



# Condamine Bulletin

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## Principal Messages

### Canberra Camp

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### M&D Athletics Trials

In Week 5, a number of students represented our school at the 2017 Miles and District Athletics Trials held in Wandoan. As usual, wonderful sportsmanship was shown on the day, and some great achievements made. Congratulations to Travis and Will H, who will now represent our school and district at the South West Trials next week.

### ARL Development

Recently we had 4 students represent our school at the final ARL development cup day held at Wandoan. Even though they came off second best, all students had a fantastic game and gave it their all. Well done boys – Owen, Travis, Will H, Alastair.

### Robotics

In Week 1, students participated in some robotics coding activities with staff from Collumboola. Prep – 2 students enjoyed working with the BeeBots, while 3-6 students were introduced to the Ozobots. A lot of fun was had by all and we are currently trying to organise another visit later in the year.

Melissa O'Neill

## Date Claimers

### 21<sup>st</sup> August

Choir performance – Miles

### 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Playgroup

### 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> August

Corporate Services Training

### 25<sup>th</sup> August

M&D Cricket Trials

### 29<sup>th</sup> August

Playgroup

### 1<sup>st</sup> September

South West Athletics Trials

### 5<sup>th</sup> September

Playgroup

### 12<sup>th</sup> September

Playgroup

### 15<sup>th</sup> September

Final Day Term 3

### South West Soccer

Last week I competed at the 2017 State Soccer trials held in Hervey Bay QLD. I represented South West for 4 days and I played 2 games of soccer a day. Our team had a great week of soccer versus some pretty tough teams from all over Queensland. There was some great sportsmanship presented from some teams and others, not so much.

I believe that our team presented fantastic sportsmanship. We lost every game but we came off smiling and happy with our efforts every time.

All in all, I had a brilliant week and believe that I represented Condamine State School well.

By Alastair Philp

## Classroom News

### P – 2

In English, students have begun their assessment, choosing an animal character from a narrative and drawing on facts and information to write an informative text.

Maths has involved exploring measurement and time. Students have practised measuring the length, capacity and area of various objects using informal units. They have looked at the days of the week and considered the different events that occur each day. In the coming weeks Preps will plan a week of events for a 'visitor', and Year 1s and 2s will begin to look at money and how it can be identified, counted, etc.

In Media Arts, students have continued work on their photographic portraits. They have started sourcing background images for their self-portraits and have considered which props they might use in their photos.

Students have been studying objects from the past and present in History. They have compared objects from the past that are similar to the ones we have today and considered how/why they have changed and the impact this has had on our lives.

In Science, students have learnt to draw force diagrams to represent pushes and pulls. They have created balloon rockets and conducted experiments and fair tests to determine the effects of varying the strength of pushes and pulls.

**CHALLENGE:** Ask your child which background image they might use for their 'future' self-portrait and why. 😊

Kind Regards,

Mrs Walker and Mrs Barkle



### 3 – 6

As the term is quickly drawing to the end, students in the 3-6 class are beginning to work on their assessment task of writing a comparison between the novel and film of the text 'How to Train your Dragon.' Students have identified a number of aspects that have been altered in the film around both characters and events.

Over the last couple of weeks, students have continued to investigate multiplication and division facts and fractions. This week, they are studying money and financial math's including budgets and savings plans for the year 5 and 6 students. Year 3 and 4's will make monetary amounts, calculate the cost of a number of items and change in real life situations.

Drama this term has proven to be a little more difficult than students first thought, with having to participate in improvisation activities whereby there are no scripts. Staying in character has also proven difficult for some. Students will continue to work on their characterization and performance skills over the coming weeks, leading to a short performance for their assessment task.

## Student of the Week



Clinton



Alastair



Riley



Jack

## Geography

### Year 5 and 6

Students have been exploring the Australian Gold Rushes and their effect on the economy and communities during that time in history. We will be visiting Gympie Gold Museum in Week 4 to further explore the gold rushes and try our hand at gold panning.

### Year 3 and 4

Students have been learning about Commemorations – personal and community ones. We have looked at Queensland Day and will investigate the origins and traditions behind ANZAC Day and Australia Day.

## Science

### Years 3-6

This Term's Science unit Marvellous Machines is being taught in conjunction with the Design Technology units. For the Years 3 and 4, the study of Forces then is used to construct a pin ball machine. The students have been investigating the forces that will act upon the ball (push, pull, gravity and friction). They are now planning and constructing their pinball machines, using the principles of design. The Years 5 and 6 students are learning about electrical energy and then applying this knowledge to construct an alarm system using a switch in a circuit. Their design has to address a particular need.

