Dear Parents, Students and Kindon Community

All Australian students deserve access to a world-class curriculum that encourages diversity and which allow schools flexibility over how it is taught. The move towards a nationally consistent curriculum for school students has been a step in the right direction, but the government believes there is room for improvement.

The government has appointed Professor Ken Wiltshire AO and Dr Kevin Donnelly to conduct a review of the Australian Curriculum. The review will evaluate the robustness, independence and balance of the Australian Curriculum, examining the content and development process. Members of the public can make a submission to the review by completing the submission form by Friday 28 February 2014.

Great Results Guarantee

Last week I provided initial information about the additional $131 million to be invested in Queensland’s 1233 state and Independent Public Schools in 2014 to improve student performance.

Kindon State School’s share of this funding will be $5,000. To receive the funding we must complete an agreement that commits us to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

Our agreement will outline how we will use the additional funding to improve student results. We will enter into an agreement with the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE). Our agreement will be published on our school websites so that you, parents and other members of the community, can see how this funding is being used.

Student performance will be measured throughout the year and we will be required to demonstrate how the extra funding is helping to maximise learning outcomes for all students. Our first step is to engage with our school community, discussing ways of best using this funding. The P&C Meeting 17 February will provide a forum for this discussion. The Kindon State School Guarantee has to be submitted by 28 February.

Looking forward to hearing all ideas.

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**Calendar of Events**

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Principal: Ms Dale Minchenton P&C President: Mr Andrew Waugh Teachers: Mrs Terese Robertson, Mr Del Jensen (Music), Mr Jock McClymont (Supply)

Teacher Aides: Mrs Jayne Anderson, Mrs Kerri Glasser, Mrs Sally Lahey, Mrs Jenny McClymont

Administration: Mrs Sally Lahey Cleaner: Ms Sandra Tuckwood Grounds-care: Mrs Elizabeth Irwin

Bus services: Mr Greg Lahey & Mrs Michelle Sehmish-Lahey

(Un-reserved apology - to Mrs Michelle Sehmish-Lahey for consistent mis-spelling of her name!)
The Week at School

Congratulations Max and Harvey!
At Assembly, we celebrated Max’s great work with prepositions and his Prepositional Poem.
Harvey has finished all of his Sight Words!

A School Leader happy about learning!
Got to love that!

Alison and Blake clapping the rhythm with music teacher, Mr Jensen.

School Notices to Parents
A notice on the following page reminds you know that Kindon State School students are being asked to attend the mobile dental clinic at Goondiwindi State school, Goondiwindi for the 2014 recall. For the 2014 recall the Mobile Dental Van will be offering dental treatment and all students have received a Dental Registration form through the school. If you would like to access services this form will need to be completed. Mobile Dental Van staff will then make arrangements through the school to contact you for an appointment.

At your first appointment at the Mobile Dental Van you will be asked to complete medical history form/s (one for each child) – therefore a parent or legal guardian must attend this appointment.

Forms should be returned to the School by 28th February.
In our Classrooms

HPE  Many thanks to parents who have brought their children’s bikes to school so that they can participate in the Bike Ed program. Mrs Glasser is conducting the program on Monday afternoons, which will culminate in a “ride past” (on the school service road) on “Ride to School Day” or in our case “Ride Past School Day”, 19th March.

On completion of Bike Ed, our students will participate in the School Fitness Test. Physical fitness is an important part of living an active healthy lifestyle. The School Fitness Test is designed to evaluate the current level of health-related fitness in students. It will test aerobic capacity, explosive strength, muscular endurance, core strength and flexibility. Each student will be given “fitness score” and some recommendations about improving their score if it needs improvement.

Geography  Our students are learning about to understand the geographic conventions of mapping.

B - Border - every map must have one.
O - Orientation or direction - to show which way is North.
L - Legend - the symbols to explain features of a map.
T - Title - every map must have one to tell us what we’re looking at.
S - Scale - to show the distance between places.
S - Source - tells where the map came from.

