It's that time of the year again…… Shoe Box time!

Our students at Goondiwindi State Primary School have an opportunity to brighten a child’s Christmas by donating to Operation Christmas Child. Students are asked to donate a small gift to be packed into a shoebox & shipped off to a needy child aged between 2 to 14 years in a developing country. Buckets will be given to every year level, placed in the office and in the library where students will be able to place their gifts.

Please DO NOT donate: food / lollies / liquids / pastes / play dough / glass / military or toy weapons / skull items / gambling / religious / political items.

All Donations should be new, not 2nd hand.

Help us make a difference for a child this Christmas!

Chappy Mel
From the Principal...

2016 School Opinion Survey

The 2016 School Opinion Survey results were released this week. Parents, Year 5/6 students and staff members had the opportunity earlier this year to give their opinions on a range of specific areas of our school. In general, the report is extremely positive about our school, with many increased ratings and the majority of items over and above all comparative groups. I will be sharing the full survey details at the next P and C Meeting. Here is a summary of the main points to celebrate:

Parent Survey - Highest Rating Items

There were 14 items receiving 100% agreement, including the most important My child likes being at this school, and
This is a good school.
8 items showed improvement from last years results, the biggest improvers being:
This school celebrates student achievements (up 5.4%) This school looks for ways to improve (up 5.4%)
Our parent ratings were above all comparisons (Like Schools, Primary Schools, Geographic region, State) on 28 items

Student Survey - Highest Rating Items

There were 4 items receiving 100% agreement, including
My school looks for ways to improve, and
My teachers motivate me to learn.
24 items showed improvement from last years results, the biggest improvers being:
I can talk to teachers about my concerns (up 6.7%)
I am encouraged to use computers and other technologies for my learning (up 6%)
Our student ratings were above all comparisons (Like Schools, Primary Schools, Geographic region, State) on 30 items

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Congratulations to our first Wise Owl classes for Term Four – 4H and 2D. It is also very pleasing to see that there are 13 classes above our school target of 92% with their attendance rate for the year. A reminder that every student who meets or exceeds our school attendance target of 92% will be in the draw for one of two iPod shuffles, drawn by Captain Great at our Celebration Assembly at the end of term.

CPR Awareness Sessions

Sally Robinson and the crew from the Queensland Ambulance Service, Goondiwindi are visiting our school over coming weeks to work with every student on CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) awareness. These sessions started on Tuesday this week with 2H, 2D, 1F and 1C, and will continue throughout the term. It is not a full first aid course, but a basic awareness of the few important things everyone should know that might just save a life. Parents are most welcome to join in these sessions with their children – your class teacher can supply the day and time.

Clowning

As widely reported in the media, there is a current trend of people dressing as clowns and going in public with the intent of scaring others. I have confirmed with Goondiwindi Police that there have been no instances of this happening in Goondiwindi, and certainly not at this school. I would like to reassure parents that any behaviour by members of the general public with the intent to scare or intimidate others will be immediately reported to the police and our school will take any action deemed appropriate to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Kind regards

Lew Verney

From the Deputy Principal...

Thank you for welcoming me into your GREAT school. Having previously been Acting Deputy Principal during 2007 and for a short period in 2009, it is great to return and to note the improvement and progress made by the school. Staff and the school community need to be commended on the work they are doing and their many success stories.

TRAX Sports Education Tour

The South West Indigenous Network (SWIN) are conducting a Sports Education Tour and are coming to Goondiwindi SS on Thursday 20 October and Friday 21 October. Students will experience a range of sports sessions conducted by accredited Development Officers from State/National Sporting Organisations. Sports include baseball, cricket, soccer, hockey, netball, rugby league, touch football and traditional indigenous games. The TRAX sessions are completely free and open to students from prep to year six. Students in years four to six will participate on Thursday from 9.00 – 11.00 am and our prep to year three students will participate on Friday from 1.00 to 3.00 pm.

Student Free Day – Monday 17 October

Don’t forget that Monday 17 October is a Student Free Day. On that day teachers from schools across our cluster will meet at Goondiwindi State School as part of our mandatory moderation processes. The moderation process supports consistency of teacher judgements about the quality of student work. Put simply, this means that an ‘A’ at Goondiwindi is of the same standard as an ‘A’ at Inglewood, Yelarbon or Talwood. Every teacher must participate in an ‘out of school’ moderation process each year. This year teachers will moderate writing samples. Moderation provides a great opportunity for teachers to see what is happening in other schools.

Workshops around ‘trauma in children’ and ‘oral language’ have been organised to further support the professional development of our teachers. They will also have the opportunity to share some of the great things they are doing in their classrooms. A bit like ‘Pinterest’, but face-to-face.

Anaphylaxis training has also been organised, with the school nurse (based in Stanthorpe) delivering epi-pen training that afternoon.

Warm regards

Philippa Sly

NDIS scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme will roll out in our region in January 2017. Anyone aged from 0-65 with a disability may be eligible for financial assistance through the scheme. People are encouraged to call the hotline 1800 800 110 and ask for the eligibility forms NOW. For further info you can surf to www.ndis.gov.au

Musica Viva is coming to our school on Thursday 27th October. The musical group “Entourage” will perform for the students at 2 separate sessions throughout the day. Cost to students is $6 and is payable no later than Wednesday 26th at 3.00pm

NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY

At tuckshop

Slushies - $2

STARS OF THE WEEK

PREP MCharlotte Yench, Joshua Valmonte
PREP SWill Dayas, Elsie McArther
PREP TCorbin Sewell, Isaac McCarthy
1C Sahrann Parkes, Tarla Storch
1F Zach Harvey, Wilco Smith
2D Bodie Vaughan, Taminya Bloomfield
2H Cohen Rhodes, Molly Tanner
2M Hollie Bartimote, Mitchell Brown
2i/3G Tyami McGrady, Georgia Dillon
3J Lane Cowhan, Charlotte Mailer
3R Dalja Pon, Hawkesbury Carney
3SY Pyper Reemdn, Danielle Charles
4H Jack Moroney, Hannah Kitzelmann
4M Bradley Whitby, Kayden Pratt
4MB Kallum McGrady, Jayden Gunn
5A Eli Wilson, Jahrell Williams-Duncan
5BC Makayla McGrady, Tom Jeffries
6C Caitlin Hill, Kayleigh Townsend
6P Nickolas Williams
6V Raylee Amos, Jesse Painter

Warm regards

Philippa Sly