



Goodwood Gazette

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'Strive to Achieve'

Respect	Effort
Safety	Self-Responsibility
Behaviour Expectations	

2016 School Improvement Focus: Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dates for Diaries

June 13 Monday	ICAS Writing Assessment for selected students
June 15 Wednesday	ICAS Spelling Assessment for selected students
June 20 Monday	Goodwood Sports Day – Green V Gold – all day.
June 21 Tuesday	Under 8's Day
June 21 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.30 in Library. Everyone welcome. Please try to attend
June 24 Friday	Last day of school for Term 2. Student Reports posted next week. Winter Holidays.
July 11 Monday	T3 First day back for all students

WEEKLY AWARDS



Congratulations to Tahleah, Angus, Max, Izzabella & Sierra who were students of the Week last week.

Each student was awarded to acknowledge the talents and attributes they have displayed and truly deserve their award. Well done to all and Congratulations!!

School Improvement Unit Internal Review Training

Last Monday and Tuesday I completed the Department of Education School Improvement Unit Peer Reviewer training, which is extremely valuable in gaining an insight to maintaining strategic improvement across the whole school. I found the training extremely valuable, very worthwhile and useable for our school. To best explain the training I attended, here is the blurb that was used in the advertising:

"This comprehensive, two-day training package is specifically designed for state school principals who want to learn more about the SIU school reviews and review tool. According to our training records, you haven't had the opportunity to attend one of these sessions."

"The training will unpack the National School Improvement Tool in detail, demonstrating how it can be used to drive improvement in your school. The training will also provide participants with a deeper understanding of the school review process, as well as emerging trends from the reviews."

"By attending the training you will be qualified to become a principal peer reviewer and take part in a school review. This is a unique professional development opportunity to support another state school community while informing your own school's improvement agenda."

Non-violent Crisis Intervention Training

On Thursday and Friday last week Mrs Last and I attended this training in Bundaberg. It is a requirement that staff who may need to intervene in physically managing children if they are being threatening and posing a risk to complete this course. This is a blurb about the training from the training organisation:

By using Nonviolent Crisis Intervention® training as part of a comprehensive crisis prevention and intervention plan, you can learn how to defuse challenging and disruptive behaviour before an incident escalates to a crisis situation. Successful implementation leads to a change in organizational culture, a change in adult professional behaviour, and a change in staff relationships with both service users and stakeholders. These changes offer many benefits to your staff, your organization, and the individuals you serve.

Excellent School Data

We want to share some pleasing data with you as a way of helping to reassure and confirm for you, that Goodwood is indeed an excellent school. When looking at NAPLAN data over many years and comparing it with other schools across the nation, Goodwood shines as being significantly better than the majority of schools in accelerating the growth of learning from Y3 to Y5. **Students at Goodwood State School show a far greater level of improvement in learning over those two years than the majority of other schools in the nation.** This is a significant achievement! 😊

Additionally, all of our children are performing significantly above the expectations based on our ICSEA rating. The Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) is a measure that enables meaningful comparisons to be made across schools. Our students are out performing these expectations.

Excellent Teachers – Vote for Them! 😊

We have very dedicated and caring teachers at Goodwood who are highly committed to each of our students. Mrs Mattiazzi, Mrs Carlon, Mrs Byrnes, Mr Horner, Ms Orreal, Miss Gray and Mrs Hollier all work very hard to improve the performance of every child and care about their overall physical and emotional well-being. And perhaps you could add me to that list as well. 😊

It would be wonderful if students and families took the opportunity to express their appreciation by voting for teachers. The P&C has kindly been promoting the concept and I think it is a lovely way to acknowledge our brilliant teachers. Our course, our amazing Teacher Aides make a substantial difference to our student's achievement and learning and we are wholeheartedly grateful and appreciative of them as well as the work of Mrs Merrett, Nicki and Georgia. However, this incentive focuses on the teaching profession.

ASG's National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) Foundation was established in 1994 to honour exemplary teaching throughout Australia and New Zealand.

For more than 22 years, these awards have provided communities with the opportunity to formally recognise and thank outstanding teachers and leaders.

ASG is proud to continue its support for the teaching profession by acknowledging the valuable role inspirational teachers play in the development of our young people.

More than 30,000 teachers have been nominated by their communities across Australia and New Zealand since the awards started in 1994.

Nominations for the 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards are now open. Here is the link:

<https://www.asg.com.au/asg-neita/nominations>

QASSP Work Pays Off

As you all know, I volunteer my time representing around 1,300 Queensland primary school leaders as State Secretary of Queensland Association of State School Principals (QASSP) and am the Chair of the QASSP

Small Schools Subcommittee, representing the 435 small schools across Queensland. Through this role we have been advocating for numerous issues that ultimately impact on the learning environments for our students.

