QLD Bulls Masters Visit:

Last Wednesday saw some former Cricketing greats graced Condamine State School. Stuart Law, Ken Healy, Terry Oliver, Joe Dawes and Andrew Symonds visited helping our students with fine tuning their cricketing skills. Great afternoon had by all students. It was great to see such wonderful behaviour by our students and such enjoyment and enthusiasm toward the activities. Big thanks to the Bulls and also Bec Bidstrup for giving our students this wonderful opportunity.

Miles and District Swimming -

Friday 13th of February saw students from Condamine State School participate at Miles and District Swimming Carnival. What a fantastic day. All our students did a wonderful job. Great to see our students getting in and mixing it with the other schools in the district. Congratulations to Robbie, Travis, Callum, Goff and Owen who all finished with ribbons. Well done also to Goff and Travis who took out their respective age champion trophies.
**Soccer Training – Drillham**

Mr. Tony Hindman has offered to conduct soccer training at Drillham again, in readiness for the M&D soccer carnival (27.3.15)

**When:** Thursday afternoons starting 12th February

**Time:** 3:45pm

**Where:** Drillham State School

**Who:** Drillham, Dulacca and Condamine primary students born 2005 (10yrs), 2004 (11yrs), 2003 (12yrs)

**Parent Article -**

Attached to this weeks newsletter is a insightful article written by Michael Grose about student attendance.

**Parent information afternoon -**

We have had a very busy start to the year. On **Wednesday 4th of March 3:15pm** - Miss Walker and Mr Duffy will be opening up their classrooms to parents. During this time teachers will provide a 15 - 20 minute presentation with parents being able to take part in a Q and A about routines, procedures, lesson content being covered this term, homework. We looked forward to seeing new and returning parents. If you are unable to make the sessions, teachers will provide parents with some notes from the sessions.

**ANZAC Poetry Competition -**

Attached to this newsletter is a Poetry writing competition. The topic is ANZACs.

**Tennis Lessons -**

Mr Bond will once again be running Tennis training at the Condamine Tennis Courts. Lessons will take place after school on Monday’s at 3:15pm (first lesson 2nd March). Teachers will mark the roll before sending Tennis players across to the courts. Mr Duffy and Mr Bond will be asking parents to provide us with a contact number. In the event of changes to the schedule, we can notify parents. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Religion -**

Mr Josh Acason is joining us again for Religion lessons in 2015. Over the past year there has been a change to Religion in schools. Information in regards to Religion now comes from your enrolment forms. If you have written a Religion on your enrolment form, your child will attend Religion on Mondays (Prep students excluded). If you would like your child to attend/or not attend please contact the school and we can make these arrangements.

**Thank You -**

Big thank you Mandy for helping out with readers in the Prep-3 class. Miss Walker, Mrs Barkle and the students appreciate the help!!
Principals Conference – 26th & 27th February

On Thursday 26th and Friday 27th of February Mr Duffy will travel to Brisbane to take part in the biannual Principals Conference. Principals from all over the state get together to discuss important educational issues. Looking forward to the experience and hoping to bring back some great ideas to share with staff and students.

School Photos

School photos will be early this year. MSP photography has had an overwhelming request for them to visit earlier in the year. Our date has been set for **Wednesday 4th of March**. Ordering information will be available in the next week.

Student of the Week Winners -

Congratulations to our award winners Harry and Riley. Both students were presented with being students of the week for their respective classes. Well done Boys!!

Raffle Winners -

Well done Riley, Bonnie, Jed, Annabel, Callum and Owen for being last weeks lucky Raffle winners. Keep up the great behaviour in the playground and I hope you enjoyed your prize!

New Garden -

Big thank you to Garden Club, Miss Walker, Sam and Mr Duffy for helping with the new garden lining our 150th path. Looks fantastic! Can’t wait to see our plants grow and add to the wonderful entrance to our school.
What a great start to the year with our attendance. We have a few days in a row where 100% of students have attended school. This puts us in a great position to reach our goal of 95% attendance. So far we are sitting on 96.3% for the first term. Big thank you to everyone and keep up the good work!!

Thank you

Mr Duffy
P-3 CLASSROOM
Week 4 already! This fortnight in the P-3 Classroom we have been BUSY! The Preps are learning a new sound and number every day. They have also been focusing on making compound words, chunking words, and counting words in sentences. We are enjoying reading fairy tales, folktales and fractured fairy tales, and comparing and retelling the events from each story. Year 1 and 2 have been learning about calendars and have enjoyed recording events in their own personal calendars. We all have such hectic schedules here in our class! Year 3 have been exploring narrative structures in preparation for their retells later in the term, and have been learning about various counting sequences starting from different points. Garden Club members have been working hard over the last few weeks to get the gardens looking fantastic. They have had to do a lot of weeding in the vegie gardens which is not our favourite job, therefore there is still some left to do. Aside from weeding we have also been planting geraniums in our pots and creating a garden along the side of the new path. Many thanks to Mrs Bobo for her help selecting the plants!

CHALLENGE: Ask your child what common features fairy tales have :)

Kind regards,
Miss Walker and Mrs Barkle

Year 4 to 6 Classroom
Things are moving along well in the 4-6 classroom. Our Spelling Mastery, Cars and Stars and C2C units are all moving along nicely.

In English the year 4’s have been reading our class novel The Twits. Students have been analysing the story looking for verb groups, noun groups and direct speech. In Maths our focus has been place value to thousands, polishing up on our addition and subtraction skills.

The year 5/6’s have also been flat out learning about narrative structure. Focusing on the key elements of the genre. Orientation, Complication, Rising action, Climax, Falling action and resolution, some of the key terms the students should know. In the Maths classroom we have been working hard on our proper, improper fractions and mixed numbers. Students have also been touching on equivalent fractions

In technology students have begun planning their percussion instrument. Students will be bringing materials into school so they can move onto the make phase of their design.

Thank You
Mr Duffy

Geography
Years 3-4
So far in their Geography unit, the year 3-4’s have looked at the influence of climate on the way people live and whether natural resources are sustainable or unsustainable. Over the next few weeks we will move on to looking at the diverse ways that people live (both in Australia and in other countries) and how people feel about places.

Year 5-6
The year 5-6 students have been learning about natural disasters in Geography this term. Over the last couple of weeks we have learnt about the impacts of natural disasters (both short term and long term) and how the Government responds to disasters to prevent, mitigate and prepare. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about the international response to natural disasters, international aid, and Australia’s interconnections with other countries.

Mrs Grams
**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme)**

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BE SAFE, RESPECT, CO OPERATE, LEARN |
| 4/5  | **CO OPERATE**  
Use my High Five |
| 6/7  | **CO OPERATE**  
Help out fellow students |
| 8/9  | **CO OPERATE**  
Share when using equipment |
SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Helen Wylie the School Clinical Nurse will be visiting the school on the 3rd March from 9:00am. The preps are tested for vision & hearing and the Year 6 for vision & hearing if requested. If you have any concerns with your child/children please contact the school so we can arrange an appointment for your child.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To

Robbie, Callum, Skye, Harry, Owen, Travis and Goff who last week competed at the Miles and District Swimming. All students had a great day and represented Condamine SS fantastically.

Congratulations Goff who was selected to compete at the South West Swimming Carnival to be held on 27th February at Miles Swimming Pool.

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