Dear Condamine State School Families,

**Welcome Back – Term 4**
Big welcome back to all students and staff. Hope everyone had a very nice and relaxing holiday. Term 4 is looking to be a very busy term. Swimming, Assessment, Graduations, Camps and Report Cards to name a few.
Term 4 is always an exciting term and one that disappears very fast. We look forward to a great term. Keep an eye out for newsletters, notes and our website of updates about what is going on at Condamine.

**2015**
Just recently we have received word from Mr Russell Simpson that the selection process will now commence to fill the position of permanent Principal at Condamine SS from the start of 2015.
Part of this process involves the P and C. The P and C will nominate a community representative to sit on the selection panel. This process will take a number of weeks to complete. When we know who the successful applicant is, we will inform the school community.

**Swimming**
Swimming lessons are fast approaching. Early this terms permission notes were handed out detailing how our lessons will run. Swimming lessons will be from 11:00am – 2:45pm. Students will travel by bus to Miles Swimming pool where they will participate in 2 swimming lessons. If you would like more information regarding swimming lessons give the school a call to discuss.

**Camp – Tallebudgera – Term 4**
Sunday 16th November through to Friday 23rd of November (Week 7, Term 4).

**Bush to Beach – photos**
On Thursday 16th of October we had a visit from the Bush 2 Beach team. The students thoroughly enjoyed the information session. Students learnt about beach safety, sun safety and dangers associated with the sea. All students had a blast.

**Melbourne Cup – School**
Tuesday 4th of November is a very important day on our nations sporting calendar. To celebrate the day, Condamine State School will be holding a Melbourne Cup dress up day. Attached to this newsletter is all the information.
**Discipline Audit Results**

Wednesday 8th of December saw Mr Raymond Pearce visit our school to complete our Discipline Audit. Our results are back and we have done very well. We scored “High” in all areas. Big thank you to all parents, staff and students who were a part of the audit process.

**150th Path**

We are pleased to announce that work on our 150th celebration path will commence in early November. We have completed our quoting process and chose the successful contractor. We are all looking forward to seeing the completed path.

**State Athletics**

Congratulations to Tink and Callum who this week participated at the Queensland Primary School Athletics in Brisbane. Both students tried their best and learnt a lot from the experience. Great effort!

**Attendance**

With such a busy term coming up it is important to talk about attendance. We have noticed a decline in attendance. It is vital that students are at school as often as possible. Currently our attendance rate is 88%. This is down on our target of 92.5%. We all have to keep working hard to drive up our attendance rate.

**Problem Solving**

This term Mrs Lesley Van der vlugt will continue working with a small group of students and focusing on extending their problem solving skills. Each session students will focus on a different problem solving strategy and look to use this strategy to answer questions. We look forward to seeing students’ progress.

**Junior Secondary**

As part of our Junior Secondary preparation we have invited representatives from both Miles State High School and Fairholme College to visit our school.

27th October, 2014 – 12.15pm

Miles State High School - Mr Lance Kimlin

**Fairholme School Visit** – Kylie Wallis

After students have met with the school representatives we encourage parents to come in to introduce themselves. If you would like to bring a plate of food so parents, students and School Representatives can have a shared morning tea.

**Soft Mats For Sale**

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

Thank you

Mr Duffy
**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)**

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**SWPBS Focus Lessons –**

Our behaviour focus for weeks 2/3 is: **Be Safe – Classroom - Focus – Keep Hands and Feet to yourself**.
Both prep - 3 and Year 4 – 7 classrooms will be taking part in lessons talking about safety in the classroom.

**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

We have had a great start back this term with the P-3 students starting their new units with enthusiasm. Many of the students are also looking forward to completing their final PAT tests for the year and reaching, if not passing their end of year goals. Over the last fortnight the Year 3 students have enjoyed learning how to use the functions in Publisher to create bookmarks. The P-2s thought this looked like so much fun that they convinced me to let them make bookmarks as well. This of course was a lot harder than they had anticipated, however we persisted and the results were fantastic! We have also enjoyed learning about materials and their properties in our new Science unit and are currently making plans to set up a paper recycling system within our class. Garden Club members have had a great start to the term removing winter plants to make way for new veggies and planting some beautiful flowers that were kindly donated by the P&C.

CHALLENGE: Ask your child how paper is made. 😊

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

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Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

Welcome back to the Year 4-7 classroom for another term. Very exciting and busy term ahead of us.

