Dear families and friends,

I’m most grateful for the warmth of your welcome since my arrival last week at this lovely school community of Coalstoun Lakes. I’ve already met most parents, along with several other family and community members. Thank you for going out of your way to drop in and say hello.

My first goal at Coalstoun Lakes is to ensure the curriculum is being covered and the students are exposed to all areas of the curriculum. I am also planning on collecting data on their Reading age to ensure they are being challenged in their daily reading lessons.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at Coalstoun Lakes and have enjoyed getting to know your children.

Just to let you know a little about myself.
I have spent most of my teaching career in the Logan/Gold Coast area in schools with over 600 children. I have had Acting roles as a Head of Curriculum and Behaviour Teacher in these schools.
I am married with two children, a 3 year old boy and 8 year old girl. This is our first country experience which we hope continues for years to come.

A big thank you to the staff at Coalstoun Lakes for helping me find my feet this week. It is a great place to work and they are fabulous role models for the students.

Variations
Some of the following school procedures which may have changed from last year’s timetable.
Newsletters: Fridays
Assembly: Mondays
LOTE (Chinese): Thursday and Fridays (years 4-6)

**NRL**
The school will be having some people from NRL Development coming out to work with the students on their NRL skills. This started yesterday 14th April and will continue for the next two weeks on a Thursday afternoon.

**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.

2016 Student of the Week awards will commence at next week’s parade.

**School Photos**
School Photos will be held on Friday, 22nd April, 2016. Students are to wear full school uniform for the photo.

**Welcome**
We take this opportunity to welcome Charli Bruce and her family to our school. Charli has enrolled in year 3. Welcome Charli and we are sure you will enjoy your time here at the school.

**Homework**
Students will receive homework each week. 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 this week all students have:
- Reading
- Words
- Homework Sheets

**PREPS**
The Prep students will start taking home homework next week. They will initially start with alphabet cards for the first few weeks and then continue with sight words and readers.

**Bookclub**
Throughout the year, students will be provided with leaflets from Scholastic Bookclub. If families wish to purchase items, please complete the order form and return to the school with payment. Bookclub leaflets have now been provided to students and all orders and payment are to be returned to the school by 28th April, 2016.
ANZAC Day

An ANZAC Day service will be held on Monday, 25\textsuperscript{th} April, 2016 in Biggenden. We are asking all students to attend the ANZAC Day march and service to be held in Biggenden. Students are to wear full school uniform (girls to wear maroon pleated skirt) and assemble at the CWA Rooms by 8.00am. Students will be provided with a maroon broad brimmed hat to wear during the march and service. Students will then march down to the Memorial Hall, where they will participate in the RSL service and the laying of wreaths ceremony.

A reminder that during the service, a monetary collection will be taken and it is requested that students be provided with a coin to place in the collection tin.

The Coalstoun Lakes Community Hall is planning an ANZAC Service, as it is the centenary of the hall and they would like to celebrate this special milestone. It will be held at the Coalstoun Lakes Hall at 4:30pm on the 25\textsuperscript{th} of April and they would love for our students to sing the National Anthem for this event. Could you please let me know if your child is able to attend or not.

All families and friends are invited to celebrate this event.

Regional Educational Focus

Our Moral Purpose: Every student succeeding

Reading Information for Families
Captains Reflection
The School Captains will reflect on the week we had and share some of the activities and learning from the week.

“This week we started athletics and on Thursday we were told that all the students who went to cross country trials were selected”

The Wall of Awesomeness!!
This is a new area added to the newsletter where we will add some pictures of awesome work from the week.

‘Integrity and Industry’
Cassandra Bruce
A/Principal – cbruc31@eq.edu.au
P&C News
Our next general meeting will be held Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 6.30pm. All 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. This request is generally only made once or twice to each family per year and each family’s assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the McNaughton Family for mowing the transpiration area.

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

Soccer in Gayndah

Training Thursday 4-5pm Gayndah sports ground
For all junior players 5yrs old up to high school students
Only $25 for the season
Also seeking parents interested in helping with coaching
For more information phone Laine Collins 0428931151

BIGGENDEN PONY CLUB

RALLY DAY
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL 2016- 9AM TIL 11AM
AT THE BIGGENDEN PONY CLUB GROUNDS
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
CONTACT: KIRSTEN: 0448 841 351
Coalstoun Lakes Community MARKETS
To be Held on
Saturday 30th April 2016
At
COALSTOUN LAKES & DISTRICT SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL
STARTING AT 8 AM  FINISHING AT 12 NOON
Stallholder Application Forms Available!
Contact: Terena 41275006
Cyndy 41275192 / 0458275192
Vi 41275171
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Coalstoun Lakes
Women’s Wellness Day

Tuesday, 17 May 2016
9.30am – 1.30pm
Coalstoun Lakes Hall

Activities:
• Massage
• Mini makeovers
• Manicure
• Inspirational Speakers
• Exercise Fun

Free Entry
Morning Tea and Lunch Provided