



Condamine Bulletin

Issue 10 – November 14th 2018



Principal Messages

It is hard to believe that we are half way through Term 4. It is important to remember that everyday counts; students are still completing final assessment tasks and learning occurs every day.

Improvement Agenda

As the 2018 school year draws to a close, staff will continue to focus on developing students' knowledge and understanding of mathematical language and problem solving skills.

Movie Night

In partnership with the Western Downs Regional Council, we will be holding a movie night on Thursday 6th December at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. The movie screening will be 'Elf'. The council will provide the blow up screen and movie rights for the evening, along with the popcorn machine. The student council will provide a sausage sizzle dinner for a gold coin donation. Please pass the word on, as this is an event for the whole community. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

High School Transition

Miles State High School have confirmed the dates for this year's transition days and information session. Students in year 6 who are looking at attending Miles SHS in 2019 are invited to attend 2 transition days – Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th November, please ensure you seek prior approval if you are planning on sending students on the bus.

Student Council

Thank you to all families who supported the student council's disco on Friday night. Students had a lot of fun showing off their dance moves. The disco lights definitely added an extra level of excitement and enjoyment.

Icy cups will continue to be on sale every Wednesday for 50c until the end of the year.

Information about the free dress day will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please keep your eye out for this.

Date Claimers

12th November

Tallebudgera Camp

3/4 Camp

19th November

Meet & Greet @ 11am

22nd November

Band 5 Meeting

28th November

High School Transition Evening

Prep Information Session 5pm

3rd December

High School Transition

6th December

Movie Night 6:30pm

7th December

Prep Transition (9am-11am)

10th December

Prep Transition (11am-1pm)

RPO Visit

11th December

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

12th December

Awards Ceremony

13th December

Prep Transition (whole day)

14th December

Final Day Term 4

Year 6 Graduation

Swimming

Swimming will continue for another 3 weeks in Chinchilla this term. Following this, students will once again compete at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Miles on Tuesday 11th December. Condamine age champions will be calculated and awarded at our awards ceremony.

Book club

The final book club for 2018 has been sent home. Please advise administration if you do not wish for the ordered items to be sent home with students (presents). If this is the case, we will contact you to arrange collection. Orders close on Wednesday 21st November.

2019 Staffing

We are excited to announce our 2019 staffing arrangements have been finalised. We will be welcoming Miss Bronte Stewart to our teaching team. She will be working with the Prep-2 students throughout Semester 1.



Bronte will be visiting Condamine State School on Monday 19th November. We welcome you to join us for morning tea @ 11am.

Mrs Alison Topp will also be returning to Condamine State School in 2019 to teach on the principal administration days. We look forward to her return.

Santa's Mailbox

Reminder: Santa's mailbox has been set up at the school reception and postcards are available for collection by all residents. All letters and postcards are due back by 7th December so that they can reach Santa in time

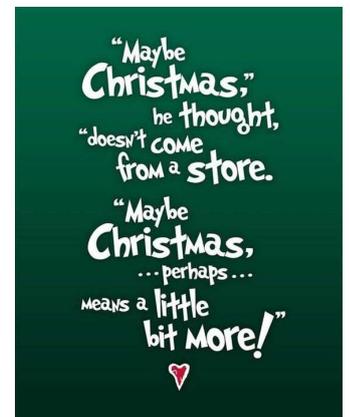
Parent Handbook

We have been updating our parent handbook for 2019. A copy of this will be e-mailed home upon completion. It will also be made available on our school website.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Condamine State School students will once again be competing at the small schools swimming carnival in Miles on Tuesday 11th December. When the finalised program is received, I will send a copy home.

Melissa O'Neill



Classroom News

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Students have been finalising their assessment pieces this term. In English they are completing the addition of a new event to a narrative. In Media Arts they have been manipulating their self-portraits taken earlier this term onto different backgrounds. In Science we have been studying information about the planets and Day and Night. Students have also been progressing well with swimming lessons on Fridays.

Mrs Long and Mrs Barkle

Vege Garden News

We have picked our first fruit from the fruit salad trees planted earlier this year – 2 Nectarines.

We also have 6 plums and a peach still ripening.

The Prep to Year 2 class made pickled beetroot from our vege garden last week.

Most of the winter crops are now finished though we do have more beetroot to pick. If anyone **has spare small glass jars with lids** could they please send them to school for future beetroot pickling.

