in which he is competing is 1 kilometre run, 200m swim, 1 kilometre run. We wish you all the best Joey.

Book Fair

We are starting our preparations for our annual book fair. This is a great opportunity for us to encourage a love of reading and generate excitement about books whilst raising funds for our school library.

The Monster Book Fair will be held in the week beginning Monday 7 March. There will be a bookmark competition, colouring competition, guess the book and fancy dress competition with lots of book vouchers and prizes to be won.

Further details including dates and times will be supplied in the next newsletter ☺

Chess Club

If you would like to be considered for the chess team that will be representing the school on Thursday 3 March please come along to chess club on Thursday to start the selection games.

All students from prep to Y6 are invited to attend Chess Club in Mrs Carlon's classroom. You don't have to know how 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.

We still have several outstanding forms. It would be appreciated if these could be returned promptly.

QASSP Work

For those who are new to our community, it is appropriate to explain that I am State Secretary of the Queensland Association of State School Principals (QASSP). QASSP is a professional organisation that represents around 1,300 school leaders across the state.

Our role is to essentially advocate for schools to help build their capacity in improving services to students. We often meet with key Department of Education personnel as well as the minister.

In the first week of the summer holidays we held a series of meetings and enjoyed the company of Minister Kate Jones, Director General Dr Jim Watterston and Deputy Director General Patrea Walton as well as many other key personnel to strengthen the partnership between QASSP and Department of Education and Training.





Teacher Lesson Preparation Time

Almost every day, our teachers are working in their classrooms in the afternoons to either finish marking work for that day or are preparing resources and lessons for the next day. As you can imagine this is a very important and critical time as it is essential for effective teaching and helping to promote optimum learning for our students.

If teachers are interrupted during this time they either need to work longer hours or if they have appointments and cannot make up that lost time, they will not be adequately prepared for the next lessons, impacting upon student learning for the whole class.

We are proud and passionate about offering a range of activities after school for our students because we believe strongly in a focus on the “whole child”. As these events occur in the afternoons, there is a temptation to “drop in” on a teacher for a casual chat or perhaps siblings of those children participating in activities are let loose to roam as they please. Often children not participating in structured activities enter the Prep/Y1 classroom to play with resources or to play games with other children. The verandah outside the Prep/Y1 class is often used by children who play with blocks and other resources there. This often necessitates the need for the teacher to intervene in play or inappropriate play with resources. Often the teachers need to go around and clean up and put away all the resources that had been left lying out after the activities have ceased and families have left the school.

Please note that playground (forts, monkey bars, spider fort, etc.) are out of bounds before and after school.

As you can imagine, this significantly impacts on the teacher’s preparation time. We ask if you can please be vigilant in monitoring your children to ensure they do not disrupt lesson preparation for the class. All teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and are ready to organise an appointment with you.

P&C

Join us for our next meeting

Tomorrow, Tuesday 16 February, 3.30pm at the school library. The P&C meetings are a great way to meet other parents, teachers and to get a better understanding of what is happening at school. Every meeting includes an important update from the Principal, as well as updates and reports about the activities of the P&C, including the school tuckshop, uniform shop, fundraising activities and priorities for the P&C.

How can you support your P&C?

Want to get involved with your child’s school, but only have limited availability? Here’s a quick list of programs run by the P&C:

Fundraising committee: plans fundraising events throughout the school year, ranging from smaller events such as pie drives, discos, Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls to our major fundraisers, Woodgate Beach Easter Fair - Cake Stall, Bingo, Bunnings BBQ Sausage Sizzle and Christmas Monster Raffle. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3.15pm at the undercover seating area. You can help out however much or however little you want. For more information, contact Tamara Johnson.

Family contribution: Parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution to the P&C. This provides a base level of funding for the P&C operations each year, and contributes to the P&C donations to the school. This

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voluntary contribution is particularly useful for those parents who find themselves in a situation where they are unable to give their time for P&C activities, but still want to be making a contribution.

P&C meetings: The P&C meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and we are always happy to have new members come along to keep up to date with what's happening in the school and to share ideas.

Special Food Day/Tuckshop: Help prepare & serve lunches. To offer assistance, once or twice per term, please speak to Barb Gibson.

Uniform shop: The Uniform Shop is run by volunteers from the P&C, and is based in the tuckshop. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday mornings from 8.00am - 9.00am. Please see Janine Leverett - Uniform Shop co-ordinator.

School Banking: School banking is part of P&C fundraising and provides an opportunity to encourage children to develop good saving habits. Also as an added benefit, our school receives commission from the Commonwealth Bank – \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit, and then earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). **In 2015, this amounted to over \$200**, simply by students saving money through the School Banking program.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please see Janine Leverett - CBA school banking officer, for a 2016 School Banking program Information Pack. WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

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Community Messages

We currently have information in regards to the upcoming Bundaberg Eisteddfod for Speech & Drama which will be held on Friday 29 April. Entries close at 4.30pm on 4 March. If you would like further information please contact the school.

Strong not Tough

Adult Resilience Program

Throughout our lives we can experience many challenging situations and some of these challenges can catch us off guard and cause feelings of anxiety and an inability to cope. The good news is that anybody at any age can develop positive coping skills.

Strong not Tough is a group program for adults that can help build personal strength, confidence and resilience. The group runs for four consecutive weeks on Tuesday mornings, with morning tea provided. During the four sessions you will learn life skills.

When: Tuesdays 23 February, 1 March, 8 March, & 15 March,

Where: UnitingCare Community
3a River Terrace, Bundaberg.

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

Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person (including workbook)