Dear Condamine State School Families,

Term 1 is well and truly in full swing. I would like to give a big thank you to the Junior Cricket dads who helped move the shelving in our sports shed. With their help we were able to clean and organise the sports shed, allowing our students to borrow in playtimes. Thanks again!

**Great Results Guarantee**
Our GRG proposal has been finalised and approved. We received $6,350. This money was allocated to us to target students in the Prep-3 classroom. Our intervention program began this week. We are using this money to employ Mrs Topp to work with the students in spelling, comprehension and reading with main focus being comprehension strategies. By having Mrs Topp in the classroom it lowers the teacher to student ratio benefitting all the students in the lower school. The program will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.00am – 11.00am. Staff and students all look forward to working with Mrs Topp and we will keep you posted with our progress.

**Individual Learning Targets – Benchmarks**
The students and teachers have been extremely busy the past few weeks completing all of our diagnostic testing. This testing allows us to gather base line data to see what level the students are currently working at. From this we are having conversations with the students to set individualised learning targets. In the next few days your child will be bringing their individual learning targets home. If you have any questions regarding this, contact your child’s class teacher and they will be happy to speak with you.

**Upcoming Events**
We are heading into a busy time of the school term. Keep an eye out for updates on our website. Some events coming up include – Students representing various sporting teams e.g. Tennis, Soccer, Netball, Swimming, Mr Duffy out of the school attending QSIL training, visitors to the school plus heaps more.

Thank You

Mr James Duffy
Acting Principal
Condamine State School
Prep – 3 Classroom

In the last fortnight, the Prep – 3 class have been very busy completing PAT testing, beginning English assignments, and exploring new Math concepts. We have been writing persuasive blurbs, articles, and books, developing opinion statements around our much loved Pigeon Books, measuring and comparing the lengths of various classroom objects, adding strings of numbers, partitioning 3 digit numbers, and making shape mobiles. The children were also introduced to Literacy Planet this week. Literacy Planet is an online learning resource where children can interact with various games and activities involving reading, comprehension, sight words, spelling, grammar, and phonics. All the children have had a great time completing these activities to earn money so they can decorate their avatars. This week, our year 3 students have begun working with Alison Topp on improving their comprehension skills in response to the GRG agreement. They will be continuing this program over the next 8 school weeks. A reminder that we will be starting our Science assignment (making a push/pull toy) next week; however we still need some recycled materials. Please send in any materials you have at home so we can begin planning and creating.

Kind regards,
Miss Walker, Mrs Barkle, Mrs Bobo, and Mrs Topp

CHALLENGE: Ask your child about the High Five strategy ☺☺

Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

This fortnight in the Year 4 – 7 classroom we are working on creating our persuasive text. All students are completing a practice piece before we move onto the assessment piece. This allows the students the opportunity to ask clarifying questions and ask for extra teacher support before completing their formal assessment piece. Both the year 4’s and 5-7’s have had the opportunity to go through their criteria sheets to see exactly how they’ll be marked. It also allowed the students to set goals as to what mark they will be aiming for. Hopefully the students will exceed their own expectations.

As for numeracy, the students have been learning about fractions, 3 digit no’s, square and triangular numbers, 3D shapes and even tangrams. Attached is some pictures of students racking their brains to solve the tangram puzzles and building 3D shapes.

Mr James Duffy
CONGRATULATIONS!!

To
Tahlia Morgan for selection into the South West Swimming Team to compete at Chandler on 24th March 2014.

Emma Jackson for her selection in the South West Team to compete in the Darling Downs School Sports Trials in Toowoomba on 31st March.

Tahlia Morgan for her selection in the South West Team for Basketball.

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Helen Wylie the School Clinical Nurse will be visiting the school this term on Monday 31st March at 11.30am.

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.

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A Night at the Village
Saturday 15th March
Doors open 6pm at the Miles Historical Village Museum

- BBQ Tea and Bar available
- Spotlight on three New Historical Displays
- Video Snippets of local events from the 80s
- Radio Play 'Shelter from the Storm' performed live
- Short 80s Trivia Challenge

More Information 46271492 or www.mhv.org.au
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Saturday 21 June 2014

Nettaball U8
Primary Football
Primary Netball
Secondary Netball

Medals for Winners
Best and Fairest Prizes

Multi-draw raffle

Please include our date on your calendar.
Nomination forms will be forwarded soon.

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