School Watch
If you see any suspicious activity at our school.
Ph 131788

Conveyance Allowance
Families could be eligible for a conveyance allowance from Queensland Transport if you live more than 3.2km (shortest trafficable route) from your nearest state primary school. Please refer to the website for more information.

House Cup
Congratulations to McKenzie House for winning the Inaugural House Cup for 2013. Wirth has gained the upper hand for 2014 however, winning the first week’s duel.

Please remember the House Cup is based on the behaviour of our students. Staff are able to award a student with their house colour cube if they feel their actions have warranted this. Please also be aware that students are not to ask for cubes.

We have now had two Fridays with our new sports shirts for McKenzie (green) and Wirth (red). These shirts can be worn every Friday and also Inter-House Sports Days. We have had lots of positive comments on how fantastic the children look in their house colours.
What We’re Learning!

Monday  Assembly, Music, Geography, Technology
Tuesday  History
Wednesday Art
Thursday  PE, Science, Library
Friday  Fruit & Vege day, Buddies
Every Day  English, Maths, Health

Thank you to the parents who came along to our information morning on Thursday. For those who couldn’t make it, here are some of the topics covered:

- Homework folders are to be brought to school EVERY DAY to be sure they are available for daily marking, sight words, spelling and reading.

- Reading books are changed Monday and Wednesday for our class. Children should read the same book a number of times to become fluent readers and also to help improve comprehension skills.

- Year 2 students have “Mental Maths” which should be completed each night. If students have trouble with questions, leave them blank or circle them. Some questions will relate to topics that haven’t been covered in class yet. Days may be completed in advance where required due to other commitments, but Friday is only to be completed in class.

- Year 1 students have a weekly maths sheet to reinforce topics covered in class during the previous week.

- All students have spelling practice each night. Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check is an important process, and students should focus on the sounds in each word.
Please remember to identify every article of clothing. Please also label bags and lunch boxes.

We sent out new media permission forms with the last newsletter. Please note if you haven’t returned the form, your child’s photo and name will not be able to be used in the newsletter or around the school. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

We are also waiting on a few forms regarding the voluntary contribution. Please note this form needs to be returned, even if you don’t want to participate. Thank you.

Inner Downs Primary School Netball trials, for girls, will be held on Tuesday, 18th March, 2014 from 1.30pm at the Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre. Please see the office for further information and nomination forms.

Parents parking at the side gate will need to walk to the front of the school to collect their children as this is where there is a teacher on duty. Please help out with our limited parking situation by vacating the carpark once you have collected your children. There are plans to construct a staff car park behind the new tennis court which begins construction next week. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Beginner Recorder Lessons—Students from Year 2 to Year 7 are invited to beginner recorder lessons. Lessons will be held every Tuesday as soon as the bell rings after they have eaten. Students will need to provide their own recorder (please no coloured recorders) and a display folder. If you are interested, please give your name to Mrs Cahill.

Ukulele lessons—Mrs Cahill will hold ukulele lessons for students from Year 3 and above. Students will need to provide their own ukuleles and lessons will be held every Friday as soon as the play bell rings. If you are interested, please give your name to Mrs Cahill.

Library Days
Please remember to bring your library bag if you would like to borrow books

Prep (Miss Dowe) - Monday
1 (Miss Dowe) - Tuesday
3-5 (Mrs Cahill) - Tuesday
5 (Mrs S) - Wednesday
1-2 (Mrs Richter) - Thursday
6-7 (Mrs S) - Thursday

Great Results Guarantee
Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee. If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

Special Parade
We would like to invite you to our special Investiture Parade which will be held on Monday, 17th February from 8.45am.

At this time we will be welcoming our 2014 Prep students. Our school leaders for the year, which are our Year 6 and Year 7 students, will also be inducted.
Monday, 17th February
All Welcome
Special Parade
School Leaders & Prep badge presentation

Thursday, 27th February
All Welcome
Miss Dowe—Parent Info Session from 8.30am

Monday, 3rd March
All Welcome
P&C AGM from 7pm

Our first ‘Star Kids’ for 2014

Haylee - For showing a keen interest in her work

Sean - For showing a great attitude towards school and his work as we settle into a new year.

Isaiah - For being a good friend to the new people in the class.

Elihana— For very responsible behaviour in the classroom.

Aaron— For working extremely hard and completing all his work.

Piano, Keyboard, Accordion Tuition at your place or mine (next to school)
Shirley Mundt (T.musA, L.musA, ATCL)
Ph. 4630 4891

We have sent home today a copy of our Parent Handbook 2014 for your reading pleasure. Our handbook is also found on our website. Thank you.
Presidents Note

On behalf of the Wellcamp P & C Association, I would like to welcome everybody back for the 2014 year. A special welcome to all of our new families - we do hope that you are settling in and we encourage you to be as involved as you can with our P & C. We hold our meetings on the first Monday of each month, from 7pm to 9pm. We would love you to come along and share your thoughts. Your input is of great value as to how we run the P & C and the more people who get involved, the lighter the work load is for everybody. Cheers, Nick

Request for Volunteers

Friday Fruit & Veg Roster

Since 2007, the P&C has implemented and maintained a weekly ‘Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Morning Tea’ initiative. Each Friday, children share in a smorgasbord morning tea of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, which is prepared by parent volunteers. This task can involve several parents to purchase, cut and serve the selection of food and clean up after the morning tea.

Should you wish to help out, please contact the executive committee – details as below.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Monday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} March at 7pm.

All positions will become vacant, so please fill in the attached membership and nomination forms.

The P & C is asking for parents to come on board as coordinators to help out with the day to day operations. Many of these jobs don’t take a lot of time, so if you can spare a little it will be most appreciated!

Toowoomba Regional Council Sustainable Transport Strategy

In January, Kym Stansbie and the executive committee met with Mayor Paul Antonio, Denis Wagner and representatives to discuss traffic congestion along the Drayton–Wellcamp Road and Westbrook–Wellcamp Road fronting our school grounds.

The local council advised the best course of action is to provide feedback on the TRC Sustainable Transport Strategy, which is at the draft comment stage.

We urge all families to voice their concern over the increased volume of traffic and increased heavy traffic along this school zone.

Please complete the attached Feedback Form ASAP and return via email to: transportstrategy@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au or drop in to the school office for a bulk post.

Further details can be accessed via the following link: http://www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au/our-region/major-projects/sustainable-transport-strategy

Thank you for your support.

Request for Volunteers

School Grounds Mowing

This valuable fundraising activity raises $700 per term for the P&C Association.

Traditionally, the mowing has been an ‘opt-out’ system, with all families rostered on fortnightly throughout the year.

In 2014, we are seeking interest from families who wish to continue to volunteer their time for this task.

Please contact the executive committee (details below), if this would be of interest to you.

Should there be limited feedback from parents, the P&C will have to cease this activity.

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