Dear Condamine State School Families,

**Playgroup Update**
We are three weeks into our playgroup at Condamine State School. It is great to see new faces each week. Students this week participated in story time, designed a T-shirt using their favourite colours (a few were even able to write their names – very impressed!). Students were also able to play games in the home corner and they were able to show off their strength on the obstacle course. Big pat on the back to all our playgroup students, all are settling into their new environment and all students and staff look forward to their weekly visit.

**Miles and District Athletics**
Well done to students who last week participated at the Miles and District Athletics Carnival. All students represented the TRISTARS very well and they should all be very proud of the overall result. TRISTARS finished in second place. Congratulations to Callum, Tink and Bonnie who were selected to compete at the South West trials in St George on Friday 29th.

**Under 8’s Day**
On Thursday 4th September Condamine State School will be having an Under 8’s Day. Under 8’s day will run from 9:00am – 11:00am and includes all students at Condamine State School. The day coincides with playgroup day and would love for our playgroup students and parents to be a part of the morning. Mr Duffy’s class will be helping out by planning activities and helping to supervise the activities on the day. It will be a shared morning tea with students able to wear free dress. Activities will include face painting, obstacle course, craft, painting and a few surprise activities. Hope to see you all there!

**Book Week – Dress Up Day**
10:00am Thursday the 18th September Condamine State School will celebrate Book Week with a dress up day. On the day students can come dressed as their favourite book character. In class students will write a book report of their favourite book and participate in a best costume competition. We ask students to bring a shared morning tea and look forward to celebrating reading at Condamine! As this is a playgroup day we encourage the playgroup students to be a part of the dress up fun. Parents are more than welcome to attend the morning.

**P and C Meeting Date – Tuesday 9th September – Week 9**

**Junior Secondary Visit**
Mr Sean Maher will be visiting our next Condamine State School P&C meeting. Mr Maher is the principal of Miles State High School. He will be discussing the junior secondary program starting next year. Any interested parents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in learning more about the program, let me know and I can arrange for the information to be forwarded on.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN results will be arriving shortly. We are eagerly awaiting the results, as are the students and parents. When we receive the result they will be sent out in an envelope addressed to parents. We encourage parents to take the time to look through the results before showing them to their children. If you have any concerns, queries or questions about the results ring or e-mail me at school and we can arrange a time to talk.
Thank You to Parent Helpers
Big thank you to the parent volunteers who in recent weeks helped with the covering of newly purchased books. We appreciate the help and it allows us to get the books onto the shelves and available for our students to borrow. Thanks again.

Uniforms Reminder
With the winter months well and truly upon us we have noticed lots of jumpers and track pants being left at school and in our lost property. We have done a big clean of the school and tried to return the clothing back to their owners. If you are missing any winter clothes come up and check out lost property.

Band 5 Principal’s Visit
Tuesday 9th September some local band 5 Principals will be visiting our wonderful school. Miss Wendy Fergus (Drillham), Mr Mark Thompson (Dulacca), Mrs Robyn Westman (Grosmont) and Miss Pauline Kerwick (Guluguba). We look forward to their visit.

Pedagogy Coach Visiting Condamine State School
28th August will see Mrs Stacey Adamson visit our school. Mrs Adamson is our cluster Pedagogy Coach. She will be working with both Mr Duffy and Miss Walker. Mrs Adamson helps the teachers become better teachers.

Sports Meeting
On 12th of September Mr Duffy will be travelling to Miles to participate in a Primary School Sports meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what will happen with primary school sport in 2015. If parents have got any questions about what will happen in 2015 e-mail or call and I can take these questions to the meeting to discuss in greater detail.

NRL Development Officer Visiting
On Friday 5th September Prep-7 students will be participating in a NRL backyard league competition. The afternoon is being run by local NRL development officer Mr Bignell. The games are modified with no contact and the program is run to encourage students to live a healthy, active lifestyle and have some fun.

