Lakes Life eNewsletter

Keynote

Dear friends,

This week we commenced our online German lessons for Years 6 and 7 and Friday afternoon I am pleased to welcome Mrs Tania Fraser as a Teacher Aide to deliver Music Sessions on Friday afternoons alternating with Library borrowing and Sports in the last session. I was pleased to meet our new Acting Assistant Regional Director today who commended the culture, respectful routines and atmosphere of the school as well as the students. He also supported the existing quality programs and new initiatives which confirmed our direction and priorities.

We have designed a supported final draft of our federal Great Results Guarantee and associated funding of which our school will receive $5000 to support literacy and numeracy across the school with a focus on the early years. Once approved the GR Guarantee will be publicly available on all school websites and I am proud that it aligns with our vision and individual student focus and thus supports our improvement priorities.
- 100% of students achieving National Minimum Standards in Literacy and Numeracy, or have an evidence based Individual Learning Guarantee Plan.

- Increase of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands in years 3, 5 and 7 in Literacy and Numeracy, to greater than 50%.

- Mastery of the Explicit Instruction pedagogical practice by all teachers in all classrooms.

Our plan identifies clear, precise and specific strategies and identifies resourcing targets, both human and physical, for the funding, using this output model.

Our Guarantee works alongside our Explicit Improvement Agenda which focuses on high standards through achievement above the National Average in Literacy and Numeracy and improving at a rate greater than the nation.

Next Friday we will support the Kids Cancer Project through ‘I Want 2 Be’ Day, please see below for further information about this fun day for a great cause!

Please note the revised date claimer for the P&C Working Bee and Welcome BBQ - Saturday 15th March.

We welcomed Mrs Holmes to our Thursdays as well and we look forward to her continued support of the classrooms and directly through teaching the subject of Science.

After a great first month at school, I am proud to be part of this fantastic school, staff and community. Everyday is a great day to be at school and teaching your children, our students!

‘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.

Term 1 - Week 4 - 2014

P-4 - Sophie Gibbs - Sophie has completed some great descriptive sentences this week. She has demonstrated great recall of her tables. Sophie has also been helpful to staff and fellow students.

5-7 - Blake Bechly - Blake has been diligent in his studies all week with a positive attitude to feedback and correction, he has demonstrated good sportsmanship in games and support of his peers throughout the week. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

In The Classroom

P-4

Year 3-4 have been learning about early explorers including James Cook in history this week. P-2 have been learning about how we grow, stages of life and ways we celebrate and remember special events.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au
Early in the week we explored chance and data through probabilities in Mathematics and firmed up our workload in regard to Spelling Activities. We looked at data sets and different types of charts and graphs. We used the school's own raw data series from the solar panels to use Excel spreadsheets to create and play with different series of data and graphical representations.

Our 5-7s continued their online learning on the laptops in the digital library through Project 600 Reading and our 6s and 7s commenced LOTE and got to use the laptops and redesigned Digital Library. We will commence Library borrowing after Assembly in our class on Friday mornings and this works alongside the classroom repository of free reading books and novels they have access to in their homework reading program.

Mrs Holmes commenced teaching Science on Thursdays and began with the topic of camouflage in addition to supporting our Thursday classroom routine. Mr Morrees is our German LOTE Teacher based at Mundubbera and he was pleased with the students early start on their German PowerPoint assignments!

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.

**‘I Want 2 Be’ Day**

Next Friday 28 Feb, we will support Kids Cancer fundraising through participation ‘I Want 2 Be’ Day. For a gold coin donation we get to wear to school, the outfits and costumes of the role models, people, professions and jobs that we want to be and have, when we all grow up!

**NewsMail Competition - Win a Set of 10 iPads for your Child’s School!**

The NewsMail is currently having a competition to win a set of 10 iPads and we have registered to be involved. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter and start collecting your tokens to support our emerging Student iPad Program!

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

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION TO DATE CLAIMER - SATURDAY 15 MARCH

On Saturday 15th 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 to 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.

Community Information
BIGGENDEN KINDY

Dear friends,

Biggenden & District Kindergarten & Limited Hours Daycare Inc.

Daycare Service – from birth to 5 years
Monday & Friday 8.00am – 5.30pm

Kindergarten Program – from 3 years to 5 years (must be toilet trained)
Tuesday, Alternate Wednesday & Thursday 8.30am – 2.30pm

Degilbo & Boompa Bus service available upon request

$50 per family/per year enrolment fee
$5.00 per hour up to $35 for Daycare
$26 per day for Kindy (school terms)

Govn. funding available for pre-prep age

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BIGGENDEN TOUCH FOOTBALL

Hi everyone

The 2014 Biggenden touch football season will be commencing soon. We are holding a sign on night on Tuesday 4 March at the Biggenden sports oval from 6pm with a free sausage sizzle.

Junior players must be turning 13, 14 or 15 in 2014 and senior players are people turning 16 years or over in 2014. Playing fees are $65 per senior player and $50 per junior player. Players are encouraged to pay fees at the sign on night.

I have attached the flyer for the sign on night and player and team nomination forms.

The 2013 competition was a lot of fun and we hope to continue this into 2014.

Individuals who would like to play but do not have a team are encouraged to come along – we’ll get you on a team.

Please feel free to contact me on 41271277 if you have any queries regarding this.

Please feel free to share this information with your friends, colleagues and students.

Regards

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PONY CLUB

Please see attachment for further 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.