2016 School Improvement Focus:
Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dates for Diaries

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Awards

Congratulations Connor, Shelby, Logan, Sara, Tempest, James, Craig, Thomas, Reguez, Nic, Breanna, Phoebe, Talia, Michael and Tiffany on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well Done! ☺
Parent / Teacher Interviews

We welcome families to make contact with their child’s classroom teacher to arrange an interview. This is the perfect time to have a chat about your child’s progress and to discuss any issues. We like to keep parents informed of their child's progress so there will be no surprises when report cards are issued at the end of next term. We value the partnership between parents and school.

P&C Meeting

Please make every effort to attend our meeting tomorrow at 3.30pm. The work of the P&C has been extremely important to our school. Air conditioning in every classroom, the subsidy of swimming and upper school camp have been remarkable achievements of our P&C that benefits our students and families. Currently the P&C has $20,000 set aside to help pay for the cost of the Wireless Upgrade Project in our school. We will soon be able to purchase wireless devices for students to work on instead of needing to use desktop machines, all thanks to the magnificent efforts of our P&C. Please, do come along and be a part of the great work. You don't have to take on big jobs, there are many ways people can help. And as the old saying goes: "Many hands make light work."

Bus Issues

Last week Constable Sharon from Childers Police Station came and spoke with our students about being safe. She emphasised that if they have been hit or hurt by someone and feel threatened, they need to tell their parents/carers or their teacher. If you as a parent / carer receive a report from your child, it is important that you notify either Childers Police or the Principal.

Cross Country Next Wednesday 9am

Next Wednesday we will hold our annual Goodwood Cross Country commencing at around 9.00am and concluding at around 11.00am (or probably before).

In this event every child has the opportunity to participate and to support their House Team. The length of each race is altered to the ages of the children and align approximately with the district and regional distances.

Students are welcome and encouraged to come to school wearing a gold or green shirt to support their team. ☺

Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

Last School Parade for Term 1 This Thursday

There will be no school parade next week. Consequently, this Thursday is the last school parade for the term.
What a wonderful week of exciting competitions we have had! Thank you to all the parents who made costumes for dress up day. The children looked amazing and it was a very difficult task to judge the winners. There was also an amazing number of bookmarks this year with some fantastic designs. Well done to all our creative designers. Your bookmarks will be returned to your classes this week for you to use. Congratulations to our competition winners.
Reminders

There are still outstanding payments due for the Student Resource Scheme. As the school has already purchased and paid for these items we would appreciate prompt payment. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school to arrange a payment plan.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who collected the ‘Earn and Learn’ vouchers for our school. We received some lovely resources which the children have already started using.

After School Activities

This week will be the last week for after school activities this term. There will be no After School Sport, Guitar or Choir until week two of Term two. Please note that Woodwind will not start again until May 16th.

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.
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After School Choir Thursdays

Mrs Johnson is away at present and will be resuming her role as choir conductor later in the year. We are very grateful for all of Mrs Johnson’s generous work and wish her well. Thank you to Mrs Ricciardi, Mrs Arjona and Mrs Vella who have volunteered to support the continuation of the choir sessions each Thursday after school from 3.00 to 3.30.

P&C Messages

2016 P&C AGM and General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 15 March at 3.30pm in the school library. At the AGM all P&C positions are declared vacant and then we nominate/vote on a new leadership team. We will be looking for volunteers to fill the position of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally our school community needs parent volunteers not only to operate the tuckshop, uniform shop and organise fundraising and other social events, but also to contribute to making Goodwood State School a great place for our children to learn, play and grow. Contact myself or one of our friendly P&C members to get involved, or please do consider coming along to our AGM and perhaps taking on a position. It would be great to see some new faces join our wonderful team! P&C General meeting is scheduled straight after our AGM. I encourage those who would like to be involved and have not attended a meeting previously, to join us.

Cake stall - can you help?

Attached to the previous school newsletter was an information sheet regarding the P&C Cake Stall fundraiser to be held, Monday 28 March at the upcoming Woodgate Beach Easter Fair. Due to it being a major fundraiser for the year, our committee has already begun organising this event, however it is an enormous job for such few volunteers and we seek the continued support of our school community to contribute in some way. Thank you!

Community Messages

Get your whole family active and eating well

The PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS for groups running in school term 2.

Enrolments closing soon - Groups commencing the week of 18 April.

The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours.

The program covers:

* Nutrition – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.

* Physical activity – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.

* Parenting – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

* Family focus – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.

Kids love the PEACH™ program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH™ facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives.

The PEACH™ program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and funded by the Queensland Government.

The program will only be available in term 2, 2016 so register now.

LAST OPPORTUNITY to access the FREE program - don’t delay! Ask us about PEACH™ Online. Free call 1800 263 519 or www.peachqld.com.au

TENNIS "HOT SHOTS" - An invitation is extended to children who would like to experience “Learn n Play Tennis” at Isis Club Tennis centre, North Street, Childers, in a fun environment, commencing: Thursday 14th April 2016. Classes are conducted by Tennis Australia & Bundaberg Tennis Academy Certified Advanced Coach, Kevin Banner. Numbers are limited, so register now with Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753