Dear Condamine State School Families,

**Everyday Counts** –
Just a reminder about the importance of regular attendance at school. Attached is a visual showing the importance of regular schooling.

**Communication** –
Communication is essential in the successful running of any school. Be sure to keep an eye out in student’s school bags, message folders for notes, website updates and text messages to keep up to date with what is going on at school. If you have any questions regarding what is happening at school, or would like extra clarification please call, e-mail or message Mr Duffy.

**Road Aware Visit website** –
Friday 8th of August saw a visit from the QGC Road aware crew. All students had a great afternoon learning about road safety. Be sure to check out the website which provides information for parents and also gives students the opportunity to enter a competition (ROADWIZE). If you would like your child to participate in the competition, fill in the nomination form and follow the prompts

**Miles and District Athletics** –
A reminder that Friday the 15th of August is the Miles and District Athletics Carnival. Students who were selected have all received information regarding the carnival. If you do have any questions give the school a call.
Tristars Athletics Carnival –
What a cracking day! Tuesday the 29th of August saw Condamine students travel to Dulacca SS to participate in the Tristars athletics carnival. Fantastic day! All students did Condamine proud. Great participation, excellent effort, fantastic behaviour. Big thank you to staff, students, community and parents for chipping in where needed and making it such a great day.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week
25th August – 31st August is this year’s National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Below is the link to the website. Lots of wonderful information for teachers and parents. Log on and check it out:
http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

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 James Duffy
Acting Principal
Let’s Get Organised

Here are some ideas to help your children be better organised:

1. **Routines take the worry out of remembering.** Homework routines, morning routines, even after-school unpacking routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after-school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.

2. **Have regular homework time.** Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal homework has been set then use this time for reading.

3. **Have morning round-up.** Remind children of the day’s events each morning so they can plan accordingly.

4. **Use routines and structure.** There are times when so much is going on in young people’s lives that they need structure and routine to help them get organised. Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children when they are busy.

5. **Make use of a check-list when it all seems too much.** Place a list of routine morning activities by a child’s bed and insist that it be checked before he or she goes to school. Lists are one way to help boys become better organised.

6. **Clear away the clutter.** A regular clean-up of desks and work areas can help children regain control of their environment.

7. **Less is better.** Encourage children and young people to bring home only the books that they will work on each night. Some children become overwhelmed when they have a bagful of books and they have difficulty knowing where to start.

8. **Use a diary to plan ahead.** Encourage your child to place homework, social and school events in a diary.
**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)**

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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
P-3 CLASSROOM

This fortnight in the P-3 classroom students have been writing poems and persuasive paragraphs, making place value bead strings and using them to solve maths problems, learning about odd and even numbers and fractions, and identifying living and non-living things within the school grounds.

We have also enjoyed the company of playgroup members on Thursday mornings. Playgroup members have been learning about our school routines and participating in some play based activities with Mrs Topp.

Garden Club members are once again busily making plans for new garden beds around the school. The older members of Garden Club have been brainstorming types of plants that would be suitable for the new garden beds. They have also begun experimenting with plants that can be grown from cuttings.

CHALLENGE: Ask your child whether teeth are living or non-living 😊

Kind regards,
Miss Walker, Mrs Eather, and Mrs Bobo

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Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

End of week 4 and the term is really flying. Students are well into their Maths and English units. Students are having a blast writing poetry. We have lots of poets, who didn’t know it!! Below is a sample of some of the students work. As you can see we may have some budding poets

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HAIKU

Under a flower
Beneath a lot of roots lay
A big worm at bay
By Bonnie

SOUNDS OF THE PADDOCK

HOoves rattling the earth like an earth quake
CRickets clicking a smooth song
BIRDS chirping softly
HORSES whining loudly

Written by Tink

NIGHT

Large red
dark hoovering blinding
hot warm cold light
brightening glowing shimmering

Tiny white
Moon
By Emma

Sounds of the farm
Tractors rumbling the ground
Utes roaring down the road
Trucks braking
Dogs barking loudly

By Alex

In the maths classroom year 4-7 students have been working together learning about measurement, length, area, perimeter and volume. Students have been participating in a variety of hands on learning giving them the opportunity to do, not just sit and listen. Last week students figured out the area of things around the school.

Big wrap to students who are valuing their own learning. Self-directed learning in the 4-7 classroom is on the rise and students really taking ownership of their learning. Nightly readers are being handed in every day and I’ve witnessed more sightings of spelling folders. Keep up the excellent work.

Mr James Duffy
CONGRATULATIONS!!

TRISTARS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Age Champions –
8yr old boys - Will and Travis
9 yr old boys - Alastair
10 yr old boys - Callum
11 yr old girls - Bonnie
12 yr old girls - Tahlia

Also, well done Condamine for taking out this year’s Ball Games trophy!

DATE CLAIMER

Friday 15th August Miles & District Sports Miles
Friday 29th August South West Athletics St George

Melbourne Cup Day Fundraiser

DATE CLAIMER

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2014
WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
Cheese & wine. M & D Regional Arts Council presents “Guzzi Cheese” – at Miles State High School for the Family.

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
5pm Miles Library Book Club.

