Dear families and friends,

Swimming and Life Education

Tomorrow Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} October, we will be combining with Dallarnil SS with swimming and Life Education visits. Students will travel via Mr Johnson’s bus.

Two Life Education sessions will be held as follows:

- Years 4 – 6 will attend from 11.30am – 1pm
- Prep – Year 3 will attend from 1.15pm – 2.30pm.

Parents wanting to collect their students from Biggenden can meet us at the Life Education Van which is usually parked near the old Pre-School building at Biggenden SS.

All other students can be collected at school upon our return at 3.00pm

Swimming Reminders:

- swimmers
- swimming shirt
- towel
- goggles
- sunscreen
- pool entry $1.50

Please ensure all your child’s items are NAMED.

Student Medication

A reminder to parents who send medication for students to school.

Please ensure medication is accompanied by a signed and dated note that states the exact dosage and time of medication. Medication should also be in original packaging.
Year 6 Transition at Burnett State College

We have been advised from BSC of the following dates, parents may wish to mark in their diary.

**Wednesday 21 October, 7pm** = Parent Information Session at BSC.

**Thursday 22 October and Friday 23 October** = All Year 6 students attend full days at BSC. This is open to all Year 6 students, even if they are not attending BSC in 2016.

Ms Debbie Leaf will be visiting the school and speaking with students on Wednesday, 14th October, at 11.30am.

**Can you help?**

Plans are underway for this year school concert and graduation. We greatly appreciate donations of secondhand queen or double sized white bed sheets and a top hat.

If you can assist in anyway we’d love to hear from you.

**Current Permission Information**

Nil

**Student of the Week Awards**

On our weekly Assembly, we present our Student of the Week Award, which recognizes positive student achievements and can be nominated from any of our staff for many reasons - personal learning goal improvements, outstanding achievement, demonstrating leadership, or an attribute that exemplifies our motto, through compassionate and thoughtful acts that embody - Integrity and Industry.

**Week 1 Student of the Week:**

Amy Roberton has made an excellent start to term term. She has been participating well in all class activities and has worked well with staff and students. Congratulations Amy, keep up the great work!

**In The Classroom**

Many students have made a great start to the term. In the classroom students have made a start of their new learning units for term 4.

In Science many are investigating forces and energy. In English we will be learning and writing expositions. Year 5-6 are also learning about Economics and Business this term.
HOMEWORK – Students will receive their homework contract sheets each Friday as this allows those who have other commitments after school during the week to get a start of their written work. Homework is marked, along with home reading, daily. Students are also given time to go through their sheets to ensure they understand the activities and this will support them in completing most activities independently when at home.

Homework is encouraged as it:
A] Gives the child another opportunity for doing individualised learning
B] Develops work and study habits
C] Allows children to catch up on or practise school work
D] Allows parents to see the standard and content of work performed at school
E] Encourages children to think that education is a lifelong process and does not exist solely in a school.

Explicit Improvement Agenda

**Literacy and Numeracy Aims** - All students to be above the National Average in NAPLAN and improving at a rate greater than the nation. Increase percentage of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands to greater than 50%.

**Australian Curriculum Aims** - All students achieving C+ or better in English, Mathematics and Science and making Adequate Yearly Progress or Value Adding in achievement. Improve writing for all students through consolidation of student friendly marking guides and explicit teaching of the ten elements of successful pieces of writing and literature

‘Integrity and Industry’
Nicole Gibbs
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**P&C News**
Thank to everyone who assisted with our major annual fundraiser, the 7-a-side Cricket Day. Our next general meeting is Monday 12th October 6.30pm. All welcome.

**Community Information**
Please send community information for the newsletter to admin@coallakess.eq.edu.au

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**GUNTER GUMNUT PLAYGROUP**
Every Tuesday at Gunther Village in the playground next to the Coffee Shop 9.30am – 11am
All parents with young children welcome to attend, an activity and morning tea provided.
We look forward to seeing you there!

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**2015 Gayndah District Triathlon**
Sun 18 October
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**Duke and Duchess Fun Run/Walk**
Sat 17 October
Where: Gayndah Pool Complex
Online registrations
Find us on facebook
www.facebook.com/GayndahDistrictTriathlon
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Monto Magic Tourism Action Group together with Monto Rail Adventures and Monto RSL

Last Post tells the story of the relationship between a Monto soldier and his wife through their letters and is based on the letters of Gerald and Dot O’Connor and deals with the often tough realities families have to face during wartime.

The letters provide a vivid insight into the lives of two people during wartime.

Last Post gives special attention to the often untold story of the woman left behind to run a business, home and family while her husband plays the more glamourous role of soldier.

The play was first performed by Brendan O’Connor, playing his grandfather, and Perri Cummings in Melbourne in 2000. A segment from this production was broadcast by ABC television.

An expanded version of Last Post was performed with Brendan O’Connor and Terri Brabon in the leading roles in Townsville in 2013 and 2014. The Townsville version will be brought to Monto on November 13 and 14.

The show is a funny, informative and eminently moving piece of theatre. The play includes songs of the war era.

An intimate look at the hardships faced on both sides of the war. The script has been composed of letters detailing actual events. Last Post is also a great production to introduce younger generations to how life was for regional Australians at the time of Pacific War.

Please see the attached flier for further details.

Do you have any keen photographers in your school – either students or teachers?

Competition details
The Museum of Tropical Queensland, based in Townsville and part of the Queensland Museum Network, is running the My Favourite Place in Queensland Photography Competition to encourage photographers of all ages to snap and share the best of the Sunshine State and win over $5,000 in prizes.

There are three age categories: primary school (Years 1 to 6), secondary school (Years 7 to 12) and an open category (18 years of age and over).

And over $5,000 worth of prizes including:

- **Winner in the open age category** - your choice of Canon equipment to the value of $2,000 from Garricks Camera House Domain Central.
- **Winner in the secondary school category** - your choice of Canon Equipment to the value of $1,000 from Garricks Camera House Domain Central.
- **Encouragement award in the secondary school category** - your choice of photographic equipment* to the value of $250.
- **Winner in the primary school category** - your choice of Canon equipment to the value of $500 from Garricks Camera House Domain Central.
- **Encouragement award in the primary school category** - your choice of photographic equipment* to the value of $250.
- **Winner in the Canon Collective creative award** - a Canon EOS 750D with an EF-S 18-55mm IS STM valued at $1,149.

For all the details, visit our website (www.mto.qm.qld.gov.au), complete the online entry form and submit your photograph before 5pm on Monday 30 November 2015.