BreastScreen Queensland Toowoomba Service invites all women over 40 to have a FREE Breast Screen every two years
- Appointments take less than 30 minutes
- Group bookings available
- Onsite parking available
- Before and after hours appointments available
- Appointment can be made via 132050
- A GP referral is not required

Any further information please contact Nicola Garrett on 46166107 or Nicola.Garrett@health.qld.gov.au

AFTERSCHOOL POTTERY CLASSES
are on again with Heather.
Classes are Monday & Thursday from 3.15pm - 5.15pm.
Children from Yrs 1 – 6 are invited to join.
For further information please call Heather on 46714914 / 0417202814

Border Rivers Sing
If you love to sing, have never sung or just want to know what makes choral singing so good for you, then this weekend is for you!
Come along on the weekend of the 18/19 February to the Golden Age Centre and join in this fabulous workshop faciltated by Stephanie Eaton from Brisbane. On Saturday there will be a community choir session commencing at 11am while Sunday’s session, commencing at 8.30am, will be aimed at students from years 4 – 12. Everyone is welcome!
On Saturday night there will be a special screening of the documentary “When We Sing” at the Goondiwindi Cinema.

For more details contact Benita Klowss on 0403 982402 or register at www.ticketebo.com.au/borderriverssing
This is a weekend not to be missed!

Students in Yrs 1 to 6 will begin swimming in Week 3 of this term. They will catch the bus to and from the pool. The costs will be:
- Yrs 1 & 2 - $5 per lesson or $3 for season pass holders
- Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6 - $4 per lesson or $2 for season pass holders

The proposed timetable is as follows:

**Monday**
9.45am - 10.45am  4H/4MA
12.15pm - 1.15pm  3G/4L
1.45pm - 2.45pm  3SY/3C

**Tuesday**
9.15am - 10.15am  5C/5BC
11.15am - 12.15pm  4/5M/5DY
12.15pm - 1.00pm  1B
1.00pm - 1.45pm  1H
1.45pm - 2.30pm  2DM

**Wednesday**
11.15am - 12.00m  2R
12.15pm - 1.00pm  1C
12.15pm - 1.15pm  6JC/6P
1.45pm - 2.15pm  6V/6A

Money must be paid to classroom teachers on the day that your child swims. All children **MUST** wear a swimshirt over their swimmers. Please remember if your child comes to school with their swimmers underneath their uniform to pack underwear in their swimming bag to change into after.

PLEASE HELP US BY REMEMBERING TO TELL YOUR CHILD HOW THEY WILL BE GETTING HOME IN THE AFTERNOON BEFORE THEY COME TO SCHOOL.
We have found a letter on their hand is a great reminder.

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Term 1 Week 1
25th January 2017

JANUARY
26  Australia Day Holiday
FEBRUARY
3  Zone Swimming trials
13  Full School Assembly - Leaders Induction
22  Zone Basketball trials
24  Zone Tennis trials
MARCH
1  Regional Swimming trials
10  Zone Netball & League trial
21  HARMONY DAY
22  Zone Cricket trials
24  Zone Touch trials
25  GUNDY STATE FANTASTIC FETE
31  Cross Country Carnival
APRIL
1  EASTER HOLIDAYS
18  Return to school for Term 2
From the Principal...

Welcome to the 2017 to our returning and new students and families. Special welcome to our Preppies and their families. Some have siblings at our school and some are the eldest in their families. It is always and exciting and tiring week, but very rewarding.

Welcome to our new staff: Mrs Cowley (SEP), Miss McCabe (Yr 1M), Mrs Higgs (Yr 2H), Miss Cosmo (Yr 3C), Mrs Lowe (Yr 4L), Miss Astill (Yr 4AM), Miss Cochrane (Yr 5C) and Mrs Yench (Yr 5DY) and Ms Annette McLean (Guidance Officer). We are very fortunate to have such outstanding teachers join our teaching team.

Today we had our first Whole School Assembly. Our school goals for the year were outlined as some of our goals for the year are:

Attendance - 93%!!! Captain Great came to present our new Wise Owls which are awarded on assembly to our highest attending classes. Very cute (the owls, not Captain Great).

