Dear friends,

It was my pleasure to stand for a quick happy snap this week with our some of our student leaders and our newest Prep student Claire. Last Friday our students gathered on Assembly to listen to speeches from our Year 6 and 7 students for positions of School Captain, Vice Captains, the four Project Club positions and our new Media Team.

It was a credit to all students on their speeches and delivery, as well as our simple yet effective voting system whereby all students got have their say for the student leadership positions.

I congratulate the Year 6 and 7 students on their new leadership positions!

School Captain - Claire
Vice Captains - Ryan and Angus
Media Team - Rianna and Paula
Date Claimers

Project Club - Jeremy, Rebecca, Blake and Zeth

It is an honour to be the student leaders of a school during your final year of Primary School and we are sure you will all fulfil your roles to the best of your ability and always demonstrate respect and responsibility, a positive role model for younger students and in representation of our school spirit within the classroom and out in the community.

On Tuesday night at the P&C AGM and first General Meeting, I thanked our past P&C Executive and welcomed the new Executives and Members. Thank you to our continuing President - Neil, Vice President - Geoff, and Secretary - Michelle. I thank John for his service as Treasurer and welcome Tania as our new Treasurer. It is a core executive group and we welcome all families and interested community members to be involved with the School P&C.

Traditionally, the P&C host a welcome BBQ for new families and an opportunity to meet the Principal and Teachers for the new school year. Save the date on Saturday the 8th May as we will undertake a morning P&C Working Bee followed by a Sausage Sizzle lunch and an opportunity to socialise. All families and students are naturally welcome on the day and RSVPs will be forwarded over the coming week for catering.

We have purchased a new ceremonial tri-spoke flagpole for our presentations and assemblies and are proud to have the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags proudly displayed on stage at our Friday morning assemblies.

‘Integrity and Industry’
Benjamin Reed
Principal - breed15@eq.edu.au

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.

Australian Curriculum Aims - All students achieving C+ or better in English, Mathematics and Science and making Adequate Yearly Progress or Value Adding in improvement and achievement.
Current Permission Information

Term 1

Swimming permission - Season Pass or $1.50 per week

School Photos - Date Claimer - 5 March

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of February we are ‘Balanced’
- we look after ourselves
- we use time well
- we reflect on our learning
- we have a range of interests (physical, creative, spiritual, intellectual)

Student of the Week Awards

Our weekly Friday Assembly Student of the Week Awards recognise many 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.

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P-4 - Rafe Fawckner - Rafe has completed his homework tasks well all week. He has been making a wonderful effort to be more organised and has shown great responsibility for learning.

5-7 - Claire Thompson - Our new School Captain has begun her official tenure as student leader with a fantastic week of classroom demonstration of achievement and is showing every day why she has been voted to the position and role of School Captain by the students! Well done!

Congratulations to our Class Student's of the Week!

In The Classroom

P-4

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

Throughout the week I was pleased to be informed that in addition to Mrs Holmes teaching HPE on Tuesdays, she will also support us on Thursdays for Science in P-4 and 5-7 in addition to Learning Support, which in turn provides non-contact and planning time for both class teachers. This week we also welcomed Reverend Jan to undertake Religious Education lessons.
This week our Year 5s commenced the first online classroom learning sessions through Project 600 Reading, well done on your first virtual classroom lessons. LOTE German for Year 6 and 7 commences online in next week, but students have already started their powerpoint assignment with gusto and excitement as we continue to ensure students have opportunities for online research incorporated into their weekly timetable.

On Fridays, every child brings home their weekly report and we hope this continued practice keeps you informed of the weekly progress for every student. Good luck to Ryan and Rianna at the Wide Bay Burnett Cricket trials early next week!

Students - Thanks for another great swimming lesson with Mrs Holmes this week!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

**Bus Conveyance AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the two bus routes connected with Mr Johnson's bus (P178) will be held Monday, 24th February, 2014 commencing at 4.15pm at the Coalstoun Lakes School.

**P&C Working Bee and Welcome BBQ**

On Saturday 8th March the P&C will host a morning Working Bee where all parents are invited to attend and undertake a few jobs around the school to keep it immaculate and constantly improve facilities for our students. Some of the jobs are listed below and you will note the opportunity to not only support the P&C and school but to allow students and families to gather together over some good old fashioned physical labour!

- Garden beds and planting (suitable for students)
- Small Cupboards flatpack assembly for Digital Library
- Cricket mat installed on oval pitch
- Move fixed school flagpole to assembly area and investigate time capsule
- Transpiration Area mow
- Small concrete section between sheds
- Removal of old grounds materials via trailer

Let us know if you can assist with any of the big jobs or jobs that need equipment, trailer etc so we don't get too much double up on the day. Look out for the RSVP over the coming week.

We will then have a sausage sizzle and an opportunity for everyone to meet and greet and socialise over a cold drink and snag! Sounds like a great Saturday, see you there - thank you P&C.
Reporting

Last week we discussed assessment and how it is used for diagnostic and summative purposes within the classroom and across the school. A key component to ensuring that assessment is purposeful and worthwhile is the moderation process, analysis of data and derivation of learning goals and teaching strategies. Reporting takes many forms, daily checking, marking and tracking of student home, class and book work.

Verbal feedback and results as well as the written assessment, subject grades in addition to goal acquisition. We also have the systems surrounding student marking of weekly report cards and home-school weekly reporting. Formal semester based Report Cards are the most well-known school reporting products.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of Term 1 and 3. We believe this provides a check point prior to the semester report card, to ensure that every term feedback on student progress is coming home and ensures that parents and teachers are meeting at the half way mark between report cards rather than after a report card at semester junctures.

Other scheduled opportunities include start of year Welcome BBQs and information sessions, and end of year Graduation and Celebration events. We have an open door policy at our school and never hesitate to contact your class teacher as the first point of contact and furthermore the Principal if desired and/or necessary. A positive partnership between home and school is vital to the success of every child and we always welcome your feedback and an honest discussion surrounding your children, our students.

Community Information

Please email admin@coallakess.eq.edu.au with any community information items you would like to feature here in our newsletter! Our newsletter is distributed online via our website coallakess.eq.edu.au and available in paper copy to families and at the Coalstoun Lakes General Store.