Welcome back everyone! Hope you had opportunities to enjoy extra time with your children to create some special, treasurable memories together.

Welcome to a new family! Welcome Crystal, Danny and daughter Bridie. We hope that your time at Goodwood State School will be highly satisfying and rewarding for you all.

Dates for Diaries

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April 11 Monday</td>
<td>First day of Term 2 for Students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 15 Friday</td>
<td>School Disco 5.30pm - 8:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 19 Tuesday</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 3.30pm in Library. Everyone welcome.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 19 Tuesday</td>
<td>After School Sport starts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 19 Tuesday</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 3.30pm in the school library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20 Wednesday</td>
<td>After school Guitar starts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 21 Thursday</td>
<td>After school Choir starts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 22 Friday</td>
<td>Pre-ANZAC Day Service at School 9am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 22 Friday</td>
<td>School Photos 11.30am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 25 Monday</td>
<td>ANZAC DAY Service in Woodgate (Public Holiday)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Some families may have missed out on meeting their child’s teacher last term. Please contact your teacher to organise a time either this week or next.

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 this term. We value the partnership between parents and school.

Easter Fair

Every year the P&C run a cake, slice and biscuit stall at the Woodgate Easter Fair. Not only is it a great opportunity to raise funds, but it is a great way to promote our school to the wider community and visitors. I always enjoy spending time with parents in the tent, enjoying conversations and having a laugh as we generate funds for our school. This year I had the special privilege of working alongside one of our school captains; Talia Arjona. She was a very efficient and eager helper. Great job Talia! This year our contributors came from a far wider source – including those people in Mrs Ricciardi’s fitness lessons, from our Woodgate Readers and many other members of our wider community who were invited to assist in preparing produce. Thank you to all those wonderful people, whoever you are! 😊 Thank you to the parents that helped out on the day and to those who helped in other ways. It was a great day! 😊
Cross Country Last Term

What a fantastic day! Thank you everyone for attending and adding to the atmosphere.

Thank you to our dedicated and enthusiastic staff team who took up posts at the far corners of the course and stayed there for the duration, all to make a safe and enjoyable event for our students. Unfortunately, the day was much hotter than expected for the time of year, which made the run a bit more challenging than usual.

Our thanks also to Ms Orreal who has worked hard in preparing our students for the event, and also to Mrs Ricciardi for helping to increase their chances of achieving their best performance for the day.

Congratulations to our winners Ella, Jessie, Joey, Charlotte, Matthew, Ciara, Ebony and Dean and new record holder Ebony 😊

I must also acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our House Captains; Ella and Asher. They have been magnificent in getting their teams prepared for war cries and in encouraging their team members. They also demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship by helping out and encouraging each other's team members when it was needed in the spirit of kindness and compassion. Ella and Asher, thank you for your outstanding attitudes and efforts. You have set a great example!

Having said all of the above ... CONGRATULATIONS GOLD!!! Gold dominated the day convincingly, however, they were very respectful in their achievement and Green maintained their pride and dignity. A great day!

I am looking forward to our Sports Day in the last week of this term. 😊

Thank You to Past P&C and Welcome to New P&C

Last term we held the P&C AGM and most past members of the P&C decided not to run again for executive roles. This meant that new people were appointed to our executive team.
I wish to draw special attention to Mrs Blain who has been President for five years. Mrs Blain has maintained the role with great integrity and professionalism at all times. The President’s role can be quite a challenging one; seeking to obtain unity and cohesion amongst members and the community. To me personally, Mrs Blain has been a magnificent support in my role as Principal and has strongly supported and assisted in striving for school improvement. Thank you, Mrs Blain for your outstanding contributions to our school and community over the last five years.

It is also important to thank all past and some continuing members of our P&C, Tamara Johnson, Barb Gibson, Janine Leverett, Danni Burgess, Yana Richardson, Lisa Arjona, Lara Hawker, Jody and Ryan Overend, Sherrin Ham, Kylie Robertshaw and Jo Beeston.

