Dear Condamine State School Families,

**Report Cards**
Students in both PREP – 3 and Year 4 – 7 classrooms are completing their end of semester assessment. Students have worked extremely hard all semester and I’m sure they’re looking forward to a well deserved break in a few weeks.

Report cards will be handed to Mr Duffy for final inspection by **16th of June, 2014 (Start of Week 9)**. This allows us to have a final look through reports to make sure all information is correct.

Report Cards will then be placed into a sealed envelope addressed to students parents and sent home on the **20th June, 2014 (End of Week 9)**. It is encouraged that the reports are looked at by parents first and then shown to students.

Parent teacher interviews are a vital part of the report card process. We encourage parents to take the time to come in for interviews. It allows teachers to give an in depth review of how your child has gone throughout the first semester. It also allows parents to ask any clarifying questions about their child’s results and raise any concerns they’re having.

Parent Teacher Interviews will start **23rd June and continue all week**. If you would like to arrange a time, contact the school and we will schedule an interview. It is often difficult for parents who work to arrange a time to meet.

Give the school a call and we can arrange a time that suits.

**C2C**
Education has gone through many changes throughout the years. Over the past few years schools Australia wide have implemented C2C (Curriculum to Classroom). It is important for parents, students and teachers to have a clear understanding of the curriculum.

The main change with this curriculum is our expectations of what the students need to “know”. Also on expectations for students work has increased. This is reflected in how we mark our students. Here are some examples:

- **e.g.** Billy Smith is in grade 4, he receives a “C” mark for his English. *This means that he is working “at grade level” in English.*
- **e.g.** Bob Thompson is in grade 6, he receives a “B” mark for his Maths. *This means that he is working “above his grade level” in Maths.*

Our goal is to have all students at Condamine to be working “at level” or “above year level”.

Also, we assess KLA’s (key learning areas). For example English is a KLA. But, within your child’s English marks there are many areas to consider.

- **e.g.** When giving an English mark for year 4-7’s teachers assess the following: Spelling, Comprehension, Vocabulary, Punctuation, Reading and Writing.

In order for a student to gain a “C”, students need to be performing “at grade level” in most or all of these areas. Same as if your child receives a “B” your child needs to be performing “above grade level” in all or most of these areas.

It has been an adjustment period for both teachers and parents as it differs from how we have assessed and marked student reports in the past. I am more than happy to speak with any parents who would like additional information regarding this topic. Contact me at school to organise a time to sit down and go through this process in more detail.
**Lunchtime Training Athletics**
This year Condamine State School has chosen not to be a part of the TRISTARS athletics coaching to be held the last two days of term. Instead, students will be participating in lunchtime training sessions. In the past two weeks we have already started and have worked with students on their long jump and shot put skills. In the next few weeks we will concentrating on our sprinting and high jump. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer their time to help with this process it would be much appreciated. Mr Bruce Jackson and Mr Rian Morgan have already offered their services and we look forward to them providing us with their expertise.

**Behaviour Day**
Friday 27th of June, 2014 will be this semester’s behaviour day. Students are currently working extra hard earning “Condi” coins so they can be a part of this well-deserved day. Some activities include:
- 100 coins – Movie and Free Dress day
- 200 coins – Popcorn, Fizzy drink and an ice block
- 400 coins – Cooking and making pizzas

**Pyjama Day**
Pyjama Day is on Tuesday 17th June. Information about this day has been handed out to students. If you have not received information regarding this activity, contact the school and we will send another flyer home.

**Discipline Audit**
In term 3 (date to be determined) Condamine State School will be having a discipline audit. As a part of this process, members of the community and parents may be contacted and asked questions about Condamine State School. The purpose of this is to provide the auditor with valuable information about processes at school and see how clear our behaviour message is, not only at school, but also in the school community. Not all parents will be contacted in this process. However, I do want everyone to be aware so they are not caught off guard. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

**Parenting information**
In keeping with our philosophy of open communication between home and school. Condamine has enrolled in a program called “Parenting Ideas”. The program provides us with useful information. We then make this available to the community allowing us to work together more effectively. Our first piece of information is in this week’s newsletter and talks about “working with your child’s teacher”.

