Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been another very busy few weeks at Condamine State School!

NAPLAN has come and gone for another year and I would like to thank all of the students in Years 3, 5 and 7 for their efforts over the three days of testing. We will receive the results of these tests later in the year.

We have had more sporting successes in recent times, with Harry and Fergus Beeton making the Boys SW Football (Soccer) and Emma Jackson, Tahlia Morgan and Shannie Morgan making the Girls side for the State Champions. Emma also made the Miles & District Tennis team. We wish these students the best of luck as the move into their respective competitions. At school, we also completed our annual school cross country. A big, ‘Thank you’ to all of the students who participated in and contributed to the success of the event, as well as all of the excited parents who watched and cheered on the students; you did a fabulous job and certainly got some students to the finish line. Among all the fun and excitement of the day, some serious “record breaking” was happening too! The following records were broken this year:

A new record was also set; due to the distances being changed to better align with the Miles & District requirements.
6yrs Boys - Clinton Matthews 3.12.00 (2013).
Congratulations to both boys! Good luck to the large number of students heading -off to Wandoan on Friday 24th May to compete in the Miles & District Cross Country Carnival.

The last two days of this term will see Condamine State School host the Tri-Stars Athletics coaching days. We will need parents to help man the canteen during these two days to ensure students can receive food on time. If you are willing and able to assist on these days please contact Judy in the office.

The staff at Condamine State School have been putting a lot of time and energy into the creation of a new Responsible Behaviour Plan. We have adopted many of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies currently being implemented effectively in other schools. We are excited to present this to parents and community members at the next P&C meeting. Please come along and review the document, in draft form, and give your feedback on the proposed document.

The cold weather is upon us and with that comes the increase in lost property. Please ensure all of your child’s belongings, particularly jumpers, tracksuit pants and hat are clearly labelled with their name. This is the only way that belongings can be successfully reunited with their owners! If items are not labelled, they will be placed in lost property outside the Year 3-7 room; obviously clearly labelled items have a higher rate of return.

Report Cards are due for distribution in the last week of this term. We will be distributing these reports as part of a 3-way interview. A 3-way interview includes Parents/Guardians, Teacher and the student. It is an important way for students to take responsibility for their achievements, teachers to explain areas of strength and weakness and parents to ask questions and support their child in improving their results and reaching their educational goals. An interview request sheet will be sent home in the coming weeks for you to book your preferred interview time.

Aaron Jones
Acting Principal
Condamine State School
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 successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.
JUNIOR SECONDARY – YEAR 7 & 8 PROJECT
At Miles SHS, our Junior Secondary team have been busy discussing and planning the implementation of the ‘Flying Start’ program, with a focus on researching the very best ways to support our students in our community. To date our activities have included: a road-trip to visit pilot Junior Secondary schools at Clifton SHS and Crows Nest P-10 school where Year 7 classrooms have already been established; developing a Junior Secondary area within our school; creating up-to-date, student and teacher friendly classrooms; and building expert Junior Secondary teaching teams for Years 7, 8 and 9. Over the next 18 months as we move towards the day when the Year 7 and 8 group start high school in 2015, we will be communicating more frequently with you through your school newsletters, visiting your school to get to know you and your students better, conducting parent information sessions, surveying students to gain their perceptions and working closely with [insert Principal’s name] to ensure that, between us we create the most supportive and productive learning environment we can for your child.

We are implementing a model Junior Secondary program in 2014 with Year 8 & 9 students. This model program, and any changes needed, will be the basis for the implementation of the Flying Start program in 2015 when we will welcome Year 7 students and, equally as importantly, the Year 8s to our school.

We understand that being new this can be a daunting experience for parents and that the best way to allay concerns is to talk about them. We welcome any questions that you may have at any time. Our team consists of Sean Maher, Principal (smahe19@eq.edu.au), Lance Kimlin, Junior HOD (lkiml3@eq.edu.au) and Raelinda Allwood, Year 7 Transition Coordinator (rallw5@eq.edu.au).

Miles High is a fantastic school with an established culture of care and support and high academic outcomes. We look forward to working with you and your school to ensure our kids get the best possible transition to high school.

Chinchilla White Gum

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Eucalyptus argophloia
Trees and Shrubs, Queensland South West Region

This is a very hardy tree is usually seen around 30-40 metres in height. The tree has a straight trunk for half its height, the smooth bark sheds in strips producing a mottled yellow, pink, red, blue and grey appearance. It produces white flowers grouped in clusters during winter. This is an extremely hardy tree which will tolerate poor soils, frost and low rainfall.

TO GIVE AWAY
CHINCHILLA WHITE GUMS
DONATED BY QGC
35,000 Trees
IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT: Penny Smith—0419442611
Ballandean State School
Year 4, 5, 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser

Come enjoy a day of discount shopping!

At 3 different Warehouse in Brisbane

There will be raffles on the bus with lots of goodies to be won!!

Saturday 29th June 2013

Cost: $50pp includes morning tea, coffee/tea, cold drinks, lunch &

Lucky Door Prize

Pick Up: 5.00am Ballandean School

5.30am Woodford carpark Sandhopes

6.30am Mundubbera Warwick

To: BRSW123 for bookings

Payment needs to be paid before the day.

Miles Chaplaincy Committee

Annual Monster Auction

Miles State High School

Saturday 15 June 2013

10:00 - 12:00

Goods accepted from 8:00AM

Goods with a reserve of $100 or more will be auctioned on a commission basis unless donated

All other items are regarded as donations and will be auctioned with all proceeds going to chaplaincy

To list items, contact Christine Stals 46276223

Barbeque lunch available at the auction

Thank you to the Miles SHS and the community for your continued support
Thank you to the staff at GDL for volunteering your services