7pm Opening & Promotions for the Photographic Competition.
Commemorating Australia’s History. Water Babies. Behind the Scenes of the Childhood of Australian Children. Poster Advert. Free entry. Featuring special guest, Scott Biddle. Includes an exhibition display of Scott’s work, with tokens to sell ALL MONEY GOES TO Thame, International Year of Family Farms – Capturing the Spirit (locations to be announced). Centre, Miles Library.

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
10am Miles & District Country Club Combined Race Day.
Presented by N & M D Anderson Race Club. 4 Races Program and all the Features of Country Racing. Sausage Sizzle, Kids ride and activities and rockers on the knoll. Entry to the Miles Country Club Bar and (Bar) from 1pm.

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
10am Environmental Science.
Anna Fiske – all welcome.

2pm Fishery Day Picnic at Pescara Park.
Bring your bags and enjoy a relaxing picnic and enjoy the facilities of the Australian Fish. 9D0 Pescara and admire the display. Check out the Mile and Trains 484.198.01) : a train and don’t forget your camera!

AUSTRALIAN WEEKEND
2pm The Tall Trees of the World.
Join the Chinchilla National Club for a tour of the Tall Trees. Follow this route through landscaped and native areas around the highland and tall trees growing and in the District. Car parking available on request. Bookings essential. Miles Country Club, Miles, 9427 1430. Don’t forget and don’t forget your camera!

TALL STRINGS WEEKEND
11am Ladies/High Tea with Elly Brooks.
This day is dedicated to the ladies of the District – come along and listen to this inspirational story of family values and enjoy a High Tea to celebrate the diversity and talents of our Farmers Women. Table bookings required for catering but not necessary. Sponsored by Origin.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND
11am Miles & District Bottle Tree Festival.
Come join us and celebrate our unique heritage. www.milesanddistricts.com.au
Open House: The Mathier Bros. Centre – community and town hall for FREE.

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
9am Wine
Enjoy a day tasting through Miles wines and some of the wonderful and quality collections of our visitors. (See Program for address of collections, with wine available. 93427 1460.
Deposits are required for Purchase on 21st September at 12.30 21st September at 12.30. Champagne lunch available at 11th October from 11am.

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
9am Sirromet Cellar Door.
Phone 8347 3333. Laidon, Queenswood Delicatessen & Gourmet Foods.

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9am Wine
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THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
9am Sirromet Cellar Door.
Phone 8347 3333. Laidon, Queenswood Delicatessen & Gourmet Foods.

AUSTRALIAN WEEKEND
11am Mr Merton’s Darlington to visit Schicks and Courtenay Hotel.

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
10am Miles Country Club Combined Race Day.
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Tour De Meandarra

Experience the unique country vibe while competing in the MAMM Annual Bike Ride featuring a circuit course.

WHERE: Dillon Park, Meandarra (Behind the Bowlo Club)
WHERE: Sunday 7th September 2014
TIME: 8:00am for Hannamford Circuit Gr6 & Gr5, 10am for all other tracks

Starting Points:
- Dillon Park Oval Circuit Little Kids Only – Models for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Track 1: Kirkland Road & Back approx 3.8km- Medium for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Track 2: Lake & Back approx 5km- Medium for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Track 3: Hospital Roundabout approx 7.5km- Medium for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Track 4: Western Road & Back approx 12km- 1st Place Trophy
- Hannamford Circuit approx 27km- 1st Place Trophy
- Hannamford Circuit approx 16km- 2nd Place Trophy
- Hannamford Circuit approx 10km- 3rd Place Trophy
- Hannamford Circuit approx 5km- 4th Place Trophy

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


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

Jumps Course

Free Ice Block For Participants

BBQ Lunch & Bar Will Be Available

Accommodation:
Camp St Is Available On The Broadwater Creek Or Meandarra Caravan Park
Camp St Is Available At Dillon Park

For More Information Please Contact:
Ash McManus
4622 1286
bar@commonwealthhotelroma.com.au

Roma Women’s Lifestyle Expo
9th & 10th August 2014
50% Adults
55 Concessions – 3 Day Pass for 2 Day Events
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2 Days of Free Workshops
Bookings Are Essential
To book please contact Ash:
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Exhibitors

Tour De Meandarra
Bike Ride Nomination Form 7th September 2014
One Form Per Person

Formal Name: ____________________________________________
DOB: ____________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

Track / Medical Number: ________________________________
Exp Date: ________________________________
On Card: ________________________________

Respiratory Infections/Allergies
Yes No

Lung Problems
Yes No

Blood Pressure Problems
Yes No

Other Problems
Yes No

Family Doctor Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________

Emergency Contact: ________________________________
Name: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________

This form to be completed by the individual who is completing it and any other qualified practitioner.

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

Signature Of Competitor: ________________________________
Photo: ________________________________

Signature Of Parent/Guardian: ________________________________
Photo: ________________________________

Please note: This form is your nomination entry to the ROMA LIFESTYLE EXPO 2013. You must sign to confirm your nomination. Please note: If you choose not to sign this form, you will not be able to participate in the event. Thank you for understanding.

Signature Of Competitor: ________________________________
Photo: ________________________________