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HELLKIDS sponsored by Insight
The 4th February
$25 entry gets you a
Racebag/Swimcap/Watterbottle/Medal
Transition open 7.30am - 8.30am
First race @ 9.00am

- 6 - 9yrs
  - SWIM 50m
  - RUN 500m
  - BIKE 2.5km
- 10 - 12yrs
  - SWIM 100m
  - RUN 1km
  - BIKE 5km
- 13 & over
  - SWIM 200m
  - RUN 2km
  - BIKE 7.5km

Age is at 31st December 2016
Sign up at hellofthewest.com

HELLO OF THE WEST
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 facilitated 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

This is a weekend not to be missed!

GOONDWINI JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
SIGN ON DAY!!
SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2017
9:00am - 2:00pm @ The Clubhouse
Cost:
Under 7's - Under 10's $110.00
Under 11's - Under 16's $130.00
Please bring a copy of your child’s birth
certificate if this is their first time playing for
GJRL.

FEBRUARY
3 Zone Swimming trials
4 Kids Hell of the West Tri
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

APRIL
1 EASTER HOLIDAYS
18 Return to school for Term
2

Literacy Links News
Hi everyone! Welcome to 2017. Hope you all have a cracker of a year

Literacy Links is a Specialist Subject for Years Prep-4. So, classes
go to Mrs Phillips for Music, Mr McDonnell for PE and they
come to me, Miss Holz for Literacy Links. 5’s and 6’s go to Mrs.
Griffiths for LOTE instead, but still use their knowledge from pre-
vious years in class.

In Prep we do lots of work on Letter Recognition and sound work
and explore this through hands-on rotations with playground,
foam, magnets, colours, salt trays, kinetic sand and much more.
Preps have me on Fridays, so be sure to ask about Literacy
Links!

Years 1-4 do more structured lessons delving deeper into our
Phonic Communicators. This means, we look at the possibilities
letters and groups of letters can make. We also explore choices
we can make in terms of the sounds in words and the impact that
all of the rules of the English language can have on the choices
we make. For example, English words don’t end in “i”, they
usually end in “y”.

Sounds complex, but the students are all really very good at this!
Just ask them!

Please DO ask your children about their Phonic Communicators,
whether they be in Prep or Years 1-6. Literacy Links is a school-
wide and school-based approach to Phonics and Oral Language
that every class has been, and will continue to be exposed to. It’s
a fun and funky way to learn and explore letters and sounds and
the endless possibilities of our written language. We have actions
and rhymes to help us to make pathways in our brains, and if you
have not heard your little ones chanting these, you will very soon.

Stay Cool
Miss Holz

A letter has gone home today
asking for your support in
paying the Voluntary Financial
contribution of $35.00 per
student or $60 per family.
There are a range of options
available for payment which
are outlined in the letter.
All payments go directly to
supporting students in their
learning
### From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 2 and a warm one it has been too. To accommodate the extra hot weather we have adjusted our play times so that children are not playing in the hottest part of the day. Routine changes are always a bit tricky, however, avoiding the heat is a current priority.

This week saw our **Reading and Writing Intervention programs** started across classrooms with support being given as part of our Literacy Blocks. Every classroom has now implemented 2 hour literacy blocks per day to build upon the great outcomes we were having in 2016 with our focus on reading and oral language. Rather than children being generally withdrawn from classrooms, students will be supported in their classroom learning environments, where they will need to use this knew and practised knowledge across all subjects. **Research tells us this model is more effective and inclusive of children**, building their confidence and use of this knowledge in their school work.

Some programs, such as one-on-one speech language support may be still provided outside of the classroom due to the specific nature of the program or student needs are better met this way.

Our **oral language program will run in Prep and Year 1** this year, again building on the outstanding growth our students made in 2016. Oral language is the foundation for future reading and writing success, making it an essential part of our program.

Wonderful to attend the first **Kindness Club** meeting for the year, with Chappy Mel and a large group of keen students planning ways to brighten the day of those they meet. What a great way to develop empathy and compassion in our young people. Breakfast club has also started. Due to renovations it will be running out of the tuckshop this term. Adult volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Chappy Mel via the office to find out more.

**Our first Wise Owls for the term are 4L, Prep S and 2H.** They not only get the new Owls for their classroom but the privilege of naming them. Well done on a great start to the term. **Remember our goals for this year is 93%!**

Every day really does make a difference in our learning.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who will help set up the tents for the **Hell of the West triathlon.** We need helpers on Saturday morning at 6am and pack up on Sunday afternoon at 4pm at the town park. Thanks also to those who will help make this weekend such a success for our community by volunteering in other ways across the weekend. I look forward to cheering on all our school competitors on Saturday in the junior events. A great way to stay healthy and fit as well as have some fun with friends. See you at the town park.

**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.*

Warmest regards

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### From the Deputy...

**Positive Behaviour For Learning Reminder**

Students and parents are reminded that the correct wearing of our school uniform comes as part of our Respect expectation. **In particular, we remind students and parents that:**

- Jewellery to be worn at school is limited to a watch, medical alert bracelets, and plain stud or sleeper earrings. No other jewellery is suitable or permitted.
- Girls wearing hair bands, ribbons etc should have them in school colours of green and gold.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos are not suitable for school.
- At all times. our school has a broad-brimmed hat as part of the uniform. Caps are never suitable, and should not be worn.

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### QSchools

We encourage all parents to download and connect to our school through Schools. The QSchools app is a free, convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from all Queensland state schools.

**How do I download the QSchools app?**

To download the app visit the application store for your iPhone/iPad, Android, Windows phone or Windows PC device.

**Features**

The app integrates with our school website platform, allowing users to:

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, school location, or school location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from our school
- easily access our schools tuckshop information
- view information about our school including class times and contact details
- view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students at Goondiwindi State High Schools as well.

Kind regards

Lew Verney

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### STARS OF THE WEEK

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