## Playgroup

Playgroup is held each Tuesday morning from 9 to 11. The children have been doing different activities based around books we have enjoyed sharing. In recent weeks reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' led to constructing paper caterpillars, threading beads and creating real fruit pictures. After reading 'Where is the Green Sheep' some very cute doily sheep were made. The children do a range of play-based activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills, cooperate and learn a bit of what 'Big School' is about.

## School Opinion Survey

A couple of weeks ago, school opinion survey forms were sent home. Please ensure you log in and have your say about our school. This process provides valuable feedback to staff, so that improvements can be made. If you have lost your form or require a computer to complete the survey, please advise staff. A computer can be provided at school for the completion of this survey.

## Toys and Sports Equipment

It has come to our attention that a growing number of students are bringing toys and sports equipment from home. Please be reminded that students are **not** to bring equipment from home, as it can start arguments in the playground. If there is equipment that the schools needs to purchase, students are welcomed to advise staff. Any equipment brought to school, will be collected and stored the office until the end of the day.

## Same Day Notification

A reminder that in the event of a student absence, parents are required to advise the school of the absence with a reason. This is in alignment with Education Queensland policy around student safety.

## Writer of the Week



Millie



Bethany



Alex



Jhayem



## Canberra Camp

Students enjoyed a week of camp down south visiting a number of educational places. A fun-filled week was endured and many thanks need to be extended to James and Jason who gave up their time to assist and join us on camp.



## Condamine State School Choir

We would like to congratulate our choir for their participation in this year's Senior's Week celebrations in Miles. The Choir performed wonderfully and we have received a lot of positive feedback surrounding their performance.

Well done!



## Gympie Gold Museum Excursion

On the 3/8/17 we left Condamine at 3:00pm to go to Gympie. 4 kids from Condamine, Shane Matthews, Mrs Long, Mrs Nixon and 6 Dulacca kids all went to Gympie. We arrived at Miles at 3:45pm to pick up the Dulacca kids and Mrs Long then left at about 4:00pm. We went through Chinchilla, then we pulled up at a place called Darr Creek to have a snack, then we went through Wondai, Murgon, and Goomeri before arriving at Killivan Bush Camping. When we got there, there were all these cabins that were like bark huts because they had no electricity. We chose a cabin to sleep in. I was in a cabin with dad and everybody else got in groups. In the kitchen there was a TV. After we had made our beds, everyone went for a shower. except Alastair and I because they were all full. While we were waiting, we turned the TV on and there was the football. For dinner we had Spaghetti bolognaise. We went to bed at 9:20pm. In the morning we packed our bags, had breakfast and we were gone. When we got to the Gympie gold Museum we started to pan for gold. I was the first one to find gold. After about 10 minutes of panning for gold we went to learn the history of the gold rush. The tour guide [Allan] told us stories about the Gympie tree, about the carriages the miners went down in and the story about everything else in the Gold Rush imaginable.



By Clinton Matthews

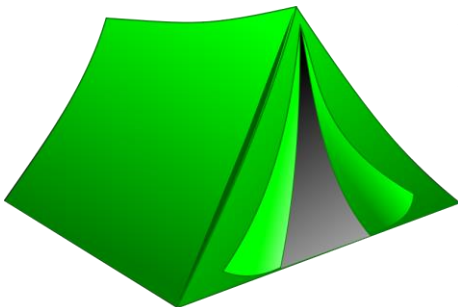


## Scripture Union SWAK Camp

for 9-13 years

Come along for a week of fun with Chappy- camping in tents, bonfire, night games, Jesus Time.

Meet new friends, learn more about Jesus and have a fun-filled week.



**Glengarry Education Centre. Mt Taramba. Bus from Miles. 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Cost \$180**

Enquiries/registration see <https://suqld.org.au/camps> or speak to Chappy

MEANDARRA STATE SCHOOL P & C

# 2017 MEANDARRA SHOW

At the Meandarra School Grounds

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH



Fun for the  
whole family

All Day Rides Passes:  
\$20—5yrs & over, \$5— 4yrs & under

Gate Entry—  
\$5 Adult (17yrs &  
over) Kids Free.

**SAVE THE DATE**



*Dodgems. Mutton Busters. Pig Races. Jumping Castles. Dunk Tank. Nearest the Pin Comp. Fireworks. Face Painting & more*

# Theatre Restaurant

FEATURING 2 SHORT PLAYS

"Decline and Hall" & "Here's the Thing"

Tickets \$50 per person

includes complimentary drink on arrival

2 Course Dinner & Show

Gluten Free & Vegetarian meals available on booking

Bookings are essential

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER  
AT THE MEANDARRA HALL  
6:30PM PRE SHOW DRINKS  
7:00PM DINNER

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