Hi Parents

Teachers and Teacher’s Aides went back to school yesterday! 30 Staff attended Goondiwindi State Primary School for the MacIntyre Cluster of Schools Teaching and Learning Professional Development Day hosted by the Cluster’s Pedagogy Coach, Robyn Pearcey.

Mr Edmondstone drove the bus and Mrs Beck drove the ute, both vehicles full, across to Goondiwindi for a day of Advanced Professional Development in Writing, the Australian Curriculum and Student Support Learnings; as well as Robust Conversations when moderating the work of students across various year levels.

All classroom staff from our cluster of 6 small schools; 2 P-10 schools; a large primary school; and a larger high school came together yesterday to see the great Writing Pilot Project that was commenced a few weeks ago by a couple of the schools. It is anticipated that this project will help improve writing engagement across our cluster. Writing is an area of our region that is not done well and has been made a priority by Cluster Principals.

Staff then presented anonymous classroom work samples of student work so that colleagues from across the schools were able to moderate the results students were given. You see, moderating work is an important way for teachers to ensure they are being 100% reflective of their practice. Moderation works best when staff are engaged in conversations about student work and the basis for the student result. It is extensively used in larger settings where there are multiple classes of the same year level. As a cluster, we have simply replicated a large school setting and moderated across schools rather than in a large metropolitan school, where teachers would have moderated across a grade level.

In the afternoon, teachers were given an inservice into the next release of the Australian Curriculum, from which Queensland writes the C2C (Curriculum to Classroom) modules for teachers to build their practice from. Throughout the day, Teacher’s Aides were engaged in professional learning from the More Support for Students With Disability Program.

As always, we are very thankful for the school community’s support to enable staff to engage in very worthwhile Professional Development. I hope that you all have a fabulous week.

Mike
For all student absences please phone Student Absence Line: 4653 3366

**LATE TO SCHOOL**

Any students arriving at school between 9am and 9.30am must present at the Office before going to class.
**Rule of the Week**

**BE SAFE**

**WHEN USING THE BUS**

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE SAFE WHEN USING THE BUS?**

Students should follow safety instructions when catching the bus, on the bus and after they have disembarked from the bus to avoid accidents.

- Wait patiently on the footpath until the bus stops
- Board the bus in an orderly manner
- Sit in your designated seat and wear your seatbelt
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- Keep all body parts inside the bus
- Avoid loud noise, inappropriate behaviour and language that will distract the driver
- Follow the bus and school expectations
- Listen to the driver when he/she speaks

**Which gate do I use to enter and exit the school?**

- **PREP**—to enter and exit via the PREP Gate
- **Years 1-6**—to enter and exit via the gate near the PREP building
- **Years 7-10**—to enter and exit via the gate near the office

**Electronic games and phones can be collected from the gate at 3.00pm. These will no longer be collected from the office.**

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**Attendance Award**

**Every day**

**Attendance Award Week 1—YEAR 1/2**

**Facts**

- 5 classes at or above 90%
- Weekly average 86%
- Special award to Year 9 - .31 behind Year 1/2

**Cleaners Award**

A BLOCK—Year 3/4
B BLOCK—Year 2/3
C BLOCK—Year 10

**Students need to make sure that:**

- **Floor is paper free**
- **Chairs on desks**
- **Windows closed**

This will enable the cleaners to do their job quickly and efficiently.

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**Sports News**

**State Athletics Representatives**

Last week Chloe F and Tahnee G represented the Darling Downs at the State Athletics Titles in Brisbane. Both girls performed extremely well in their disciplines. Chloe placed 17th in her 800m race. She ran a personal best time even after having a fall in the race. Tahnee placed 11th in her long jump and 16th in her 200m. Tahnee also posted a personal best time in her 200m race.

We are so very proud of your efforts girls.

**Congratulations!!**


**AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**  
**Year 1 – Year 6**  
**Term 4, 2014**

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All students participating must meet at the Tuckshop at 3.00pm to have afternoon tea before commencing. All students must have a hat and a water bottle. **NO HAT, NO PLAY.**
The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability.

Research supports the importance of oral language, not only as the foundation for the development of literacy skills but also as a strong indicator of later reading, writing and overall academic achievement.

Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without. It therefore makes sense to be proactive in the early years of a child’s life and the SPEAK app helps this happen.

SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture oral language development in children from 0–6 years of age.

The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals.

How does it work?

It is a user-friendly app that aims to help parents, carers and educators teach their children oral language skills from a young age.

The app supports adults develop an understanding of the importance of oral language for life success, and provides ‘on the go’ parents with ideas and activities to encourage and foster talk in their young children. It can also be used in educational environments for professional learning opportunities.

The app is broken into five age areas, (0 months+, 13 months+, 2.5 years+, 3.5 years+ and 4.5 years+) each with ten talking points. In each age area there are four sections which all provide free activities to enhance and encourage oral language in young children. The four areas include:

- social
- connecting
- literacy and numeracy and
- play.

Target audiences

The app is aimed at parents and carers, grandparents, educators, health professionals and the general public. SPEAK is for everyone who wants the best start in life for their child and provides a fun, convenient way to make chatter matter!

The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.
Broadwater Bikefest

Where: Broadwater SS - 638 Texas Rd, Broadwater
When: 8th November, 2014
Cost: Show and Shine: Gold coin donation
      Road Ride: $25 (includes event shirt)
      Event Shirt $20 (can be purchased separately)
Contact:
Ph: (07) 4683 6281
Email: broadwaterbikefest@gmail.com
Website: www.broadwatss.eq.edu.au
Facebook: Broadwater Bikefest 2014

Giant Market

- Multiple garage sales at the one site!
- Let us host your own garage sale!

1st November 2014
at the school
9:00am-2pm

Pick up a bargain at one of the stall sites or at the Giant Book Fair.
Enjoy a coffee, treat the kids to the
Kidzone, canteen treats available.

Would you like to donate items to the school market sales?
Arrange for items to be dropped at the school or
pickup may be possible by arrangement.
For details contact Ann 0402 037 358
or check www.stanthorshs.eq.edu.au

Would you like to hold your own stall sales at our site?
$20 includes space, table, chairs, assistance with cartage
from road to site, etc
For details and bookings contact Ann 0402 037 358
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**2014 CALENDER**

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