Prac Student
On Monday 25th we will be welcoming a Practical student Miss Bianca Ellery. Miss Ellery joins us from the University of Queensland. Miss Ellery is currently in her 3rd year of her teaching degree. I have spoken to Miss Ellery and she is very excited about coming to Condamine SS. Miss Ellery will be working in the year 4-7 classroom.

Garden Club
Exciting times at Garden Club. We have recently purchased new gardens to be set up around the school. We are hoping to use students and Miss Walker’s expertise to create student gardens. Ideas are flooding in already with some suggestions including pizza gardens and flower gardens. Let us know if you have any thoughts/ideas on what type of garden the students can create?

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
SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)

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**SWPBS Training – Tier 3 Training**
Thursday 11th September will see Condamine Staff go to our next round of SWPBS training. As a staff we have learnt a lot through the training and look forward to learning more about behaviour management strategies and how we can improve behaviour at our already great school.

**SWPBS Focus Lessons**
The first of our Behaviour focus lessons have begun in both the Prep – 3 and the Year 4-7 classrooms.

For this term we are focusing on **RESPECT**. In the prep classroom students participated in role play activities which allowed students to show off their wonderful acting talent. In the 4-7 class we split into groups and come up with “What respect looks/sounds like at Condamine State School”. This is what the students came up with.

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

HONOUR AND ENDEAVOUR
### P-3 CLASSROOM

This fortnight in the P-3 classroom students have been learning about positional language, representing 2 digit numbers, dividing 3 digit numbers, creating healthy habitats, developing personal hygiene plans, exploring primary and secondary colours, and continuing on our endeavour to become great poets.

Garden Club members have been weeding the veggie patches and planting petunias into new pots this week. We were very excited to discover some worms living in our garden, and had a great time giggling as they wriggled on our hands.

**CHALLENGE:** Ask your child what a healthy habitat for a worm looks like. 😊

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

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### Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

Yet another exciting fortnight in the year 4-7 classroom. Students are continuing to learn about poetry. Our focus for year 4 students has been poetic devices including: puns, spoonerisms and alliteration. Our year 5-7’s have been learning about odes and anthems. Students have started writing their very own Condamine State School Anthem. I have had the opportunity to read early drafts and have been more than impressed. Can’t wait to see the finished result.

Reading, Reading, Reading is really paying off. Mrs Long has been testing students on their fluency, reading and of course comprehension. A number of students this week have moved up reading levels and some have reached their end of year learning target.

In maths the year 4’s have sat their marvellous measurement assessment task. All students have done a great job and I am looking forward to seeing the results of all their hard work. The year 5-7’s have been going crazy learning about common fractions, decimal fractions and percentages. Students this week used games to really cement home their understanding of this difficult concept.

Mr Duffy
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Well done to the following students who were selected to compete in the South West Athletics Trials.

To be held at StGeorge on Friday 29th August.

Callum, Bell, Bonnie Frost and Tahlia Morgan

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Melbourne Cup Day Fundraiser

DATE CLAIMER

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2014
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THE GUMS STATE SCHOOL
LADIES INDULGENCE DAY
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2014
For further information contact: Ruth Nixon
The Gums State School
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MEANDARRA SHOW
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
### South West Queensland - Three Day Junior Camp - Entry Form

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**Signature**:

*Note: Payment must be made by the 1st November 2014.*

**Payment Method**

- [ ] Cheque/Cash
- [ ] Bank Transfer

**Total Amount**: $50.00

**Name on Card**:

**Card Number**:

**Signature**:

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### South West Queensland

**Three Day Junior Golf Camp**

**Miles Golf Club**

**Sunday 21 September - Tuesday 23 September 2014**

- Cost: $50 for three days
- Includes tuition from PGA Professional Lee Bartlingham,
- Two clubs for all players of all experience levels are provided to attend
- Includes range balls, driving range, putting green fees, prizes and lots of fun

Participants are required to bring a hat, water bottle, golf clubs and happy.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Lee Bartlingham on 0413 855 061 or email: lee@bartlinghamgolf.com.au

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