It has been a busy two weeks at Goodwood State School and unfortunately it won’t ease up as we move closer to the end of term.

On Thursday 27 November, I had the privilege of accompanying the Goodwood State School Student Leaders to Youth Parliament in Bundaberg. Our four Student Leaders were tasked with arguing for and against a range of points pertinent to the youth of today – ‘Junk Food advertising should be banned’ and ‘School hours should be changed to 9am - 1pm, Monday to Saturday’. These 2 topics provided much debate. I was delighted to see our Student Leaders accurately and articulately convey their point of view in front of some 250 people. Perhaps more impressive, was seeing our students gain a valuable insight into the democratic processes so heavily valued in Australia.

I also had the opportunity to welcome our 2017 Prep students and parents last week to the Goodwood State School Prep Orientation and Information Sessions. The start of formal schooling is an interesting time, some are keen and eager, some are nervous and emotional… and that is just the parents! We look forward to working with all of you in the New Year.

Swimming is fast approaching and you should have all received a permission slip last week. Can you please fill that in and return it as soon as possible.
Weekly Awards

Congratulations to Summer, Isaiah, Tiffany, Michael, Angus, Logan, Tyler, Sapphira, Lily, Tempest, Charli, Bridie, Lily, Izzabella, Connor, Zane, Max, Vinnie, Caleb and Sara. Each student was awarded to acknowledge the talents and attributes they have displayed and truly deserve their award. Well done to all and Congratulations!!

Congratulations Joey for his selection into the 2016 Wide Bay Aquathon team. Well done.

Youth Parliament
World Teacher's Day

On the last Friday in October we celebrated world teacher’s day. This was our opportunity as a school and community to say thank you to our wonderful teachers for the great job they do for the Goodwood Students every single day. The P&C provided a beautiful lunch and cake for the celebrations. Students also made cards and presented gifts to their teachers.

Thank you teachers for everything 😊

What's Happening in our Classrooms

Year 2/3
Our Maths brains have been buzzing in the 2/3 class this week. We have been working on shapes, multiplication, division and fractions! I am continuing to see inspiring creativity with rhyme and rhythm from our poets. Show and Tells have been interesting with gem stones, pink dogs, live huntsman spiders and an Indian Ring Neck Parrot.

Year 4/5/6
In science we have planned and designed our toy or game that will demonstrate our understanding of forces, light and shadows and electrical circuits and now we have started creating them. In geography we have been exploring different countries in Europe and understanding how to read maps using area reference- we even created our own battleships game!
Concert

School concert preparations are well under way with students learning their new songs and performances. It would be appreciated if you could assist with the preparations by making sure your child has appropriate clothing for the evening. We try our very best to keep this expense to a minimum and if you have any difficulties finding these items please speak with the teacher.

Prep and Year 1 will need to wear black shorts/skirt (school uniform shorts/skirts are fine). If your child has black shoes these are preferable but school shoes will be fine if not. If your child has a cowboy hat that would be great. White socks, white t-shirts, scarves and cowboy hats will be provided for your child but will need to be returned to school.

Year 2/3 parents, we will be going Aussie Country this year. Any clothes that give a bush/country effect would be great. For example: jeans, denim shorts, check shirts, cowboy hats, neck scarf. Cowboy boots are fine if you have them, but they must have a low heal and be easy to dance in.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will need to wear black shorts, pants or skirts (school uniform item is fine). If wearing a skirt please make sure it is appropriate for dancing. Students will also require a white or black shirt or t-shirt. It would be appreciated if big logos could be avoided (even if the t-shirt is worn inside out so they can't be seen). Please wear closed in shoes like you would for school.

Student Resource Scheme for 2017

We have had a couple of enquiries about student resources for 2017. We are currently pricing resources for students for the 2017 school year. Further information regarding this will be made available prior to the school holidays.

Swimming

Please remember to return your swimming permission notes and payment.

P&C Messages

Icy blocks will be on sale on Fridays, starting this week. We will be selling the fruit juice variety at $1 each. Please support this and help us raise funds for the Yr 6 Graduation.

Special Food Day is on Wednesday 16th November. Please return forms and money by Friday 11th. Please let Jo know if you are able to volunteer your assistance on the day, we are very short of helpers at the moment.

We are also hoping to have an end of year disco. Students have been asking us if they can have one. We really need more helpers to make this viable. If you are able to help please speak to Jo Shorter ASAP so we can make this happen.

We currently have a vacant position on the executive committee. If you would be able to support your school P&C by filling the position of secretary please make contact with Jo Shorter. If you would like more information on what the role entails please speak with Lara Hawker who will happily show you what would be required.

Save the dates:
School Banking - EVERY Wednesday
P&C Meeting - 3pm 22nd November 2016 in the Library
Bingo at the Woodgate Club - 1st Friday of EVERY Month.
Christmas Stall – Items will be on sale before and after school in the second last week of term.
Bundaberg Junior Basketball – Come and try!

Bundaberg Junior Basketball offers a special $5 registration (plus $2 a game) for a two week trial! This special is available throughout the season and places are available in all teams. At Bundaberg Basketball teams are based on ability so if you are a beginner you will be placed in a team with similarly skilled players. First games start at 4.20 however new players should arrive at 4 pm so we can put you in the right team. Basketball is played on Friday nights at the courts on Flint Street. All you need is black shorts and sports shoes and if you decide to register as a full time player a singlet will be provided. If you have any questions email juniors@bundybasketball.com.au or just come down on any Friday night and ask a friendly volunteer at the front desk!