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 shoe-box & 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 DONATE A GIFT FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- Something to wear
- Something to love
- Something special
- Something for school
- Something to play with
- Something for personal hygiene

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

All Donations should be new, not 2nd hand.

Help us make a difference for a child this Christmas! Chappy Me!

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Student Leader nominations open

16 Music Sub Committee meeting @ 4.00pm
18 2017 Leaders nominations close
24/25/26 Yr 6 Transition to GSHS

Town Bus Run

Due to some recent problems where students have been unsure about how they are getting home, we are trialling the marking of a Bus Roll for the Town Bus Runs. We acknowledge that this will increase waiting time slightly for buses in the afternoon whilst the roll is marked, but are hopeful that this might increase students getting home in a safe and timely manner.

Parents can assist this by:

- clearly informing children about how they are to travel home each day (even writing it on the back of their hand)
- informing the Office EARLY if there is a change to be made, so the message can be passed on to the student

Students can assist this by:

- moving directly to the Bus Lines as soon as they are dismissed in the afternoon
- if they are unsure about how to get home, go straight to the office where a phone call can be made
- not changing the travel arrangement themselves, just because they feel like it.

The Gundy Gallop Colour Fun Run

Brought to you by Care Goondiwindi & Goondiwindi PCYC

Want More Info?
Kirsty 4670 6700 or 0411 249578
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Entry forms can be collected from PCYC or Care Go; they can also be emailed out or downloaded from the Care Goondiwindi website:
www.caregoondiwindi.org.au

Event Categories Include:
Adult Gundy Gallop over 14yrs - $5km - $25
14yrs & Under - $3km - $10
6yrs & Under - 1km - $5

CHICKS in PINK FUNDRAISER
(part of the Mater foundation- helping women with breast cancer and their families)

CENT AUCTION and HANDCRAFT MARKET 10AM TO 4PM 29th October 2016 Golden Age Centre Goondiwindi

Come and support this worthy cause. There will be food, tea, coffee, soft drinks, market stalls, raffle, and the auction.
From the Principal...

Welcome Back
Welcome back to a busy term of learning at our school. I hope that all families enjoyed the holiday break and were able to spend some quality time with each other. As well as our classroom curriculum, there are many co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for students and families to take part in across the term – I look forward to enjoying it with everyone!

Staffing Update
We welcome back Mrs Sheridan, Mrs Brown and Miss Cleeton after their leave last term. Mrs McColl is on leave for all of this term, replaced by Miss Porter in 5M. Mrs Horton (4H) and Mrs Phillips (Music) are on shorter periods of leave, being replaced by Mrs Erica Clark and Miss Mikaela Shute respectively. We also welcome back Miss Claudia Cochrane (6V) and Miss Alice McCabe (3R) who have commenced their internships with us. We also welcome Miss Hannah Wadsworth, who is completing a practicum with Miss Dana Pearce, our Speech Language Pathologist. Finally, a reminder that Mrs Schaumburg is absent from school as Acting Assistant Regional Director, and Mrs Philippa Sly is joining us as A/Deputy Principal for six weeks.

Attendance - Every Day Counts
We will continue to stress regular, on-time attendance this term. Our current school attendance rate is 92.5%, and we want to maintain (or increase!) this throughout Term Four. We will continue our Wise Owl attendance awards on assemblies, and of course all students who achieve our school target of 92% will go into the draw for a free iPod shuffle, to be drawn on our Celebration Assembly in Week Nine.

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Attendance at school is important:
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Year Six Transition to High School
This term our Year Six students will participate in a range of activities to prepare them for their transition into High School life. Mr Jenkins and Mr Schultz from GSHS visited yesterday to distribute enrolment packages and to talk to students about what to expect this term. Year Six will also attend the GSHS Expressive Arts Week assembly in Week Three, and spend two full days at High School in Week Nine. Even if students are not attending GSHS next year, they are still welcome and encouraged to attend all transition activities.

T20 cricket day
Yr 5 students have been invited to attend a T20 Blast Cricket day at Riddle's Oval this Friday 7th October. The day will begin at 9.15am and will finish at approximately 2.30pm. Students will be transported to and from the oval by bus. There will be no charge for this activity. They will be accompanied by their teachers. If you have not yet completed the permission slip, please do so and return to your child’s classroom teacher immediately. All students are reminded that they will need to bring a hat, waterbottle, sunscreen, morning tea and lunch.

Kind Regards

Lew Verney

A note from the Deputy...

Year Six - Goondiwindi State High School Expressive Arts Week
On Tuesday 18 October, our year six students have been invited to attend the Goondiwindi State High School assembly for Expressive Arts Week. This assembly is usually an action packed, entertaining way to introduce our students to this special event at the High School, and features performances from students, staff and special guest performers. More information about this exciting opportunity will be sent home with students this week.

Until next week

Philippa Sly

YEAR 4 CAMP MEDICAL FORMS
MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS PLEASE DO SO ASAP AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD’S CLASS TEACHER.

THE FINAL PAYMENT OF $190 IS DUE BY 3.00PM FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

P & C Raffle Winner
Motorised Scooter
Congratulations to Bronwyn Jenkins - enjoy!