Dear friends,

We celebrated St Patrick’s special leprechaun visitor! Thank you to our green visitors who brought a wonderful tale and some fun with them to the end of the rainbow, where the pot of gold is, Coalstoun Lakes SS!

Next week on Friday, Mrs Gibbs and I will both attend the Explicit Instruction Conference. As many would be aware, the school and regional focus has naturally been on improving the quality of direct teaching within all classrooms and Explicit Instruction as a framework and methodology is our signature pedagogy. The conference is hosted by the experts who literally wrote the book and we are looking forward to this valuable collegial professional development.

Assessment will naturally increase over the coming fortnight and we will ensure that students are rewarded for their hard work, with the Project Club hosting a charity free dress day and BBQ on the second last day. Instruction continues
right up until the last day of term to ensure we keep our A
stand attendance rate of 98%, well done students and
families!

Parents and families will soon be advised of Parent Teacher
Progress Interviews. These are offered formally, twice per
year, and we will advise next week as to whether they will be
offered at the end of this term or first week of Term 2,
depending on the school calendar, commitments etc.

Our Digital Library is an exciting place to be with all the
small groups, online learning and weekly music that occurs
there. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful
facility, furniture and technology to support all the different
types of learning styles of our students!

Please note the arrangements and the 8:45 arrival time for a
9am start at the Cross Country at Biggenden in the last week.
The school will arrange transport leaving at 8:15am for any
students who require transport and will need to be at school
at 8am sharp for the lift. Please indicate this on the RSVP
form so we know all the transport arrangements, it should be
a great day out and a wonderful event!

Please note the enclosed attachments surrounding the
Chappy Easter Camp in Biggenden! Scripture Union, our
chaplaincy provider undertakes camps across the state at
Easter and we are fortunate to have one so close to our school
and community if you are looking for a great camp and
activities over the Easter holiday period.

‘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

Term 1

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 - Quade Farrell - Quade has been working extremely well this week. He has demonstrated great listening and has worked well on task. Well done Quade, keep up the good work!

5-7 - Dustin Fawcckner - Dustin has been putting in a great effort daily with his Cross Country Training. He has demonstrated a mature and independent learning style all week and is to be congratulated on the neatness of his bookwork and effort in his homework and school subjects!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

In The Classroom

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Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au
Students this week undertook their swimming assessments of the skills learned during our weekly sessions on Tuesdays. Mrs Holmes will catch anyone up in the last week of school if they did not swim during this week.

Looking forward to Cross Country and our students are now been undertaking their full distances four mornings per week and will continue to do so until the last week and the event! Not all of us were born athletes and runners and diversity makes us stronger, but there is never a reason you cannot give your best everyday with regard to some personal fitness!

We are looking forward to catching up with Chappy and talking about our community garden refresh when the puddles arrive! As the end of term draws nearer, all students are naturally feeling tired, especially with each students and families many and varied sporting and weekly activities and pursuits!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

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**Kids Corner**

This term, Project Club have decided that they will fundraise Sunrise Children's Village located at Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Sihanoukville, Cambodia. SCV started in September 1993, following the first visit by Geraldine Cox. Since that time, three centres have been created.

The Sunrise Children's Villages provide education, medical care, and a home for orphaned, abandoned, vulnerable and disadvantaged Cambodian children. We are giving a simple donation to the organisation to help them with their needs. Some of these Children don't even have a home to sleep in! Please help the project Club so we can help these young people survive in Cambodia.

* Remember! Giving is better than receiving. We may have a fun Disco or BBQ sizzle but haven't decided what the dates will be.

Thanks for helping the Project Club in the Future.

Regards from,

CLSS Students and Staff.

Written by Paula Barnum

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**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 keep collecting your tokens to support our emerging Student iPad Program!
Community Information

DISCO

Friday 21st March 2014 Strictly 6pm – 8pm
Biggenden Learning Centre – Gold Coin Entry
Sausage Sizzle and cold drinks available for purchase
Prep – Grade 6 can be dropped off but must be signed in and out by parent/guardian

CENT SALE

Coalstoun Lakes Hall — Saturday 22nd March
Doors Open 12:30pm for 1:30pm Start
Lucky Door, Raffle and Great Prizes
Afternoon Tea Provided
All Welcome
Contact - Vi Rackemann

JUNIOR NETBALL

Girls turning 11 and 12 years in 2014
are invited to join the Gayndah Junior Netball.
Sign On and training will be held on Monday 24th March 2014
from 4pm to 5.45pm at the YMCA
Contact : Chris Duncan 0419 518 423

GAYNDAH SCOUT GROUP EASTER TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Friday 28th March
Town Hall
Doors open at 7pm
$5 per player
COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE
Coalstoun Lakes Church Service - Sunday 30th March 11:30am
Contact - Vi Rackemann

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