Dear Condamine State School Families,

Welcome Back
Welcome back to term 2, 2014. We certainly have a busy term ahead of us. Anzac Day Service, Student leader ceremony Science Visits, Sport, NAPLAN, Financial Audit, P and C meetings just to name a few.

Soccer Carnival
Thank you for making yesterday such a successful day. Thank you to everyone who put their hands up to volunteer both in the lead up to the day and of course on the day itself (Many hands make light work). From all reports everyone had a great day. Few tired soldiers here at school today, but definitely worthwhile.

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Friday, 25th of April is a very important part of our history. On this day the Condamine Community run an ANZAC Day ceremony. Information in regards to the ceremony was handed out last term. The ceremony will begin at 5.45am Friday morning. Hope to see you there!

Science Visit
On Tuesday 29th of April we will have a visit from teachers from Columboola Education centre. The initial visit will see them get an understanding of what we are teaching in regards to the Science curriculum. From this the teachers will develop and teach targeted Science lessons in which our students will take part in later in the term/year. It is a very exciting opportunity with the hope of more collaboration between our school and the education facility.

Student Leader Ceremony
Thursday 1st May at 2:30pm we will be holding our Student Leader Ceremony. I have been extremely impressed with the attitudes and maturity of our year 6/7 students. They have shown myself and teachers at our school that they are responsible, mature students ready to undertake this very important role. Year 6/7 students will be bringing home information packs detailing what is involved in “being a leader” at Condamine SS.

Audit
On Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th Condamine State School will have our financial Audit. Mrs Kocho, myself and all staff are working very hard making sure we are as prepared as possible.

Cross Country
Condamine will be having their Cross Country on Tuesday 6th May, 9am – 11am. Students have been busy training each morning. Parents are more than welcome to attend this event to cheer on and/or volunteer. We ask for students to bring a plate of food for a shared morning tea.

NAPLAN
Students have been busily preparing over the past term to get ready for their NAPLAN tests. Year 3, 5, 7 students take part in the test which will take place on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th from 9:00am – 11:00am. For these two days there will be some change to our normal routine. We wish all students the best of luck.
**Buddy Readers**
This term we are beginning with our Buddy Reading Program. This is when students from Year 4-7 read with students from Prep – 3 under teacher supervision. Benefits to this program:
- Allows younger students to show off their ever improving reading skills to older students
- Practice out loud reading
- Promotes positive relationships throughout the school
- Older students become the “teachers”
- Older students can model effective reading strategies
We will keep you updated throughout the term to let you know how things are going.

**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.

Thank You
Mr Duffy

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**OUR SCHOOL CREED**

I’m proud of who I am and where I’m from.
I love my country and my school.
I respect my teachers and my friends.
May I do my best:
to enjoy my time at school,
to be a good friend,
to be honest and obedient
and to learn.

**HONOUR AND ENDEAVOUR**
CONGRATULATIONS!!

To

Goff Morgan for being selected in the South West Touch Team

&

Goff Morgan, Harry Beeton & Jed Statham (shadow) for selection in the Miles & District Soccer team.

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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Melbourne Cup Day Fundraiser

As you all know we have to keep the money coming in to keep our students supplied with the most up to date resources that we can afford. Our computer system all needs upgrading over the next two years so in order to provide funding for this expense, we will be holding a Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon.

For anybody who is interested in helping to coordinate this event:

THERE WILL BE A MEETING AFTER THE ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (AROUND 8AM) ON THE 25TH OF APRIL.

PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE.

Thankyou

From the fundraising and catering officers.
Hello to everyone in our community and welcome to those who are new this year. You probably have a general idea about the role of school chaplains but I thought that I’d share a bit more about it in my first newsletter.

Firstly, I’m employed by Scripture Union, but on a day to day basis I’m directed by the school principals and the Local Chaplaincy Committee. The Committee is comprised of people from our schools, council, churches and the arts. The Chaplaincy Programme is funded by the Federal Government and the people of this district.

My role is to support our students, families and staff represented by the five schools that I visit.

I offer support in three areas. I offer practical support by helping out in classrooms and school activities. I offer spiritual support by praying at special events, visiting churches and youth groups and by facilitating a lunchtime fellowship group at the high school. I offer emotional support by being a caring listener and by facilitating support programmes.

Programmes that I offer include craft groups, Rock and Water, Fun Friends and Drumbeat. Currently I am facilitating a craft group at Miles Primary and the High School. I am also facilitating a Christian fellowship group that we call Wrap Club at the High School.

Funding support for these programmes comes from our generous donors and fundraising events. To raise funds we sell food with the Lion’s Club at the Show and hold an Auction at the High School.

