Dear families and friends,

There can be no doubting the commitment of the small group of parents in attendance at last Tuesday’s P&C meeting, with all 3 of the incumbent executive re-nominating and subsequently being re-elected to their positions.

Your P&C Executive for 2016 is as follows:
PRESIDENT: Peter McNaughton
SECRETARY: Kerry Farrell
TREASURER: Kim Corfield

I’m sure they will enjoy your support throughout this year as they facilitate the continued development of this fantastic school.

Next month’s P&C Meeting will be held on **MONDAY 14 MARCH at 7.00PM**.

**Curriculum Spotlight: “Technology”**

It is not widely recognised by parents that, in relation to the primary year levels, there are two key learning areas comprising the Technology curriculum, namely Digital Technology (ICT) and Design Technology.

Coalstoun Lakes is very well equipped with digital technology, and ICT’s are integrated across curriculum areas. Students use their computers, laptops, iPads and other hardware with great competence but also great responsibility.

Students in years 4-6 have their LOTE (Chinese) lessons delivered on-line with their teacher in Gayndah, and this week they also had their first IMPACT on-line writing lesson delivered from Brisbane.
Year 2-6 students are currently undertaking a Design Technology project involving the construction of a balloon powered vehicle.

Central to such projects is student involvement in thinking, investigating, researching, analysing, communicating, cooperating, writing, drawing, calculating, planning, action, and reflection.

**Student of the Week Awards**

This morning at assembly our second Student of the Week awards for 2016 were presented to the following two students:

**Ruby Hunter for Leadership:**

Ruby has been busy at lunchtimes producing a video starring the older students, a great idea for those wet or hot days we’ve been having. She has also been conducting the warm-up exercises prior to cross-country training. Great work, Ruby!

**Claire McNaughton, Academic Award:**

Claire has been demonstrating to everyone the traits of a model student by working very hard at all her school tasks in a quiet, efficient and determined manner. Keep it up Claire!

Who will next week’s worthy award winners be???

‘Integrity and Industry’
Howard Frost
A/Principal – hfros5@eq.edu.au

**School Request**

If families have any shoe boxes at home that they no longer require, could you please send them in to the school. This would be appreciated.
P178 Bus Conveyance AGM Meeting
Date: Wednesday, 17th February, 2016 at 4.30pm at Coalstoun Lakes State School. All welcome to attend. For more information please contact Shane Johnson – 4127 1514 or Kayleen Medew on 4127 5198.

Swimming
SWIMMING – will continue this week and be held on Wednesday afternoon. Students will depart the school at 1pm and travel by bus to the Biggenden Swimming Pool to undertake their weekly swimming lessons. Students who reside in Biggenden may be collected from the Biggenden swimming pool at 2.30pm. All other students will return to school for collection at 3.00pm.

Students will require the following items:
- Swimming togs and swimming sunshirt
- Goggles
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- $1.50 pool entry if you don’t hold a season pass.

Student Banking
Coalstoun Lakes State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

Student banking takes place on Thursdays. If you would like your child to become involved, they will need to have or open a Youthsaver account. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Michelle at the school.

P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting
The Coalstoun Lakes P&C held there AGM last week and the following people have been elected to the positions:

President: Peter McNaughton
Secretary: Kerry Farrell
Treasurer: Kim Corfield
Vice President: this position currently remains vacant. So that the P&C can continue to function, it is asked for someone to put their hand up and nominate to take on this position. Please contact the school or any of the executive committee listed above to advise of your willingness to support the P&C in this way.

Notes from the P&C Meeting:
• P&C are interested in applying for a Community Benefits Fund Grant to replace the junior playground.
• P&C will conduct an Easter Raffle and request families to donate items towards an Easter raffle. Raffle tickets are also attached to this newsletter for families to sell.
• Hold a family welcome BBQ and fun night. Date yet to be confirmed.

Forms
To safeguard your children during their attendance at this school, there are several forms for families to complete and return each school year. These are:
• Parent’s / Guardian’s General Permission
• Internet Access Agreement
• Student Consent Form (usage of student’s photos)

Your prompt attention to these would be appreciated. Thank you to all those families that have returned these forms.

North Burnett Sport Trial Forms have been given to students aged 10 years and over. Mrs Holmes has reminded students that if they are interested in attending the sporting trials on the list provided that these forms need to be returned to the school by this Wednesday.

P&C News
Our next general meeting will be held Monday 14th March 2016, commencing at 7.00pm. All invited and welcome to attend.

As a way of supporting the school, families are requested to mow the transpiration area on a rotational basis according to your family’s surname. There is a push mower, which was purchased by the P&C, available for families to use. Thank you to the Cuthbertson family for mowing the transpiration area.

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

Gayndah and District Netball Association Notice of AGM 8 March 2016 7pm YMCA

An invitation is extended to all Senior players AND parents of Junior players to attend the AGM of the Gayndah and District Netball Association. It is essential that we have representatives from our Junior parents for the continuing functioning and existence of our Netball Club.