Dear Condamine State School Families,

Thank You –
Big thank you to Mr. James Beeton for lending us his forklift last week to help with the moving of the pavers. The Rock Hard concreting boys really appreciated the help.

Camp Wrap up –
Last week year 5/6/7 students attended the Tallebudgera camp on the Gold Coast. All Condamine students had a fantastic time. Their behaviour was first class. I was very proud of their efforts. Some of the activities included: Sailing, Tobogganing, Beach Activities, Bush Walking, Rock Pools and of course Wet ‘n’ Wild. Big thank you to Condamine P and C for supporting this camp and raising the necessary funds in order for all our students to experience this great camp. Go Muddies!!

New signs –
Thank you to Mr. Bruce Jackson for installing our brand new school and behaviour signs. Our school sign is located at the front of the school. Our new behaviour logo reminds students of our 4 school rules – Be Safe, Respect, Cooperate and Learn but also has pictures of things Condamine students and the community value – Condamine Bell, Condamine River, Academics and Sporting Endeavours.

150th Path completion –
It gives me great pleasure to announce the completion of our 150th path. Work on the path has been happening for the past 4 weeks. We thank everyone for their patience whilst this work was being undertaken. The garden club, Miss Walker and Mr Duffy will be working hard over the next few weeks to get the surrounding gardens completed. Come on in and have a look!

ANZAC memorial area –
With the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli in 2015 we took the opportunity to upgrade the ANZAC memorial area. The area has had an area of exposed aggregate laid to tie in with the entrance to our school. Garden club, Miss Walker and Mr Duffy will be working hard over the next few weeks to get the surrounding gardens completed.

Awards Day – Schedule
Wednesday 10th December, 9:00am is this year’s Awards Day. Attached to this newsletter is an overview of how the event will run.

Graduation – Overview
Wednesday 10th December, 5:30pm is this year 6/7’s graduation. Attached to this newsletter is an overview of the evening. Invitations have been mailed to year 6/7’s families.
**Swimming Carnival/Behaviour Day**
Monday 8th December will be our swimming carnival. The day will start at 9:00am. The overview of events are being finalised and will be sent out next week. Early next week students will nominate for the events they would like to participate in on the day.

**Report Cards** –
Report cards will be placed in a sealed envelope and sent on Friday the 5th of December. We encourage parents to look over the reports before showing them to their children. If you would like to arrange a time to meet with teachers please give the school a call and we can arrange a time.

**New P and C date – Final meeting for the year** –
Thursday 4th December will be our final P and C meeting for the year. We will have a short meeting followed by an afternoon tea. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

**Reminder – Transitions day - MSHS**
Just a reminder to students attending MSHS in 2015. You will be participating in two transition days on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd. Have fun!

**Attendance Graph**

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**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

**Teacher Garden Competition**
Below is the voting form for the teacher garden competition. Judging and voting will be happening
**Week 9 – 1st December – 5th December.** Fill out who you think has the best garden. Hand in the voting slip by Friday 5th December. Can’t wait to see who gets bragging rights!!

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CON DAMINE STATE SCHOOL

CELEBRATION BREAKUP

10th December 2014

9.00am to 10.00am

- Bernie Bishop Trophy—Godfrey Morgan or Spencer Morgan
- All Round Sports Person Award—Roz Brownlie
- Academic Awards Presentation—Mary Morgan
- Honour & Endeavour Award Presentation—Mr Duffy
- QCWA Award—Maree Gray
- Citizenship Award—Elizabeth Beeton

10.00am to 10.30am

- Shared Morning Tea

10.30am to 11.30am

- Prep to Year 3 Song - “Choo Choo Boogie”
- Years 4 to 7 Song - “Time of your life”
- Year 4 to 7 Recorder - “Lion Sleeps Tonight”
- Choir 1. “Best years of our lives” 2. “You raise me up”
- Prep to Year 3 Song -
- Years 4 to 7 Song -
- Whole School Song -

11.30am to 12.00pm

- Students V Parents

12.00pm to 1.00pm

- Lunch—Sausage Sizzle

The Staff & Students of Condamine State School
Wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Have a happy & safe holiday
Condamine State School
Year 6 & Year 7
Graduation 2014

5:30pm - Graduation Starts

Welcome
Mr Duffy

Dinner

Slide Show Presentation
Kate Jackson

Principal’s Welcome
Mr Duffy

P and C Representative Speech
Mr Spencer Morgan

School Graduation Certificates and Gift Presentation

Year 6/7 Students Speeches
Emma Jackson
Chloe Statham
Shannie Morgan
Moses Magri
Tahlia Morgan

Cutting of the Graduation Cake
Senior Students

7:30 pm - Farewell
**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)**

Uniforms, Stay with group, Wear seatbelt, Wait for bus in school grounds

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**SWPBS Focus Lessons –**

Our behaviour focus for weeks 8/9 is:

**Be Safe—Off Campus**

**FOCUS**—Uniforms, Stay with group, Wear seatbelt, Wait for bus in school grounds.

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**DATE CLAIMER**

- **Monday 1st & 2nd December**  High School Transition Days  
  Miles High School

- **Friday 5th December**  Report Cards handed out.

- **Monday 8th December**  Swimming Carnival & Behaviour Afternoon  
  Miles Pool

- **Wednesday 10th December**  Awards Day & Graduation Dinner Years 6/7  
  Condamine SS & “Arubial”

- **Thursday 11th December**  Break-up Day  
  Condamine SS
P-3 CLASSROOM

Over the last fortnight the P-3 Students have completed all of their assessment. They should all be very proud of their efforts in completing the tasks. We are now revising concepts covered this term. This week the P-2s have begun writing letters to Santa Claus, thanking him for his hard work in preparing and delivering gifts, checking up on the elves and reindeer, and slipping in sneaky requests for Christmas presents.

After a hectic term students (and teachers) are starting to get a bit tired and run down, so this week we decided to make compliment stockings. A compliment stocking is like a Christmas stocking only presents come in the form of written compliments. The students have taken to this activity very well and are enjoying giving and receiving positive comments, leading to a much happier classroom.

CHALLENGE: Ask your child what a compliment is.

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

Year 4 – 7 Classroom News

We have had lots going on in the year 4-7 classroom the past two weeks.
Year 5/6/7 students have had a week on the Gold Coast having a ball at camp. Lots of wonderful memories and experiences coming from the trip. Big thank you to all Condamine students who attended. Their behaviour, manners, organisation and respect shown towards others was exceptional.

This past week students have been working feverously to finish their assessment items. The good news is that all students have completed the set work. Over the weekend and following week teachers will be finalising report cards ready to be handed out to parents on Friday 5th, December.

Below are some of the student’s wonderful Technology projects!

Thank you
Mr Duffy
# 2015 School Calendar
## Queensland State Schools

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**School holidays**
**Public holidays**
**Staff professional development days**

**Final Dates for Student Attendance**
November 20 is the final day for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 27 is the final day for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 4.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 11.

In 2016, all state schools will re-open for students on January 25.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (August 2014) but may be subject to change.

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For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au)

**Great state. Great opportunity.**
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

DELIVER TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Children must be aged 7 years and under.

In partnership with:

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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
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.