Dear Condamine State School Families,

**Great Results Guaranteed – GRG**
A few weeks ago all Queensland State Schools were allocated funding to be used to help student outcomes. Condamine State School received $6,350. Our job as a school was to identify an area where this funding could be used most effectively. There were criteria that we had to meet and the money needed to be spent in the lower school (Prep – 3) with a primary focus on the current Year 3 students. The way we are spending our money will help not only these students, but all students at Condamine State School. This money will allow us to improve the ratio of teachers/aides in the classroom allowing more teacher/teacher aide contact in our reading comprehension lessons. It also allow us to develop evidence based learning plans for students identifying which areas students need to improve in and target these areas. If you would like any more information regarding GRG, schedule a time with me and we can discuss it in more detail.

**Classroom Information Booklets**
In the next couple of days students will be bringing home a booklet titled “Classroom Information Booklet 2014”. This booklet gives students and parents an overview of what is happening in the Prep-3 and Year 4-7 classrooms this term. It provides overviews of our Spelling program, Reading comprehension programs, online activities and all our specialist programs. The booklet is designed to keep all members of community informed as to what is happening in your child’s classroom. If you have any question regarding what is happening in our classrooms. Don’t hesitate to contact Miss Walker or myself.

**Q Schools app**
Just a reminder about the Q schools app. There is a link on our school website. Q schools app allows parents and community members the opportunity to keep up to date with what is going on at our school. When our website gets updated it automatically sends messages to your phone. The app currently works on Iphones and Ipads, and it needs to be updated to at least iOS 6. If you have any questions regarding the app, give us a call or drop into the school to discuss it.

**School Website**
Be sure to keep in regular contact with our school website. It is a fantastic way to communicate with the wider Condamine Community. It is regularly updated with news, achievements, pictures and upcoming events. So stay in connected.

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to Goff Morgan for being selected in the South West Cricket Team.

With kind regards,

Mr James Duffy
Acting Principal
Prep – 3 Classroom

This term in the Prep-3 classroom, we have started work on patterns, place value, and time during our maths lessons. The Preps have had a lot of fun learning numbers 1-10 and singing months of the year, and days of the week songs. We have also started using the online learning resource Study Ladder to reiterate some of these maths concepts. The Prep group were very excited to receive their log in details and start using their laptops last week. It now takes us less than ten minutes to log in, a great achievement in Prep! In English, we have been focusing on persuasion and making opinion statements. The class have spent several lessons trying to persuade me to let them go to lunch early. We are also currently working on a Science unit focused on investigating ‘pushes and pulls’. Our assignment for this unit requires us to design and make a push or pull toy from recycled materials. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send along any useful materials you have at home. We are looking for things like plastic bottles, boxes, small pieces of wood, bottle caps/lids, string, short lengths of wire or pipe, rubber bands, straws, bamboo skewers, bubble wrap, containers, etc.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,

Miss Walker, Mrs Barkle and Mrs Bobo

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Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

It is a busy time in the Year 4-7 classroom. Students have been working hard on their comprehension skills. The last two weeks we have been focusing on
* finding the main idea and
* recalling facts and details.

In the past few days we have started this term’s Health unit. The unit title is “Buddy Games”. The 4/7 students will be learning about minor games, adapting and adding to the rules of these games and teaching them to the Prep – 3 class. Over the next 4-5 weeks students will be working hard getting their games ready for the lower school students. When the students have developed their lessons we will invite parents to watch the delivery of these lessons.

Spelling mastery groups are in full swing, students are learning about different morphographs, completing a variety of spelling activities, as well as regular assessment to gauge students understanding and progress.

Kind regards

Mr James Duffy
CONDAMINE STATE SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

AGM
&
GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 3.15pm

Everyone welcome

Please see attached P & C Membership Form Renewal
Please return before the meeting or at the AGM.

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MEET & GREET

After the P & C Meeting on Tuesday 4th
At Condamine State School

Everyone welcome

For catering purposed please return the form below by
Thursday 27th February

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MEET & GREET

We will be attending the Meet & Greet on Tuesday 4th March 2014.
For catering purposed there will be:

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

To
Emma Jackson, Shannie Morgan, Chloe Statham, Tahlia Morgan, Skye Titmarsh, Callum Bell, Harry Beeton & Goff Morgan for their selection in the Tristars team to compete at the Miles & District Swimming on Friday 21st February.

Goff Morgan for his selection in the South West Cricket Team.

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis lessons resume at the Condamine Town Courts on Monday 24th February.
Cost remains at $5.00 per child.
Lessons for the beginners will start at 3.15pm and for the seniors at 4.00pm.

New children welcome.

Enquiries phone Mel Bond—46271450

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Helen Wylie the School Clinical Nurse will be visiting the school this term—date to be advised.
The preps are tested for vision & hearing and the Year 6 and 7 students for vision & hearing if requested.
If you have any concerns with your child/children please contact the school so we can arrange an appointment for your child.