Auction
Thanks to the staff from GDL, the Miles High School, the Chaplaincy Committee, and a generous community, we raised over two thousand dollars this year.

Year 8 Camp
With all the confusion last year over the future of Columboola Education Centre, the Year Eight Camp was booked for Stanley River. We had a positive experience getting to know each other during our team building activities. Canoeing and rafting were favourites especially when canoes were upturned!

It is very encouraging though to know that Columboola Education Centre is still in action.

Easterfest
I had the privilege of being part of a team from Scripture Union who ran a variety of activities at Kids World at Easterfest in Toowoomba. We dressed in pirate outfits and ran quests, games and Bible Stories to hundreds of delighted children.

Lesley van der Vlugt
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Schools
Condamine State School- Fri
Dulacca State School- Fri
Drillham State School- Fri
Miles State School- Mon, Tues
Miles High School- Wed, Thurs

Save the Date!
The Miles Chaplaincy Programme celebrates ten years of chaplaincy with a dinner and entertainment on August 15 at 6:30pm. Entry is $35 per head. This covers a delicious three course meal that is catered by the High School hospitality class. Everyone is welcome.

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Tour De Meandarra

Experience the unique country vistas while competing in the MAMM Annual Bike Ride featuring a circuit course!

WHERE: Dillon Park, Meandarra (Behind the Bowls Club)
WHEN: Saturday 14th June 2014
TIME: 8.00am for Hannaford Circuit Once & Twice, 10am for all other tracks

Starting Points:
- Dillon Park Oval Circuit Little Kids Only-Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Truck Stop on Condamine Road & Back approx 3.3km- Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Mitchell's Lane & Back approx 6km- Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- 'Uralla & Back approx 15km- Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Western Road & Back approx 27km-1st Place Trophy
- Hannaford Circuit approx 67km-1st Place Trophy
- Hannaford Circuit Twice approx 134km-1st Place Shield Which Will Rotate Every Year
For The Winner, Single Trophy To Keep

Nomination Fee:
- Children $10.00 on the day or nomination and pre paid $5.00
- High School/Adults $25.00 on the day or nomination and pre paid $15.00

Every Primary School Child Will Receive A Certificate Of Participation Which Will Be Presented To Them At School Or Posted To Them

Anyone Wishing To Walk The Tracks Instead Of Riding Are Most Welcome To Also

Lucky Draw Raffle For Every Participant

Free Ice Block For Participants

Sausage Sizzle Lunch & Bar Will Be Available

Accommodation
Camping Is Available On The Brigalow Creek Or Meandarra Caravan Park
Camping Is Available At Dillon Park
Sara Street Cafe/Motel-46666121
Royal Hotel-46666183

Tour De Meandarra
Bike Ride Nomination Form 14th June 2014
One Form Per Person

Competitors Name............... DOB
Track..................Address
Phone...............Mobile..........Email
Medicare Number.............. Exp Date...... No On Card

Heart Problems/Yes No
Respiratory Problems/Asthma Yes No
Allergies.............Yes No
Blood Pressure Problems............Yes No
Epilepsy.........Yes No
Recent Tetanus Injection Yes No
Medication Name Yes No
Other Problems Yes No

Family Doctors Name............... Phone
I hereby authorise the doctor named above to provide hospital authorities or other qualified practitioner(s), additional information concerning any of the medical conditions identified above.

The medication(s) listed below have/have been prescribed by a registered medical practitioner

Emergency Contact:
Name......................... Phone
Address........................................

Disclaimer
I hereby authorise the organisers to obtain any medical or associated assistance which they deem necessary should any medical condition or accident occur. I agree to pay any medical, dental or pharmaceutical expenses incurred as a result of the above mentioned competions not covered by Queensland Ambulance Service or a personal medical benefits fund. I further authorise qualified practitioners to perform surgery, administer anaesthetic and/or administer blood transfusions if such an eventuality should arise, and after consultation with next of kin. I understand that, should such circumstances arise, the supervisors will endeavour to contact me by phone in the first instance.

Signature Of Competitor............ Date
Signature Of Parent/Guardian..... Date

PLEASE POST THIS FORM & YOUR NOMINATION MONEY TO PO BOX 107 MEANDARRA QLD 4642 OR EMAIL NOMINATION FORM TO stacey.taylormeadarra.com.au OR bettemeadarra@bigpond.com AND DIRECT DEPOSIT TO BCH 03930 ACCT 20032411717 AND USE YOUR NAME AS REFERENCE. ENQUIRIES PHONE STACEY-46666653 OR 0428827732 OR LYN 46666131