Seeds of rockmelon and watermelon have been planted for summer crops.



**It's Rocket
Science**



Student of the Week



Annabel



Georgia



Owen



Jack



Culliegh



Jarred



Riley

Year 3 – 6 Is still TEAM AWESOME!!

Life in the 'Team Awesome' classroom has been 'out of this world' as of late.

On Wednesday the 7th we were able to live stream to the International Space Station which was extremely exciting. We sent the astronauts messages on their NASA live Facebook page and my iPad is getting a work out as the students love to look at the earth in real time from space, watch the sun or rise or set in some part of the world from space. They track the sun as it moves across earth. They love seeing the different countries and cities light up as night falls on them on the opposite side of the world. They are amazed at the network of lights and truly the amount of lights that some countries have and then how Africa, parts of Russia, Siberia, China etc. have big patches without lights. We have looked at earth from space, then looked at it on our world map shower curtain and our globes. Seeing 'the lights come on', the curiosity and the enthusiasm towards learning has been very rewarding as their teacher. Our learning has extended to pangea, continental drift, the ring of fire, the different types of earthquakes and volcanoes, light pollution, all just because of questions and interest from the students. As a teacher you couldn't ask for anything better. In the mean time we have learnt a number facts about the planets and their moons (especially Titan), the different types of stars, the Milky Way galaxy, the Magellan cloud and the Cat's Eye Nebula (just to name a few).

Thanks to Mrs Long and some RREAP money, the students had an amazing learning opportunity with Cran from 'It's Rocket Science Adventures' on Thursday the 1st of November. The educational outcomes of this activity was to learn firstly the relationship between air pressure, volume and angle and secondly the relationship between speed, distance and time. The students made rockets in class to the specified design criteria, they then launched their rocket at a chosen angle, used a clinometer to measure the angle of flight, used a trundle wheel to measure the distance from take-off to landing. These calculations were then plotted on a graph which then told the students how high their rocket flew. The time from take-off to landing was also recorded for some rockets which students could then calculate the average speed with which their rocket flew. Awesome hands on learning!! The second part of the session was flying some mini drones which for some was a first, but I am sure not a last time for many students. Cran commented on the knowledge of the students by saying that we were the first class who had ever answered correctly some of his questions. Big pat on the back for the students!! Cran is an airline pilot and his business 'It's Rocket Science Adventures' is something he has pioneered in order to inspire students into the careers of flying, space and engineering. His replica of the Space Shuttle really interested the students. Cran is involved in the trial launch that the Australian Space Agency is conducting near Goondiwindi next year so please keep your ears peeled for this and if possible try to attend. As a result of our work with Cran at school he has offered to give the Year 3-4 students a behind the scenes tour of the Caboolture Airfield along with another pilot for free. A nice little bonus for us.

Now back on Earth... English (in my books) has been just as 'out of this world'. We are reading, comprehending and writing short stories with a strong focus on the doing, saying and thoughts and feeling verbs that help the reader understand the character traits of the characters. Students have brainstormed and researched a plethora of words that can be, and are, used in writing to replace the word 'said' and how just by these words it really adds information about the character to the reader. The homework challenge has for the students to every time they see the word 'said' in their reading to stop and think of another word that could replace it with. Their second challenge is when they are reading at night to look for any new saying verbs to add to our list. It is great to see kids coming into class of a morning so excited to share a new word that they found last night.

Even though Maths is my love it is has been hard to create learning activities to rival those in Science and English. I will say that I am seeing progress with the students on the concepts they are covering in class, there is room for improvement but progress is good nonetheless. Fluency with times tables is a barrier and I encourage all parents to support their children with the learning of these be via apps, rote or the poster on the toilet door your efforts with this will be your child's and future Maths teachers appreciation.

As I am writing this, the students and I are preparing to go on camp. The year 5 and 6's are heading off for a week at the infamous Tallebudgera Camp and the Year 3-4's are heading to Brisbane for a STEM Camp. It is going to be a big week for everybody but one I am sure will benefit the students immensely.

With only five weeks to go in this school year, please be assured that learning will continue to occur right up to and including week 10. Our summative assessment will finish in week 9 however during week 10 I will be working individually with students to complete their learning profile for 2018 so that the teacher who is lucky enough to have these students next year has an in-depth picture of each and every student.

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