Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we were privileged to have Suzanne Cavanagh and Jane Murphy visit our school. We talked about what learning has been happening in the classrooms and how we are progressing. Both ladies also visited the classrooms to look at the great work being done by teachers and students. We are on track with our Annual Action Plans for 2017.

Yesterday also Polly drove to Toowoomba for an afternoon professional development topic of Practical Pedagogies for Teaching Sentences workshop. This is one of the aspects of a learning community that it is not just students learning but adults who work at our school as well. We look forward to hearing and seeing what Polly learnt.

We welcomed Casey back today but thank Marianne for stepping into Casey’s classroom to keep the business as usual happening.

Tomorrow is our last swimming lesson for term 1. Thanks to the National Schools Sporting program for providing us with funds so that we can employ coaches to teach our students how to swim and do it well.

We wish Ryan all the best at the state swimming titles, Sunday and Monday. May God bless you and be with you!

Don’t forget parent/teacher interviews next week. It is important that every family meets with their child’s teacher to hear how they are going and what they have achieved this term. If you haven’t returned your form, we will be contacting you for a suitable time.

Mary MacKillop’s reflective saying for this week is “God loves those best who help the weak become whole.” 2.9.1906

Yours in God’s love

Paula

Next week at a glance:
Thurs: Assembly
Library borrowing
Fri: Tuckshop
Stations of the Cross

LOOKING AHEAD
March:
♦ Friday 31st
Last Day of Term

April:
♦ Tuesday 18th
Term 2 begins
♦ Wednesday 19th
Cross Country
♦ Tuesday 25th
Anzac Day
♦ Friday 28th
Mac Zone Cross Country

May:
♦ Tues 2nd—Thurs 4th
Principals Forum

TUCKSHOP
24th March
WORKER
Carla Trevisiol
HOME COOKING
Sandra Beard
Paula O’Rourke
31st March
WORKER
Rochelle Bynon
HOME COOKING
Zalae Smith
Sam Hobb
P and F Meeting
Wednesday 19th April
3:30pm

P and F News
Please return Hot Cross Bun forms to the office by Monday morning at the latest.

Also please continue to sell raffle tickets in our Easter raffle. These need to be returned by Thursday 30th March. The raffle will be drawn at assembly.

Sara Price
President

Board Meeting
Wednesday 19th April
5:30pm

2017 GOONDIWINDI picnic races
Saturday April 8th from 12 noon
www.goondiwindipicnicraces.com.au

Above: Well done on earning Mathletics Certificates!
Below: Years 4-6 presenting their packaging experiment.

Well done to Calais on his progress with swimming this term.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Visiting services
Currently no scheduled visits
Definitions of bullying

Bullying is a pattern of repeated physical, verbal, psychological or social aggression that is directed towards a specific student by someone with more power and is intended to cause harm, distress and/or create fear. Bullying may be carried out overtly e.g. face-to-face or covertly e.g. through repeated social exclusion or via technology. It is a sub-category of aggression and is different to, but also related to, harassment and violence. It is not the same as conflict or social dislike even though, in some cases, the outcome of both can be bullying.

The different types of bullying

Face-to-face bullying (sometimes referred to as direct bullying) involves physical actions such as punching or kicking or overt verbal actions such as name-calling and insulting.

Covert bullying (sometimes referred to as indirect bullying) is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which isn’t easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight, and often unacknowledged by adults.

Cyberbullying occurs through the use of information or communication technologies such instant messaging, text messages, email and social networking sites. It has many similarities with offline bullying but it differs in that the student(s) who is/are bullying can be anonymous, it can reach a wide audience, and the sent or uploaded material can be difficult to remove.

Most students who cyberbully also bully off-line. It is now recognised that many forms of covert bullying appear to have significant potential for serious harm.


For students

What is bullying?

Sometimes you might have a fight or argument with someone. If it only happens once, that’s not really bullying even though it can be upsetting.

Bullying is when someone:

- keeps picking on you again and again and tries to make you feel bad
- says or does lots of mean things that upset you
- makes fun of you a lot
- tries to stop you from joining in or make others not like you
- keeps hurting you, such as hitting or punching you

Bullying can also happen through a mobile phone or on the internet. This is called cyberbullying.

Bullying is not fair. It feels awful. You have a right to feel safe. If you don’t feel safe, get help right now from your Mum, Dad, teacher, or an adult who will listen to you.

From the Library…

This term all students have had weekly opportunities to share something about their reading for pleasure. Students from Prep – Year 2 have shared their reflection in a group while older students have been recording their responses so we can track their reading journey this year. All students have made a great start to knowing the library collections, terms and procedures.

In the context of HaSS lessons, Year 3 – 6 students have developed their information skills by locating and using information from books and digital sources to add to their knowledge of the continents and natural and man-made features in Australia and the world.

Library Loans over the Holidays

Students are able to borrow library books for the holidays. Please make a special effort to read them together and then return them in Week 1 of Term 2. Thank you for all you do to support your students with their free choice reading.

I am taking long service leave from next Monday until the 2nd May. I wish you all a happy Easter and a restful break. I look forward to a rewarding Term 2 as we continue our learning in the library.

Anne Anderson
Activities with the School Counsellor
EASTER HAT PARADE

Thursday 30th March after assembly

Make a hat for the Easter hat parade.

Categories:

1. Best use of recycled material
2. Best reflection of the Easter story
3. Best in the Prep-Year 3 class
4. Best in the Year 4-6 class

Followed by a visit to Casa Mia
At 10am for morning tea.

Parents are most welcome to attend!
2017 ICAS

ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Each year the school offers students (with parent permission) the opportunity to participate in some international tests. All students who participate are given a certificate according to their results. These certificates are presented to students at Assembly.

There are practice questions that the students can complete before the time as well.

Listed below are the different tests available and their costs. Could you please return this form with an indication of which tests your child will be participating in and payment (to the office). It is a voluntary basis and we don’t force children to participate.

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NAME OF STUDENT: __________________________________________

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Parents signature                          Date
Macintyre Zone Soccer Trial 2017

Convenor: Garry Jeffries – Goondiwindi State Primary School
gjeff11@eq.edu.au  Ph: 0408 391220

Venue: Gilbert Oval - Goondiwindi

Date: Friday, 21st April 2017

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm


Trial Format: Schools are asked to nominate up to 10 boys and 10 girls to attend the trial. Schools may also nominate individual players.

Darling Downs Soccer Trials held at Stanthorpe Soccer Fields
Boys trials will be held on Sunday 21st May (main trial) and
Girls will be held on Monday 22nd May.

A team of boys and girls will be selected to attend the DD trials.

Selection Criteria: Students must have the following skills to attend the zone trials:-
1. Should have some playing experience
2. Ball skills – kick and pass
3. Defensive skills – tackling
4. Fitness speed and endurance
5. Knowledge of rules

Nominations: Names, D.O.B, preferred position and School will need to be emailed (gjeff11@eq.edu.au) to Garry Jeffries at Goondiwindi State Primary School by Tuesday, 18th of April.

A nomination fee of $3 per player is payable to your school office. Schools will be invoiced.

Other: Tuckshop facilities will be provided by Goondiwindi State School
P & C Tuckshop. Students are required to bring water bottles.

PLEASE COLLECT A MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM FROM OFFICE IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AND RETURN BY 31ST MARCH.