Congratulations to Jo Beeston (President), Kylie Robertshaw (Vice President), Lara Hawker (Secretary) and Sherrin Ham (Treasurer) who were appointed to the executive roles. We welcome Lee Early and Jake Bauer Melinda Ricciardi, Gemma Morgan and Lynda Packenas who joined our membership this year as well.

First School Parade Next Thursday

Families are always welcome to attend our school parade on Thursday mornings at 8.45am. At parade we usually have a class sharing (one class shares some samples of work they have been doing), student awards are presented, the Cleaner’s Cleanest Classroom award, P&C announcements and the whole parade is managed by our School Captains.

Overdue Debts to School

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.

Our budget is quite tight this year – if families do not pay their accounts, there is a possibility that we may need to reduce staff hours, which impacts on the learning environment and support for our students. There are a number of debts from last year for Student Resource Scheme, Swimming, School Camp and this year’s Student Resource Scheme that have not been paid. The total amount owing is in the thousands.

We understand entirely that people may be experiencing financial difficulties. We offer a payment plan to assist families. We understand that families receive a government allowance to assist in raising children and accessing education. The school also subsidises the cost for families already and the P&C makes donations to help reduce costs for families.

After School Activities

After school activities will resume next week.  
  - Tuesday – After School Sport
  - Wednesday – Guitar
  - Thursday – Choir
  - Wind Instruments – as arranged with Mrs Hawker.

P&C Messages from Vice President Kylie Robertshaw

The P&C would like to welcome everyone back after the Easter Holidays. We hope you are all rested and enjoyed spending time with family and friends over the break.

New Executive Committee

At the AGM in March new members were elected. We would like to say a special thank you to Karen Blain and Janine Leverett for all their hard work over the years they have held the President and Treasure position and would like to welcome Jo Beeston as President, Sherrin Ham as Treasure and Lara Hawker as Secretary.

Thank you to all our renewed members for your continued participation and welcome to our new members. We truly appreciate you giving up your valuable time to support the school and students. If anyone would like to
Goodwood Gazette

attend our general meetings, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 April at 3.30pm in the Library. We hope to see you there! Or contact us on pandc@goodwoodss.eq.edu.au for more information.

What went on in the School Holiday’s
During the school holidays the P&C have held their annual Easter Fair cake stall at Woodgate Beach and have also held the first Bingo session for the school year at the Woodgate Beach Club both events were very successful. We would like to thank both the Goodwood State School community along with the wider community that helped out with both events, it was lovely seeing lots of friendly faces supporting our school. The funds raised from events like this have contribute to the installation of the new wireless access system that was installed over the Easter break along with the many other projects we are currently working towards.

ANZAC Day Service BBQ Lunch
Every year our students are given the privilege of participating in the ANZAC Day Service at Woodgate. The Woodgate Beach RSL also invites the Goodwood State School P&C to provide a BBQ lunch and drinks after the service. We are very grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community event. 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 or for any questions please contact Jo Beeston on 0447 542 888. Thank you for your support!

Disco
The P&C will be hosting a Disco this Friday, 15 April, 5.30pm - 8:00pm. Cost is $1 per child, parents free. Parents are welcome to stay and students may invite siblings and friends. Children under 4yrs are also welcome but will need to be accompanied by an adult. On the night the P&C will be selling a variety of yummy treats, poppers, Tea/coffee, ice blocks and glow sticks. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle that they can refill.

Community Messages

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM 2016

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) emphasis is on developing positive attitudes, skills and behaviour. The Triple P Program suggests simple routines and small changes that can make a big difference to your family. It helps you understand the way your family works and uses the things you already say, think, feel and do in new ways that:

- Create a stable, supportive and harmonious family.
- Encourage behaviour you like.
- Deal positively, consistently, decisively with problem behaviour, and build positive relationships with your children.
- Plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations. Take care of yourself as a parent.

Triple P is a Queensland Government initiative and is offered FREE to all Queensland families.

Dates and location/s: Dates
- 9th May • 16th May • 23rd May • 30th May

Time
9.30am to 11.30am

Where
Child and Family Support Building
14 Hinkler Street
Childers

R.S.V.P
4th May 2016
Childers Neighbourhood Centre
4130 4690 or
cnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au