Dear Condamine State School Families,

**What’s happening at Condamine State School?**

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**
This week staff had the opportunity to be involved in our first training session of SWPBS. SWPBS was implemented early last year and as of this year we have been formally accepted into the scheme. It allows staff at Condamine to access additional support when dealing with behaviour. It is important to note that behaviour at Condamine is of a high quality. In saying this, we can always strive do things even better.

Our mission Statement – developed in consultation with our Responsible Behaviour Plan and SWPBS team members.

“Condamine State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and cooperative learning environment for students and staff. Where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

**SWPBS for Students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community”.**

Part of our SWPBS implementation is to develop a behaviour matrix. This week we sent out Condamine’s Behaviour Matrix (if it didn’t arrive check the school website – Forms and Documents). This document is an overview of the behavioural expectations we have at Condamine. Also, on this document are our four school rules. They are:
- Be Safe
- Learn
- Respect and Cooperate

Our behaviour matrixes are located at key locations around the school to remind students our expectations. Miss Walker and Mr Duffy will also be using this document to help our behavioural discussions with our students.

**High Five reminder**
Our Condamine High “5” is an excellent strategy for our students to use when they are having difficulties in class or in the playground. To remind our students the process we have given each student their very own “mini” reminder card which is attached to their desks. Also, some students have shown great maturity and requested to have a reminder card that they can carry in their pocket or pencil case to use a reminder when they are away from their desks.
Behaviour Mascot
This week students have been asked to design and name a behaviour mascot which we are going to use as part of our SWPBS. Our students have done a fantastic job with their creativity and imagination. Check out the Classroom section for some of the entries.

Touch training
Touch training will occur on the following days at Condamine State School -
Thursday 27th May
Tuesday 1st April
Thank you to Mr Godfrey Morgan for making himself available to help with the training.

Individual Learning targets
Year 4-7’s learning targets have all been finalised. On Monday and Tuesday all students were involved in discussions with Mr Duffy. From these discussions we were able to give our students a clear picture of “where they are” and “where they want to be”. Students will keep a copy of their learning targets at school and a copy will be sent home to parents also. If you would like to discuss any information or need clarification about the learning targets call Mr Duffy to organise a time to talk. Prep – 3 targets are being finalised and will be sent out early next week.

Easter Bonnet Parade – Free Dress Day
Holidays are fast approaching. We thought what better way to end a fantastic term than with an Easter Bonnet parade and free dress day. Our parade will occur on Friday 4th of April, 10:50am. On this day students will be able to wear free dress. Parents are more than welcome to attend. If we have any younger students who would like to join in the fun, decorate a bonnet and come on down. More details to come!

Old School Furniture
Outside our Music and Art room we have some unused school chairs. As they are of no use to the school, we are looking to offer them to community members. If you are interested in taking one or a couple, come and talk with Mrs Kocho and Mr Duffy before the 28th May.

Soft mats for sale
Ideal for protecting the backs of utes or protect your deck. They’re approximately 1m by 1m. $15 each or for 3 or $40.

Thank You

Mr Duffy

WORKING BEE
IN PREPARATION FOR SOCCER CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 27TH AT 1.00PM

TOUCH TRAINING: 27th March & 1st April at Condamine State School.

SOCCER TRAINING: 20th March and 25th March at Drillham State School at 4.00pm.
PREP-3 CLASSROOM NEWS
In the last fortnight, the Prep – 3 class have been completing assignments hand over fist. After a great response from families in supplying us with recycled materials, we have been busy designing, creating and testing push and pull toys. The Preps have had a lot of fun in Maths building houses out of 2D shapes, locating items, and directing peers around the classroom. They have also been enjoying learning about rhyming words during our literacy block. The Year 1’s, 2’s and 3’s have all completed their book covers, blurbs, stories, and articles, and are now all masters of persuasion. A new challenge for the students this week was to come up with a mascot as a behavioural tool for the school. Cods, bells, and bulls have been some of the more prevalent designs submitted so far. We have some very busy weeks coming up with the approach of the Easter holidays and I am sure we will all be looking forward to a much needed break by week 10.

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

CHALLENGE: Ask your child how to say good morning in Chinese! 😊

The Preps completing rhyming words activity ‘an’. Working hard on mascot designs.

Year 4 – 7 Classroom News
Always busy in the Year 4-7 classroom and this week is no exception. We have students representing South West, Tri-stars, and Condamine in various sporting pursuits. Students are also busy planning, drafting and editing their persuasive writing pieces. All students have made an impressive start and I look forward to seeing the final products.

In maths the year 4’s have been going crazy over coordinates. We used a variety of activity sheets, games, focused teaching and online learning resources to get our heads around this challenging concept. The year 5-7 students have been inundated with angles. Some of the angles we have been covering include reflex, revolution, corresponding, opposite, supplementary and of course my favourite – acute angles (ask you kids what trick Mr Duffy uses to remember this angle).

As mentioned earlier we have been involved in a competition to name our behaviour mascot. Below is a sample of what our students have come up with. Choose your favourite!! Students will be voting for the winner in the next few days. We will introduce you to our new mascot then.

Some of the suggested names include: Kola, Connie, Crack, Goldie and Scratch amongst others.

Thank You

Mr James Duffy
CONGRATULATIONS!!

To

Skye Titmarsh for her selection into the Miles & District Tennis Team. Skye will compete in Chinchilla on Thursday 24th April.

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Helen Wylie the School Clinical Nurse visit HAS BEEN CHANGED to Monday 5th May not Monday 31st March at 11.30am as previously advised.

The preps are tested for vision & hearing and the Year 6 and 7 students for vision & hearing if requested.

If you haven’t already returned your form please do so by this date.

If you have any concerns with your child/children please contact the school so we...

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- Friday 28th March: Miles & District Soccer Carnival
- Monday 31st March: School Nurse Visit
- Wed 2nd Thurs 3rd Apr: Explicit Teaching Conference—Mr Duffy
- Friday 4th April: End of Term I
- Tuesday 22nd April: Term II Begins
- Friday 25th April: Anzac Day Holiday

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Miles Chaplaincy Committee

Annual Monster Auction

Miles State High School
Saturday 29 March 2014
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 Snars 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

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Condamine State School P & C
Football Netball Carnival 2014

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Saturday 21 June 2014

Nettaball US
Primary Football
Primary Netball
Secondary Netball

For more information or to register:
Magie Morgan 07-4627 7388 / 0438 377 170
Stevie Stephen 07-4638 1171 / 0401 383 211

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

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Easter Saturday
Fantastic Fun Day!

Enjoy the Fantastic Easter Fun Day at the Chinchilla Historical Museum
Saturday 19th of April 2014
10.00am – 3.00pm

Easter Egg Hunt • Train Rides
Craft Stalls • Working Machinery
FREE ENTRY
2 course camp oven lunch available
12.30 pm
Adults $15.00 pp
Primary School Children $5.00 pp