Dear families and friends,

Homework

Homework this week all students have:

- Reading
- Words
- Concert Songs, Poems & Skits

For further information regarding homework and guidelines:

Permission Forms & Attachments

- Parent-Teacher Interview times for week 10
- Food Day Week 10 (Fish and chips)

School Concert

All current and past families, friends, relations and community members are invited to attend our annual concert and graduation evening being held this Thursday, 3rd December, 2015.

The P & C will conduct a barbecue from 6.00pm onwards.

Students are requested to arrive at school by 5.45pm, dressed in full school uniform.
Attendance – Every Day Counts

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, competing in a school sporting event or going on a school excursion are reasonable excuses for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the excuse given for your child’s absence is reasonable. Please be aware your child only needs to miss 5 days per term to fall under 90% attendance eg. a day absent each fortnight.

You must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

Find out more about the http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/initiative from Education Queensland.

Swimming

Swimming will recommence this week and continues each Monday.

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.

School Library Books

All school library books are to be returned to the school by this Friday 4th December.

My Data Books

Student’s were given their My Data Books today. Please take the time to view their progress. These are to be signed and return on the next school day.
Student of the Week Awards

On our weekly Assembly, we present our Student of the Week Award, which recognize 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 8 Student of the Week:
Ruby Hunter has shown her thoughtfulness when interacting with the younger students in the school, she often makes an effort to speak positively and often initiates games and activities with them!

School Grounds

The school grounds and facilities are all locked over the holidays and I take this opportunity to thank parents and community members for watching over our school during the holiday period. If anyone would like to use the sporting facilities at the school, please contact me prior to entering the grounds. I can be contacted on 0477 728 430.

NB: Principal’s permission is required to be on school grounds outside school hours of 8.00am to 3.15pm.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays.

Parents and student can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

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
A/Principal – ngibb10@eq.edu.a

P&C News

Our next general meeting is this Tuesday 9th February 2016. All welcome to attend. Raffle tickets were sent home for a Christmas Hamper which will be draw at concert. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the school by Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015. Families are requested to donate items for the Hamper
and these can be sent into School. P&C will also be holding a BBQ at concert and will require assistance by parents on the night.
Please contact Kerry Farrell for further information.

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

Coalstoun Lakes Hall Community
Christmas Party
Friday 4 December
Sausages & steak for sale.
Please bring a plate to share – salad or sweet.
BYO esky & drinks.
Soft drinks for sale.
Please RSVP Cyndy 0458275192 sabrisan@skymesh.com.au or Terena 0741275006 terenadingle@hotmail.com