Dear Condamine State School Families,

**Write On – online learning course**
On Tuesday’s the girls from years 5 – 7 have been participating in an online Writing course “WRITE ON!” The girls are thoroughly enjoying their hourly sessions learning about ways they can improve their writing skills. Mrs Kocho is supervising the program which involves an online teacher and the girls get to work with Miami State School FROM the Gold Coast. We look forward to hearing and seeing their progress over the course of the term.

**Swimming Date Change**
There has been a date change for one of our swimming lessons. In recent communication we said that we will be having a swimming lesson on the 12th of November. This date has changed to the 11th of November. My apologies for the change.

**Origin Visit – Photos – Raised $1000 for School and QCWA**
Condamine students were involved in the Origin Energy Roadshow. Students had an enjoyable morning learning about how electricity is made. Students were then given the opportunity to generate their own electricity. They used pedometers to monitor how much electricity they were generating. They danced, used their brains, participated in physical activities and rode bicycles. All up we generated 830kj’s of energy. Due to the students hard work we raised $1000 for the local QCWA and $1000 for the school. Condamine SS would like to thank the Origin Energy Roadshow for their visit. The students had a great time.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR SWIMMING**
* HAT
* SUNSCREEN
* SWIMMING TOGS
* SWIM SHIRT
* LUNCH
* WATER BOTTLE
**Attendance for this semester to date**
Attendance is heading in the right direction. Great work everyone. Aiming for 92+

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**150th Footpath Start Date**
We have a confirmed starting date for the 150th path. Rock Hard Concreting will begin work on Monday the 3rd of November. Workers will take a few days to tear up and lay the slab. The slab will then need to set for a week. The contractors will then come back and put the finishing touches on the job. We look forward to seeing the finished result.

As this area will be a construction site and near the entrance to the school. We will have to make alternate arrangements when entering the school. We will let students and parents know of the changes upon arrival to school on Monday.

**Extension Numeracy – Chappy**
Every fortnight Chappy has been visiting our school to do extension maths work with a few students from years 4-7. Student are enjoying the challenge of trying to solve Chappy’s tricky questions. We’ll keep you up to date with their progress.

**Shelves for Sale**
We have some shelving for sale. If you are interested in some old library shelving drop in and see either myself or Judy to discuss further.

**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
Self-doubt and lack of confidence hold more kids back than any other factor.

You can send kids to the best school available but they won’t be happy and achieve unless they feel confident in their abilities.

Real confidence-building is the most important skill you can develop as a parent. Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence learn more, achieve more, have more friends and are generally happier than those with low levels of confidence.

But building a child’s confidence is complex. It is not just a matter of becoming a praise robot heaping positive comments on kids at the first sign of them doing something well. For some children praise is meaningless.

CONFIDENT kids take learning risks; they can separate themselves from failure or lack of success; and they aren’t dependent on the approval of their parents. I guess this last reason is why so many youngest kids are risk-takers as they are not as concerned as eldest kids about the approval of their parents.

But knowing this stuff is one thing. Getting inside kids’ heads and shifting their thinking is another thing entirely.

Self-esteem and confidence-building is more than developing children’s capabilities as very competent children can be filled with self-doubts. You have do more than teach them to be optimistic as a Pollyannish feel-good view of the world won’t mean a child will take risks when they meet real challenges.

REMINDER

**Working Bees:**

**SUNDAY - 2pm**
- meet at the school with utes (if possible) and then proceed to Kate and Ben's
- jobs to do erect tents / marque, sort TV cables, set up chairs / tables, lift toilets etc etc etc
- the more helpers the better

**MONDAY - All day** - at Kate and Ben's
- setting tables, lots of little jobs
- flower arranging

**TUESDAY** - Mandy has asked for helpers to make sandwiches at the school - at 7am!!
Please let her know if you can help out.

We still need:
- FLOWERS - does anyone have some to spare????
**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)**

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**SWPBS Focus Lessons —**

Our behaviour focus for weeks 4/5 is:

**Cooperate — Whole School**

**FOCUS** — "High Five".

Both Prep - 3 and Year 4 – 7 classrooms will be taking part in lessons talking about cooperation—in the classroom and in the playground.

**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**

It is already week 4 and we have begun working on our end of year assessment pieces. Students have started completing their final PAT tests and are itching to see their updated results.

Over the last fortnight students have enjoyed experimenting with the water resistance of a variety of materials. They are now excitedly making plans to create the perfect lunch box for Mr Duffy, as their final Science assignment involves the all-important task of getting Mr Duffy’s sandwiches to school safe and ‘un-soggy’.

Garden Club members have been working hard to keep the water up to our gardens, as the weather has become increasingly warmer. We have also planted out our pizza garden with capsicum, basil, oregano, chives, parsley, and spring onions which were kindly donated by two lovely students in the P-3 class.

**CHALLENGE:** Ask your child if cardboard is waterproof.

Kind regards,

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

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**Year 4 – 7 Classroom News**

Week four in the Year 4 to 7 classroom and we are firing on all cylinders. Year 4 students are engrossed in their class novel “Rowan of Rin”. Students are keeping track of the books progress through our online classroom. Students get to post, reply and talk about different elements from the book.

Year 5/6/7’s are working on an author study where they identify similarities and differences in their authors writing styles. From this students will then present their information to the class as an oral presentation.

All students are working hard on their technology projects. Students had to design a knitted product for a client. Students have been busy knitting, looming and French knitting. Looking forward to seeing the end results.

PAT testing has begun this week. We have completed our Grammar and Punctuation and Maths. I have been extremely happy with the results and the effort students have put in.

Mr Duffy
CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Shannie Morgan

A photo of Shannie bowling leg spin for Darling Downs at the 15 years and under Girls State Cricket Titles recently held at Gympie. Shannie was named man of the match on this day for taking 3-12 off her five overs against Capricornia. The Darling Downs Team competed very successfully finishing 3rd overall.

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THE GUMS STATE SCHOOL
LADIES INDULGENCE DAY
SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2014
For further information contact:
Ruth Nixon
The Gums State School
P and C Assn

Miles And District
Junior Netball
Break Up and A.G.M
2nd of November
2PM to 5PM
Miles Pool
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

For Bookings please contact:
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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

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!
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
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
This Friday and Saturday Nights
31st Oct & 1st of Nov
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 $30 Students $5
Non-members $20 N-M Families $40

LETTERS FROM SANTA!
Yes, that’s right - your child can receive a personalised letter from Santa Claus, if they write before 14 December and include their full name and address.

Santa Claus, North Pole

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Children must be aged 7 years and under

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