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 shoebox 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 DONATE A GIFT FROM 1 OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
- Something to wear
- Something to love
- Something special
- 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 Mel

SEP NEWS...
This term has seen our students and teachers participate in the TRAX Sports visit where they had the opportunity to experience a number of sports before enjoying a nice cold Super Dooper to cool down. Well done everybody for giving it a RED HOT GO!

In the weeks ahead we start swimming. I would like to thank Miss Tania for going along and supporting all of our students in the pool. Our students all had the chance to attend the Musica Viva concerts held today, as well as joining the ‘Count Us In’ song on Thursday November 3rd.

Today saw Mr Bob Whittaker our AVT visiting the school. Next Thursday 3rd November we will be visited by our Education Queensland OT/Physiotherapist and then on 10th and 11th November our AVT-HI, HI, Deb Warren will be at the school.

We have quite a busy schedule for the rest of the term!

IT’S NOT TOO LATE!
to pay your family Voluntary levy to the school.

$50 per family per year

These funds are used to supplement the book list that you provided your child at the start of the school year. Things like first aid equipment, copy paper, copying of curriculum and library books to name a few.

If you are not sure if you have paid please check with the office and they will be able to help you.

We appreciate your support in providing these essentials for our students

MUSIC : COUNT US IN

Next Thursday 3rd November, our school will be celebrating Music : Count Us In along with over 2 000 schools around Australia. This musical event involves school children singing the same song at the same time all around our country. The entire school will be meeting in the Multi-Purpose Hall at 11.00am to share the joy of music, with all our music groups and students from the High School performing. Please join us next week for this great musical celebration!

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Swimming begins for the entire school on Monday 31st October. The weekly timetable is listed below for your reference

**MONDAY**
- 31/10, 7/11, 14/11, 21/11
  - 9.40AM - 10.40AM
  - 11.15AM - 12.15PM
  - 12.15PM - 1.15PM
  - 1.45PM - 2.45PM

**TUESDAY**
- 1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11
  - 9.15AM - 10.15AM
  - 12.00M - 12.45PM
  - 12.45PM - 1.30PM
  - 1.45PM - 2.30PM

**WEDNESDAY**
- 2/11, 9/11, 16/11, 23/11
  - 12.15PM - 1.00PM
  - 1.45PM - 2.30PM

**THURSDAY**
- 3/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11
  - 9.45AM - 10.30AM
  - 10.30AM - 11.15AM
  - 11.15AM - 12.00M
  - 12.15PM - 1.15PM
  - 1.45PM - 2.45PM

**COSTS**
- $5 or $3 with a season pass
- $4 or $2 with a season pass

This money is payable to your child’s class teacher each week. Unfortunately the office cannot take bulk payments for swimming.

ALL children must wear a swim shirt over their swimmers in order to participate. If your child is swimming early in the day (before morning tea), it is acceptable for them to wear their swimmers to school under their uniform. DON’T forget the sunscreen! It is a good idea for children to pack a plastic bag to put their wet swimmers in after changing.

**OCTOBER**
- 28 Prep Transition @ 9.15am
- 31 SWIMMING STARTS

**NOVEMBER**
- 2 Prep Transition @ 9.15am
- 3 MUSIC COUNT US IN
- 4 Prep Transition @ 9.15am
- 5/6 Relay 4 Life
- 14 P & C MEETING @ 6.00PM
  - 2017 Student Leader Nominations open
- 15 MYW Presentation night
- 16 Music Sub Committee meeting @ 4.00pm
- 17 Student Leader Voting
- 2017 Leaders Speeches
- 28/29 Yr 6 Transition to GSHS

**DECEMBER**
- 1 Celebration Breakfast & Assembly
- 7 Presentation Night @ 6.00pm
  - S2 Reports
- 8 Break Up Day
- 9 Clean Up Day

**TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Will be held on Friday 25th November

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
- 31/10, 7/11, 14/11, 21/11...
- Term 4 Week 4
- 27th October 2016

**Term Dates**
- Term 1 - 30/01 - 17/03
- Term 2 - 20/03 - 18/05
- Term 3 - 30/05 - 27/07
- Term 4 - 30/07 - 29/10
From the Principal...