Reading  Want to help your child with their reading comprehension?

The first step in reading comprehension is “Code Breaker”, “How do I crack this code?” Younger readers first must crack the codes of the written word.

Read through the book with your child. After reading/discussing, ask these questions. They can be asked in any order. Focus on getting your child talking about the story. Make sure they always explain themselves fully.

- What words are interesting?
- How did you work out that difficult word?
- What letter/s make that sound?
- What other words have that sound?
- What other words have a similar meaning?
- How is the word used in this context?
- What other words come from the same base word (jump: jumps, jumped, jumping)?
- Is the picture high/low angle, close up/long shot?
- How would you describe the music/pictures in this text?
- What colours have been used?

Always get the students to justify themselves by asking ‘WHY?’
Tuesday 4th February 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be notified that the mobile dental van, Van 8b 0407 577 169, will be operating from the location of Goondiwindi State School, Goondiwindi.

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The child/ren will be seen by an Oral Health Therapist who will examine (taking x-rays as required), and make a treatment plan for your child’s dental care and make any referrals to a Dental Officer if necessary. Being present at this appointment enables the Oral Health Therapist to discuss comprehensively with you how treatment will be provided and also gives an opportunity for oral hygiene and health advice to be shared with the whole family. It additionally enables you to be able to ask questions and be more informed about choices available. You will also be asked at this time to sign for consent to proceed. From here, if subsequent appointments are required you will be able to make another appointment/s in order to complete treatment recommended or advise dental staff that you would be happy to have your child treated without you being present.

Oral Health services would like to thank you for your co-operation and understanding by trying to provide comprehensive family oral health care.

Please remember:

- There are limited appointments available before and after school and most appointments will have to be during school time
- Oral Health does not accept any responsibility for transport of the children to and from their appointments
- Parents/Legal Guardian **must** attend on the first appointment to complete required medical history and consent documentation

Should you have any concerns or queries on operational service delivery please feel free to contact my office on:

4660 3876

Lisa_M_Rippon@health.qld.gov.au

Yours faithfully

Lisa Rippon (Senior Oral Health Therapist - Southern)
Community News

Healthy Lunchbox Program

Are you faced with trying to decide what to pack in your child’s lunchbox?

Goondiwindi’s Healthy Lunchbox Program aims to provide parents with practical tips on how to provide the most well balanced, nutritious but yummy lunchbox combinations.

Statistics show 90% of children’s lunchboxes do not meet dietary guidelines!

Margot Hawker - Dietician & Kirsty Dowling - Community Development Coordination, Care Goondiwindi are conducting this program which will see other allied health professionals speaking at the daycare centres and schools throughout the year with displays and talks at Goondiwindi Coop.

For more information please call Margot Hawker 4671 1444 or Kirsty Dowling 4670 0700

Macintyre Zone Tennis Trial 2014

Venue: Inglewood Tennis Courts
Date: Friday, 28th February
Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Trial Format: Schools are asked to nominate up to four boys and four girls to attend the trial. You are also asked to rank your players on the nomination form. Ie No. 1 being the best and so on.

The format of the trial will be a knockout competition with a final. A maximum of 3 Boys and 3 Girls will be nominated to the regional trial to be held in Dalby on Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th May (if they make the final 16.)

Selection Criteria: Students must have the following skills to attend the zone trials:-
- Knowledge of the game and understanding of the rules.
- A high skill level in all areas.
- Physical fitness and sportsmanship.

Nominations: Names, D.O.B and School will need to be faxed (4652 1321) or emailed (Paula.Orourke@twb.catholic.edu.au) to Paula O'Rourke at St Maria Goretti School, Inglewood by Friday, 21st February.

A nomination fee of $8.00 per player is payable to your school office.

Food: Players may provide their own Morning Tea and Lunch. Please ensure players have plenty of water.

Please contact the School for a nomination form should you want your child to participate.