Dear Condamine State School Families,

Melbourne Cup – School

Tuesday 4th November saw students celebrate “the race that stops a nation”. Students really got into the spirit of the day going to great lengths to look the part for the day. We had best dressed categories for best race goer male and female, best costume, and best hat/fascinator. Congratulations to all the winners on the day. We all had a ball!!

**Best Costume** – Shannie Morgan and Goff Morgan  
**Best Hat** – Tink Morgan and Millie Philp  
**Best Race Goer Male/Female** – Alastair Philp and Chloe Statham

Melbourne Cup – P&C

Tuesday 4th of November saw Condamine SS P and C organise a community high tea. The event was held at Home-Leigh for a crowd of 140 keen race fans. The day was a huge success filled with scrumptious food, cold beverages and exciting racing action. On behalf of Condamine State School we would like to thank all community members who helped out before, during and after the day. Without your support, events like this would not be possible.

Thank you!

Swimming

Our Condamine State School swimming program is up and running. Students travelled to Miles on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Students are working hard on water confidence, swimming technique, rescue skills, all whilst having lots of fun. The weather has been very kind and I have to applaud the students on their exceptional behaviour, listening skills and attitude towards the program. We look forward to our next 3 lessons which are being run in Week 8 – 24th, 25th and 26th of November.

Swimming Carnival/Behaviour Day

Monday 8th December, 2014. Schedule will be coming out in our next newsletter.

Awards Day

Wednesday 10th December, 2014. Condamine State School. 9:00am – 1:00pm – Schedule will be coming out in our next newsletter.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR SWIMMING**  
*HAT  
*SUNSCREEN  
*SWMIMG TOGS  
*SWM SHIRT  
*LUNCH  
*WATER BOTTLE
**Graduation**
Year 6/7 Graduation will be held on Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} December, 2014 at Arubial. Mrs Kocho will be posting invitations next week.

**Camp reminder – Year 5/6/7**
Just a quick reminder that year 5/6/7 students will be away week 7. They will attending the Tallebudgera camp. We leave Sunday 16\textsuperscript{th} at 9:00am. Get there early so we can complete roles, assign buses and load luggage. Any questions give Mr Duffy a call at school.

**School Opinion Survey**
Our 2014 School Opinion survey has been returned. Thank you to parents, students and staff who took part in this process. As a school we are extremely happy with our results.

**Best yard award 2014 - Condamine**
In the next few weeks we will be voting for the best teacher garden in Condamine. Mr Duffy and Miss Walker have been locked in battle all year with both teachers working hard tending to their gardens. After a red hot start to the competition Mr Duffy’s lawn is peaking at the perfect time and is primed and almost ready for the judge’s decision. With many positive comments coming from the wider community and even a request from the Chronicle to do a feature article in the upcoming gardening section. Miss Walker is not going down without a fight though with an array of striking roses which have peaked perfectly just before judging. We will be asking students and parents to vote in the upcoming weeks with bragging rights going to the winner. Watch this space!!

**Attendance Info**
Term four is flying along and attendance is on the up and up. We are currently at 91\%. We are edging closer and closer to our end of year goal of 92\%+. Thank you everyone. Great job!!

**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 protecting your deck. They’re approximately 1m by 1m. $15 each or 3 for $40.

Thank you

Mr Duffy

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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
Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day.

OK reasons to stay home from school:
- sick
- natural disasters

It's NOT OK to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays.

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference.

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years.

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before.

Good attendance begins in Prep.
It’s where good habits begin.

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in student attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points.

What parents can do:
- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child’s day
- Volunteer to help at school
- Get involved in your child’s school

For more information
Go to the Every day counts website: http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

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March 2014
**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)**

### SWPBS Focus Lessons –

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**SWPBS Focus Lessons –**

Our behaviour focus for weeks 6/7 is:

*Cooperate—Playground FOCUS—Follow the rules of the Game.*

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

The last fortnight has been a busy one for us in the P-3 room. We have started our assessments for all subject areas now. Students have been working on the perfect lunchbox for Mr Duffy, with all sorts of creations taking shape. They have also started their English assignments which include, writing a dialogue for a character in a story, writing a new narrative event for a story, and reflecting on the plot of a story. In History we have been enjoying reminiscing about past events and researching local historical landmarks.

After finding the missing top to our worm farm, (thanks to the lovely Erin) Garden Club members have finally been able to begin creating a cozy home for some very lucky worms. The students plan on feeding the worms our left over Fruit Snack scraps.

**CHALLENGE:** Ask your child what fruit worms don’t like 😊

Kind regards,

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

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**Year 4 – 7 Classroom News**

Wow! What a busy term. The days and weeks are just flying by. Year 4/7’s are over the moon with all of their PAT testing complete for 2014. We have finalised our Individual Learning Targets and are ready for our teacher – student interviews before we send the results home.

This week started with swimming lessons in at Miles. Big thank you to all students for their wonderful attitude, organisation, listening skills through the two sessions. The year 4/7’s really lead by example. Great to see!!

The past week Year 5/6/7 students have been preparing for camp. We have spent some time doing our pre camp activities. The students are very excited and are looking forward to the upcoming adventure.

**Important dates:**
- Swimming Lessons – Nov 24th, 25th, 26th
- Swimming Carnival and behaviour afternoon – 8th December
- Awards Day – 10th December
- Graduation (year 6/7 students and family members) – 10th December
- Miles SHS transition Days – 1st and 2nd December
- Break up day – Condamine State School – 12th December

Mr Duffy
For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

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HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR 2015
Abrahams Drapery would appreciate orders being placed for uniforms for the start of High School next year. As there are going to be more students than usual changing over to secondary school, the problem of sizing arises. To help with having enough of the required sizes on hand, we are asking that parents bring children in to be fitted and order uniforms by 21st November 2014. This is the latest date that we have to obtain stock for the start of the new school year.
For further information contact
Abrahams Drapery (07) 4627 1516
Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld. Inc.
Condamine Western Downs ICPA Branch

TERTIARY BURSARY
A $500 Bursary to assist with tertiary study is available for 2015.
This is made possible by donations from the Branch and individual members.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility Criteria:
The Bursary is available only to students beginning study at a University, TAFE or Agricultural College in 2015. This includes Apprentices.
The applicant’s parents MUST be current members of the Condamine Western Downs ICPA Branch.
Applicants must be undertaking a full time Degree, Diploma or working towards a Certificate IV through an Apprenticeship.

Applications: Applicants must submit the following information

- Year 12 Results/Senior Certificate.
- Proof of entry into chosen course of study.
- Two references (school based are acceptable).
- Resume of interests and achievements other than academic (sporting, cultural etc.)
- Statement explaining career goals and personal circumstances.
- Brief explanation on how the Bursary is to be spent. (University students may choose to pay for first semester books or fees, an apprentice may choose to pay for tools etc.)

Cover page to include name and contact details - address, phone number & email.

Applications to be sent by 15th February 2015 to:
Secretary Condamine Western Downs ICPA
4644 Butlers Road
DULACCA Qld 4425.
Phone: (07) 4627 6045
Email: adelehughes@bigpond.com

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications can be submitted by post or email to the above address.
The Selection Process will be based on scholastic ability; evidence of non-academic personal achievements; the content of references; and the commitment by the student to return to a rural area with the qualifications gained.
Representatives from local schools and the community will select the winner.
Presentation of the Bursary will take place on 31st March 2015.
Photos & articles will be made available to the media and the ICPA.