Recently we had a very pleasing outcome on two of our issues. We have been very concerned about our administration officers (AO2s – eg Mrs Merrett) who have had no review of their role and recognition of their work for many, many years. Their position pay point is equal to an office assistant. However, in a small school they are the only administration officer and consequently have the roles of Business Services Manager by default. Another issue was that the grounds maintenance budget allocated to a school was based on the number of enrolled students. Recently I was invited to contribute to a submission to the Review of School Administrative and Support Staff (RoSAS) on behalf of QSSSP. This was the outcome announced by Minister Kate Jones:

These important reforms to Queensland state schools will include:

- upgrading the classification of BSMs by one salary classification level and the extension of the BSM scale to AO8 for our largest schools;
- upgrading the AO2 classification to AO3 in our small primary schools to a maximum of 1.0 FTE;
- providing the opportunity for schools officers to progress to the 003 classification; and
- enhancing the schools officer (grounds and facilities) allocations in small primary schools.

A positive outcome. I want to share this with you so that you may appreciate the value of my voluntary advocacy which does have an impact on my attendance at school on occasion (for example I will be in Brisbane this Thursday and Friday at QASSP meetings).

Woodgate Readers: Thank You!!!

Again, we must acknowledge and express our sincere gratitude for the magnificent work that this group of very generous and dedicated people give to our school. There are around 15 members of the group, coordinated by Mrs Eleanor Mastin. They are retired / semi-retired professionals living in the area who donate their time to read to our younger students every morning at school. There is no doubt that the contributions that these kind people make to the learning outcomes of our students is significant! Reading to every one of our younger children every day accelerates the reading progress and gives each of them a better start in their learning.

Goodwood State School is extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people who are so willing to help support our children. Thank you!!!

P&C Messages from Vice President Kylie Robertshaw

P&C Meeting

This month's P&C Meeting is being held on 21st June 2016 in the Library at 3:30pm. By attending P&C meetings you have the opportunity to discuss many aspects of the school, assist with fundraising and vote on how funds are allocated.

Ice Cream Sales

The P&C along with year 6 students are selling Ice Creams for \$1 each on Monday and Friday's after school for the rest of term two. All profits raised from the ice block sales will go towards limo hire for year six-graduation dinner.

Bingo

I would like to say thank you to Jo Beeston, Sherrin Ham and Mr. Byrnes for their amazing help at this month's bingo session. Bingo is run first Friday of the month as a P&C fundraiser at the Woodgate Bowls Club located in Kangaroo Court, Woodgate. The next bingo session run by the Goodwood State School will be held on Friday 1st July. Eyes down is at 10am please spread the word to help make this fundraiser a success for our school.

Sports Day

Monday 20 June is the Goodwood State School Sports day. The P&C provide students with a sausage sandwich, drink and ice block on this day. Parents have the option to purchase a sausage sandwich or steak sandwich, which needs to be pre-ordered please keep an eye out for the order forms that will be sent home shortly.

Save the Date:

Ice Creams- EVERY Monday and Friday after school

School Banking- EVERY Wednesday

P&C Meeting- 21 June 2016 in the Library

Bingo at the Woodgate Club - 1st Friday of EVERY Month.

Isis District State High School



Preparing Pathways Honouring Traditions

PARENT INFORMATION TOURS

Prospective Year 7 Students

Tuesday, 19th July, 2016

Daylight Tour- 10:45 am

Twilight Tour- 5:45 pm

**Join us at the
Hinkler Street Annexe
Room SA2**

**Register interest by Friday
15th July**

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Holden's 2016 Road to Origin

Holden's Road to Origin will bring the excitement and anticipation of the 2016 Holden State of Origin Series to fans across New South Wales and Queensland.

Rugby League legends Matt Cooper and Brent Tate will headline the Road to Origin session held at Salter Oval on Thursday 16 June from 3.50pm - 5.15pm. The session will consist of rugby league skills clinics, an autograph session and a BBQ.

It is open to any age group, boys and girls. You don't have to be a member of a junior RL club to attend.

Myopia as recently seen on 'Catalyst' on the ABC is becoming an epidemic and scientists think they know why. Scientists have discovered that the more children spend indoors engaged in computer games and smart phone screens the more likely they are to develop Myopia. We have a brochure in the office which we can photocopy for anyone who is interested.

Keep Myopia away – go outdoors and play!

Bundy Bowl & Leisure

Junior Lock-in – 13 years and under

9th July 2016 – 3pm to 6pm

\$23 for 3 hours of fun (tickets can be purchased online at www.bundybowl.com.au – go to prices – buy online)