Reading – 75% of students reaching or exceeding the Regional Reading Benchmarks.

Building Works: Our SLC redevelopment is well underway with all asbestos removed and the refurbishment commencing. We are aiming for a completion before the end of term so that this centre can be ready to operate by the commencement of Term 2.

As trade vehicles will be coming and going from the site we have marked off an out of bounds area between the hall and the bus lines area. Breakfast Club will run from the tuckshop for the duration of works. I ask that parents walk around the work site so that children have this reinforced for their own safety. Thank you for your help with this change of routine. A renewed SLC building which is accessed by most children will be well worth this inconvenience.

Our new Senior Playground is a great success. Thank you to the P&C and Mrs O’Connor for coordinating this project. It has proven to be so popular that we have set up a roster for the time being. Monday: Yr 3; Tuesday: Yr 4; Wednesday: Yr 5; Thursday: Yr 6 and Friday: Yrs 3-6. This way each year level gets a better opportunity to have a play on the new equipment, rather than the huge queues we currently have. I imagine in time that the demand on the playground will settle a bit, so that a roster will no longer be necessary. It is a wonderful addition to our playground.

Thank you also to the P&C for their work on the renewing the path between the covered walkway and the Junior Eating area. It really is much safer and easier for accessing these areas.

I look forward to a really great year of learning, working with you and your children to live our vision in all that we do.

Our Vision:

We strive for excellence in all aspects of learning, enabling us to contribute to and thrive in the wider community as life-long learners.

Warriest regards

Carmel Schaumburg

From the Deputy...

Welcome back to another GREAT year of fun and learning at our school. I trust that all families had a relaxing summer break, and are looking forward to the challenges of a new school year.

Same Day Absence Notification

Our school is commencing notification of parents about student absences via SMS each day, using a system called sms4schools. Parents of students who are absent, or who are not here by the time the class roll is marked will receive an SMS message asking for an explanation of the absence.

This system does not replace our absence phone message service, which will continue, notifying through the qParent app, or parents writing a note or speaking directly to a teacher regarding student absences.

We will be continuing to follow up on every unexplained absence either by phone or by letter, and we aim to have every student meet our 93% attendance target this year. It is a requirement of the Education Act that students attend school on a regular basis, and every school in Queensland has a similar notification system commencing this year.

Australia Day

I remind all families about our towns’ Australia Day celebrations tomorrow, January 26 in the town park. Breakfast will be served by the Rotary Club of Goondiwindi from 6:30am.

Live entertainment will be provided by Luke Butler and our very own Sam Brown. The official ceremony commences at 8:30am. It will include our two school captains, Tyler and Pyper, talking about what Australia Day means to them. Goondiwindi’s Australia Day Ambassador, war photographer and correspondent Tim Page will also be addressing the audience. Finally, the announcement of the Goondiwindi Regional Council Australia Day awards will be made. I hope to see you there –

Aussie Aussie Aussie – Oi Oi Oi!

Positive Behaviour For Learning

This week, I would like to remind you about a few school policies that are important to stress with students:

Electronic Devices (Mobile Phones, iPads, iPods etc)

In general, students should not have these at school for any reason. If students do require them at school (for example, to call after sporting practices, use on a long school bus trip home etc) then they must be turned off and left at the office for safe-keeping.

Bus Code of Conduct

All of our school buses, and our supervised bus lines, come under our GREAT Expectations and the Qld Transport Bus Code of Behaviour. We expect that students will:

- move to bus lines immediately after being dismissed from their class
- sit quietly and follow teacher directions until their bus arrives
- follow all bus driver instructions, remain quiet and seated during the trip

If students are not able to follow these basic requirements, they may find themselves being asked to leave the bus lines and be collected by parents. Bus drivers also have the right to remove students from bus travel if they consistently breach the Code of Behaviour.

No Hat, No Play

This simple saying continues to be the basis of our Sun Safety policy. Students will be asked to sit in the shade or move to another play area such as the library if they do not have a hat. Caps are not permitted to be worn at any time whilst in school uniform.

Kind Regards

Lew Verney