Technology – Students are to design and create a knitted/loom product for a prospective client. Students are already into the planning phase and are looking forward to show off their knitting skills. Can’t wait to see the final product.

Art – Look Out!! Year 4-7 have caught the Saturday Night Fever. Students will be participating in a Dance unit. Students have to follow a choreographed dance then turn their talents to making their own dance. I’m very excited to see what the students come up with.

English – Year 4’s are engrossed in a class adventure novel “Rowan of Rin”. Students are participating in an online discussion through edstudio which allows students to answer questions, provide input and discuss the novel amongst their classmates. Very exciting as this is an activity the students have not seen before. We will keep you up dated with its progress.

Plus much, much more. Keep an eye out for your term booklet which will be sent out next week giving an overview of what is happening in our classroom.

Mr Duffy
CONGRATULATIONS!!
To Callum Bell and Tahlia Morgan
Who competed at the State Carnival in Brisbane from
Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th October.

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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
P and C Assn

2 PLAYS for the PRICE of 1 over 4 NIGHTS
Miles Regional Arts Council Inc
Presents Hugh O’Brien’s
“LOVE to DECLARE”
And Phil Tyler’s
“SOME MIRACLES DO HAPPEN AFTER ALL”
These Aussie scripts will be performed by local casts
Leichhardt Centre
Miles
on 24th, 25th, 31st October & 1st November
Plays Directed by
Sally Presnell and Maree Dolan
Be part of a fun night out!
Organise a group - Bring a picnic tea or
just turn up for the performance
Tickets at the Door
Tables can be booked at the Dogwood Crossing
46794430
Doors Open at 6.30pm and Performances start at
7.30pm
Bar Available
Members $15  Families $20  Students $5
Non-members $20  N-M Families $40

Where: Condamine Rugby Club
The Fish Tank Condamine QLD 4416
Saturday 1st November- 10.00am to 2.00pm
Age Groups: Little Legends (5, 6 & 7 Years), Junior Champs (8 & 9
Years) & Future Stars (10 & 11 Years)
Condamine/Chinchilla are forming a new Junior Rugby Union Club in 2015!
To find out more information please call or email Michael Shepherd on
6407 628 990  Michael.stephen@bigpond.com

- Professional coaching program
- Family pass to a Reds game of your choice (valued at $110)
- 10% off Reds Merchandise
- Rookies2Reds pack
Melbourne Cup Vintage High Tea
(presented by the Condamine State School P&C)
in the garden of Kate and Ben Taylor
“Home-Leigh”, Condamine Q 4416
(25km South of Condamine on the Leichhardt Highway)
Tuesday 4th November 2014 from 10:30am
Tickets must be pre-booked.

Fashion Parade by:

Moskie
CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES BOUTIQUE

Tickets $35 pp

- Please join us for a day of fun, fine food, racing and fashion
- Live Racing Coverage
- Ticket includes glass of champagne on arrival and High-Tea
- Raffles and Sweeps available
- Fashions of the Field, with best dressed man, woman and couple

For Bookings please contact:
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0429 495 078
luke.jenn@bigpond.com
or
Heidi Beeton
0427 277 278
heidi@condamineseeds.com

Stalls by:

- 4littleones
- LK Homewares
- Spirited Style
- Kylie Bourne Mosaics
- Scott Bridle Photography
- Heidi’s Gifts
- The Fudge Lady

Bookings by Friday 17th October

If your “other half”, wants to come, but does not want to partake in High-Tea
there is the option of them attending for the “Live Racing Coverage” and having
some nibbles for $10.

By supporting this event you will help the Condamine SS P&C raise funds for IT Resources. Thankyou!
Melbourne Cup Race Day

As part of our fundraising, Condamine State School will be holding our very own Melbourne Cup celebrations. So get all dolled up in your finest race gear and help celebrate the race that stops a nation. Students will be asked for a gold coin donation and to bring a plate of food to add to the carnival atmosphere.

**When:**
Tuesday 4th November, 2014
Plate of food for morning tea time

**Where:**
Condamine State School

**What to bring:**
A gold coin donation
Plate of food

**Fashion in the field categories include:**
Students are to come to school in free dress.
Best Male and Female race goer
(Girls no high heels, or thin straps unless covered by something e.g. a scarf)

Best Jockey/Bookie/Horse? (Be creative)

Best Hat/Fascinator (no need to spend an arm and a leg, get creative and design your own)

Prizes will be awarded for all best dressed categories.

Mr Duffy
Miss Walker