Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a busy and jammed packed term we have had already! I would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to all the parents, students and community members who came to pay their respects to the fallen, at our ANZAC Day ceremony. It was a very sobering occasion and I was surprised with the numbers we had at our service. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and organisation of Spencer Morgan (MC on the morning) and the fantastic work of all the ladies in the tuckshop for feeding the hungry early morning crowd. I received many compliments on the way the morning was conducted. We can all look forward to the P&C-run tuckshop at the Football (Rugby League) & Netball Carnival on the 15th June!

At Condamine State School, ‘Fruit snacks’ have been an important part of making sure our students have enough fuel in their bodies to enable them to think clearly and concentrate on their school work during the first session of the day. It is important that these snacks are quickly and easily accessed by students and that they are fresh fruit or vegetables. I ask parents to prepare any fruits or vegetables before sending them to school with their child (cutting into pieces, peeling if necessary). Tinned fruits and others snacks should not be consumed during this time; rather consumed during lunch breaks. I ask all parents and guardians to assist us in making this time seamless and a benefit to your children.

NAPLAN dates for 2013 are fast approaching. Students in years 3, 5 and 7 will be required to sit these tests on the 14th, 15th and 16th May. Please ensure your child is at school on these days, as it is an important assessment process for each child, as well as the school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please do not hesitate to ask.

It is fast becoming the students’ favourite event- The school Cross Country Carnival! ‘YAY’ I can hear the students cheer. Our students have been ‘training’ hard each morning to get themselves into gear for the gruelling event. The Cross Country morning will begin at 9:15 and should be completed by 11am. Students will run a variety of distances based on their age (D.O.B). We do require a number of parental helpers to record times, supervise the course and provide the, “electric atmosphere,” that crowds provide. If you are going to attend this exciting event please let your child’s teacher know or contact Judy in the office.

A reminder that the P&C will meet again on Tuesday 14th May; all are welcome to attend and discuss future projects for the school.

We are eager to have our Guided Reading and English Groups back up and running on a regular basis each week. Guided Reading is an important part of the development of young readers and is a chance for adults to provide focused guidance in the reading process. It is also a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to engage in conversations about books and reading, as well as encourage positive reading routines and practice essential reading strategies. While we are aware that time is precious and many parents are extremely busy throughout the day, we would really appreciate your assistance with the running of this program. If you are able to ‘free up’ half an hour in the morning on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9.00-9:30am, please contact Judy in the office or email the school of your availability. We will create a timetable with the times parents and volunteers provide us. It is hoped we can commence this program after NAPLAN Testing is completed.

Finally, a warm round of applause for our latest SW Regional Reps; Matthew Eising (Rugby League) and Samantha Morgan (Netball); both students have worked incredibly hard in order to make these teams and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them both and wishing them the best of luck at the state championships!
**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Condamine State School is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK ENDING 24TH APRIL 2013**

Bonnie Frost—For displaying responsibility for always being prepared for class lessons.

Alastair Philip—For displaying respect when speaking and listening during class lessons.

Callum Bell—For displaying respect for teacher and students by staying on task and listening.

Lane Frost—For showing responsible behaviour.

Hanna Eising—For being responsible towards learning.

Cody Connolly—For taking responsibility for his own behaviour.

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**DATE CLAIMERS**

- 7th May - 150th Celebration Meeting at 6.00pm
- 13th May - Condamine State School Cross Country
- 14th May - P & C Meeting
- 14th 15th 16th - NAPLAN
- 21st May - Miles Show Holiday
- 23rd May - SW Tennis Chinchilla
- 24th May - M & D Cross Country Wandoan
- 26th & 27th May - SW Touch Trials Charleville
- 30th May - Arts Council 9.10am
- 31st May - M & D Softball Taroom

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**SCHOOL NURSE**

The school nurse Helen Wylie will be visiting the school on Wednesday 8th May at 11.30am for the Preps and Year 7’s.

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**DATE CLAIMERS**

**CONDAMINE STATE SCHOOL**

**P & C ASSOCIATION**

**FOOTBALL/NETBALL CARNIVAL**

**SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2013**

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**DATE CLAIMER**

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**NO HAT, NO PLAY!**

Reminder about our NO HAT, NO PLAY policy at Condamine State School. If students don’t have a hat they will be required to remain in the shaded areas and will be unable to play.

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