World Teachers Day
This Friday, 28 October is World Teachers Day. Our teachers will enjoy a coffee from Coffee On The Move and a breakfast snack, courtesy of our P and C Association.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and our school community. I encourage students and parents to take the time to say thank you to any of our hard working teachers on Friday, and acknowledge the work they do for your children.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

2017 Class Allocations
Out teachers will soon be organising class allocations for 2017. I invite parents and carers to write to the school if they have any educational or social issues that they would like teachers to consider when organising the best class placement for students. Our teachers consider a range of student learning and social development factors, however there may be circumstances which teachers are not aware of, that may impact their class placement decision.

Please address all letters concerning this issue to The Principal, or email lvern1@eq.edu.au. Our deadline to receive this information is Friday 18 November 2016.

Musica Viva – Entourage
Today our students heard the highly skilled members of Entourage perform An Australian Backyard Suite by Australian composer Paul Kopetz, which evoked the sound of lorikeets, cicadas and the wind through the treetops. Soaring melodies on the clarinet, a rich cello bass line, stunning sung poetry by Australian poet Svetlana Hadgraft, and a range of colours on the piano created a rich tonal palette and provided an amazing opportunity to explore Australian flora and fauna. Musica Viva always provide a high quality performance, and support our teachers with activities to prepare the children beforehand. Our performance was subsidised by their Equal Music program, reducing the performance fee to make it accessible to more students.

Purple Pinky Day
This Friday, 28 October, our school will be partnering with the Rotary Club of Goondiwindi for Purple Pinky Day. Children can pay $2.00 and have their pinky nails painted purple, and raise money towards ridding the world of Polio. When Rotary started fighting polio, there were thousands of cases every year – this year there have been only 22 cases so far. There are still three countries in the world where children are suffering from this crippling disease, and Rotary International is very close to wiping it out completely. $2.00 is the cost of the polio vaccine for one child – we look forward to as many students (and parents!) as possible supporting this very worthy cause. There is a brochure accompanying Newslink today that gives further details of Rotary’s efforts in ridding the world of polio.

Kind regards

Lew Verney

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Six Simply Sensational year Six experiences from 2016.
Brought to you by Six Super Savvy year Six Students.

1. I enjoyed the whole experience of the year 6 camp to Canberra where we got to participate in activities like laser skirmish, tobogganing and visiting the war memorial and AIS.
2. I enjoyed having fun with all my friends every day and meeting lots of people who have helped us to learn and grow.
3. I enjoyed helping the little kids at the athletics carnival and being a leader and a role model for others.
4. I enjoyed being able to participate in amazing opportunities such as Engineers without Borders where we made bridges, and learning from energy scientists who taught us about electricity and energy circuits.
5. I really enjoyed learning from all of the year 6 teachers this year who have taught us so much.
6. We were very lucky to be invited to the amazing high school Expressive Arts Week parade, which has made us so excited for the next step in our schooling.

It will be Super Sad to Say Sayonara to our Sensational year Six Students at the end of 2016.

Year 4 have returned from a very successful and enjoyable camp at Leslie Dam. The children took part in a range of activities including canoeing, problem solving games, archery and low ropes courses. They also had great fun after dinner at night in their free time playing games on the tennis courts e.g. handball. The food was DELICIOUS, the weather was PERFECT, the beds were COMFY, the staff were so FRIENDLY and HELPFUL.

YEAR 4 CAMP WAS G.R.E.A.T.

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Stars of the Week

A REINDER TO YR 6 PARENTS/STUDENTS

Students wishing to enrol at GSHS for 2017 MUST have an enrolment interview with their parent/carer. The interviews will be held on Thursday, 10 November from 3pm until 7pm. These will be held in the iCentre. Bookings can be made at http://sobs.com/pt/parent.php?tsc=true