Dear Families and Friends,
Welcome back everyone! 2017 has already begun to display productive learning experiences for all of us here at school. It is great to see the school numbers growing from 11 to 13 within the first week. Today is day 8 which signifies clarification of our staffing for the year. This will be confirmed within the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone for making my transition into Coalstoun Lakes a positive experience. At this stage my appointment is based for the duration of Semester 1, so I will endeavor to make the most of our time together.

Learning is already progressing in rapid rates. We are currently focusing on the C2C units in all areas of the curriculum which align with the Australian National Standards. Students will be working to their level of understanding with an emphasis on achieving to the best of our abilities. I am always pushing my own boundaries and hope to encourage students to look beyond where they feel they can achieve.

If anyone has anything they would like to discuss with me, my door is always open. You are most welcome to come in and take a look at your child’s work throughout the Term. Looking forward to working alongside you in education.

Regards,

Tina Corcoran
Welcome
After attending our transition day, our prep student – Malachi Conroy has settled into the school routine with ease. We also take this opportunity to welcome a new family to the school, Liam Hughes in Year 1 and Aden Hughes in Year 3. As well as the students, we welcome their families to the Coalstoun Lakes School community.

Swimming This Term
We will be swimming every Tuesday of this term,

Checklist
- Money $1.50/Season Pass
- Towel
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Thongs (optional)

School Requests
If you have any shoe boxes that you no longer require, could you please send them into the school for students to use. Thank you.

A reminder to families, that Coalstoun Lakes State School has a sun safe policy which includes a “No Hat, No Play” clause. All students are required to bring along to school and wear a bucket hat whilst playing at morning tea and lunch times. Students are invited to leave their hats at school during the week.

School Photos
School photos have been arranged to be taken on Thursday, 9th March, 2017. Students will require full school uniform to wear on this day.

Student Absence
Just a reminder to all families to notify the school on the morning your student is absent or in advance when possible. This is a requirement by Education Qld and is to ensure the safety of all students.

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
Chaplaincy
We were pleased to receive notification that our application for Chaplaincy funding throughout this year was successful and we have been granted $5000 to continue our partnership with Scripture Union Qld to continue to provide a Chaplaincy service for our students, school and community. Chappy will be visiting our school fortnightly on Mondays and commenced with her first visit at the school on the first day of term. Welcome back Chappy!

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 Wednesday, 8th February, 2017.

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

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
2. In branch
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is held on Thursdays.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

P&C News
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening on 7th February, 2017 commencing at 7pm. 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. Thank you to the Corfield Family for the recent mowing the transpiration area. This request is generally only made once or twice to each family per year and each family’s assistance is greatly appreciated.

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

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES
Hi all and welcome back to the 2017 Season.

The season is soon to start.

SIGN ON DAY is Tuesday 7th March at 4.30pm at the Gayndah Sports Ground. Mitchell Sargent - NRL Development Officer for this region is coming and will be running "Come n Try" sessions for everyone to have fun and learn some new games.

Registrations are online through the Website "playnrl.com.au"
All players, coaches, FAO and Leaguesafe persons need to register prior to Sign On Day due to insurance.

Fixtures are starting in April.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)
The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** started on 1st July 2016 and is gradually rolling out across Queensland. CRU is running short workshops and information sessions that help people understand how they can access the scheme and best use this new way of getting disability support. These workshops are for all **people with a disability (including parents of children with a disability), their families and close friends** who are interested in exploring what they can do to be ready when the NDIS starts in their location.

**Date and Time:**
Tuesday February 21st
9.30-12.00pm
Biggenden Bluecare
45 Edward St
Biggenden 4621
Please register, via information on attached flier.
Upcoming Training Workshops – Biggenden

Free training is being offered and shared within your community. There are minimum numbers for the training to proceed, please ensure you register your interest in attending.

Family Friendly Parenting

Benefits
Good parenting involves everyone working together to tackle the interesting challenges that children can present. Knowing what you want to achieve, why you want to achieve it and most importantly how you are going to achieve these results as a parent is a good place to start.

This workshop will help you:
- Understand your child’s brain and why it rules their emotions, behaviours and reactions
- Know what you want so you can choose your parenting battles
- Improve communication and learn some simple techniques to actively listen to what your child is actually trying to say.
- Remember to be kind to yourself as a parent.
- Discover your parenting style and how it influences your communications.

This free workshop will help you to recognise the key elements of understanding and communicating with your children, giving you practical tips & skills on how to engage, respond, and offer support.

Date: Friday 17th February
Times: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Venue: To be confirmed (light refreshments provided)
RSVP: To register, email us at crcounselling@uccommunity.org.au or call (07) 3624 2428