Dear friends,

This week our school and community took time to reflect on all that is precious in life, family, friends and community. With the passing of Mrs Gibbs father, during a naturally sad and quiet time for grieving for some staff and students of our school. We send our kind thoughts and sympathies to the Gibbs family and we believe during these times our small school and community has qualities that provide consistency and a safe and supportive time as we all grow, learn, reflect, support, develop and live alongside each other, together.

School life, like time and all things, carries on with the students at the forefront of our core business. On Wednesday we had our School Photos in the Community Garden space. Our annual happy snaps should make for some great keepsakes and memories of 2014. Further information surrounding photos and ordering will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
Well done to all our students who participated in the North Burnett Softball trials. Congratulations to Ryan, Rianna, Claire and Rebecca who now progress to the Wide Bay trials. This week the Touch football trials took place with again students from CLSS representing our zone strongly. Claire and Rebecca were successful in progressing to the Wide Bay Trials. Tennis trials too, took place this week on our own courts and it certainly is the summer of sport, congratulations to Claire who progresses to the next level of this sport too. Well done to all students who put their best foot forward in the preferred sports, games and trials!

At our P&C Meeting, several items were discussed, some outcomes for your immediate information are that due to supplier price increases - School Shirts are now $30 each.

On Saturday 15th March at 8am, 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 the 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 physical labour!

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 from the School and P&C.

As we move through the middle of the term and students have many activities and commitments, please ensure they have a quality fruit break for 9am and maybe an extra vegemite sandwich in case they are feeling extra hungry!

‘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. Increase percentage of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands to greater than 50%.

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

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Swimming permission - Season Pass or $1.50 per week

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of March we are ‘Team Players’

- Co-operate and work well with others
- Appreciate other points of view
- Get along well with different people
- Value all contributions

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 - Claire McNaughton - Claire has had a wonderful first month at school and we celebrate her first year of schooling with her! She is a very organised young student who takes great care with her belongings and is very neat with her work. She has taken great interest in the older students’ games, especially handball and is making great progress! Well done to our Prep, Claire!

5-7 - Amy Thompson has been diligently working away on her studies and has been putting in a fantastic effort in tennis games at school and at the NB Tennis trials. Amy has been very organised with all her work that is due and quietly works to ensure completion to a high standard. Well done!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

In The Classroom

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The students have been continuing to look over the History Unit through the exploration of Australia Day. It is a proud Principal who gets to look through the door daily and catch up with all the students and see their wonderful handwriting, respectful classroom routines. I enjoyed listening to many of the
students read this week and a big thank you to Mrs Edwards and Mrs Elliot in ensuring the classroom has run smoothly and learning has continued uninterrupted whilst Mrs Gibbs has some personal time.

Mr Reed on behalf of Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

Throughout the week we got the opportunity to pose together for our School Photos and also as a graduating cohort of the Year 6 and 7 Student Leadership group. Information surrounding ordering and prints will come through to the school in the near future with proofs and pricing. Chappy gave us a call and she will be out to see us on Monday 24 March so we are all looking forward to seeing her again.

The Media Team have been grabbing some great pics throughout the week and we are really pleased with our new camera! So many sports trials and well done to everyone on your participation and congratulations to all those who have made it through to regional selections.

Along the way we took care of our business and have completed all our required maths and english activities. History has been progressing well with discussion and research surrounding the colonisation and settlement of Tasmania and then Moreton Bay. The students have been working well with the extracts and different sources of information to distill a timeline of events, in essence, to piece together the bits of the history!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia passionately believes that all young Australians should learn about the importance of saving and smart money management. Coalstoun Lakes State School continues to participate in the School Banking Program.

To participate, students will be required to open a Youthsaver Account to participate in school banking. They are able to do this in one of four ways:

1. Parents who are existing CBA customers can log into your NetBank, go to the “Offers and Apply” tab, then click “accounts” and “Youthsaver”. From there just select the child’s school, and have their birth certificate on hand for ID purposes.

2. Visit a CBA branch with identification for both parent and child.

3. Parents can also call CBA on 13 2221 to open an account over the phone; or

4. Complete an Application Form (paper-based). For parents/carers who cannot get to a local branch, application forms are available from the school. Once these forms are completed and identification requirements fulfilled, they will then be forwarded to CBA for processing.

You will need to complete the paper form and student identification checks. It will take approximately 2 weeks for the account to be ready for School Banking.
Student banking takes place each Thursday at the School. Please see the attached Information Package for Parents which provides further information.

*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!

*Community Information*

**GAYNDAH SCOUT GROUP EASTER TRIVIAL PURSUIT**

Friday 28th March

Town Hall

Doors open at 7pm

$5 per player

**BIGGENDEN SHOW SOCIETY GALA**

Saturday 5th April

Please see flyer!!

A night to celebrate our community and recognise our youth through the Miss Showgirl Qld Rural Ambassador Awards!

Biggenden Show Hall

Doors Open - 7pm Start 7:30pm

Dress - Semi-formal

Cost - $25 per person pre-purchase

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW - Purchase from Burnett Livestock & Realty or online at www.biggendenshow.com**