**Eisteddfod**
Thursday 29th of June our choir students participated at the Dalby Eisteddfod. All reports of the day have been extremely positive and the students were buzzing after their performance. Condamine’s choir received a “Very Highly Commended”. What an effort! All students and staff are very proud of their efforts and it proves that all the hard work paid off. Thankyou to parents for providing transport for the students involved. A **BIG THANKYOU** to Mrs Roxy Bidgood for her extra effort.

**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
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

DON’T FORGET

SCHOOL PHOTOS

THURSDAY 5TH JUNE
P-3 CLASSROOM

Assessment time in the P-3 class has come again, with the students working towards completing PAT testing and C2C unit assignments every day. We are also coming up to the beginning of some fun and crafty assignment pieces, such as building a model landscape in Science, creating a building with shapes in Technology, and putting together a memory box for History. So once again we are looking for boxes of all shapes and sizes. If you could help us out and send any boxes in it would be greatly appreciated.

A lot of excitement is building in anticipation of the upcoming Pyjama Day (17th of June) and Rewards Day on the last day of term. Students have been working their hardest at being learners, and being safe, respectful, and cooperative to earn as many Condi Coins as they can.

CHALLENGE: Ask your child how they say good morning in Egypt.

Kind regards,
Miss Walker, Mrs Barkle, Mrs Bobo

Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

Busy, busy, busy in the year 4-7 classroom (as always). This term has flown by and we are at reporting time already. We have been in assessment mode the past two weeks allowing students plenty of time to complete assessment tasks. PAT testing in all areas has been finalised and lots of students have either reached their mid-year learning goals or surpassed them!

Students have completed their planning for their memoirs (5,6,7’s) and literary recounts (4’s). Students will then write their drafts and hand in their final copies for marking later next week.

In Technology, students were given the task of designing and making a bag that could carry an item. Students had to choose materials, select a partner, follow design rules and create their design. Students have had a great time with this project. Some wonderful creations are in the making. Check out some of the nearly completed bags.

Thank You

Mr James Duffy
400 CONDI COINS
COOKING CUPCAKES AND PIZZA

200 CONDI COINS
POP CORN, DRINK, ICE BLOCK

100 CONDI COINS
FREE DRESS
MOVIE, FREE DRESS, LAPTOP
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Cross Country Wandoan
Great work Alastair on a fantastic run at Friday’s Cross Country.
Alastair finished first in his age event. Excellent effort.
Congratulations to Bonnie and Goff on being selected for the South West Cross Country Team.
Well done to all students who put in their best efforts at Friday’s cross country.

Touch
Congratulations to Goff Morgan for being selected in the Miles & District Touch Team, Goff made the possibles & probablies team.

Dalby Eisteddfod
Congratulations to our students who participated in the Dalby Eisteddfod on 29th May.
Bonnie Frost, Skye Titmarsh, Tamara Dorman, Dallas Connolly & Callum Bell.

DATE CLAIMER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday 2nd June</th>
<th>Miss Walker &amp; Mrs Barkle Phonics Workshop</th>
<th>Brisbane</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 3rd June</td>
<td>Mr Duffy—QSil</td>
<td>Roma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 4th June</td>
<td>Columboola Science Visit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 5th June</td>
<td>School Photos</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 12th June</td>
<td>Condamine Staff—SWPBS</td>
<td>Miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17th June</td>
<td>Pyjama Day</td>
<td>Condamine SS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 20th June</td>
<td>Report Cards to Parents</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 23rd June</td>
<td>Parent Interviews—all week</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE FOLLOW UP

Helen Wylie, School Health Nurse visited the school on 5th May 2014.
Helen wishes to advise that if your child’s screening test is normal you will not be contacted.
Parents will only be contacted if there is further assessment needed.
Melbourne Cup Day Fundraiser

DATE CLAIMER
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2014

DATE CLAIMER
THE GUMS STATE SCHOOL
LADIES INDULGENCE DAY
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2014
For further information contact:
Ruth Nixon

Casual Schools Officer - Grounds required
Drillham State School
Approximately 3¼ hours per week
Must hold or be able to obtain a suitability blue card
Application Package available by contacting:
The Principal
Drillham State School
13 Jardine Street
Drillham Q 4424
46 276289 or email
the.principal@drillhamss.eq.edu.au

Condamine State School P & C
Football Netball Carnival 2014

DATE CLAIMER
Saturday 21 June 2014

Netball US
Primary Football
Primary Netball
Secondary Netball

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