Dear friends,

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope your family and friends had a restful and relaxing Easter and school holiday period. We had an extensive facilities improvement program scheduled over the holiday period including continued security upgrades, and plumbing for bore maintenance, water tank cleaning and all gutters cleaned to ensure our drinking water is clean and fresh. We are capturing as much water as sustainable, for our school campus.

The big news is naturally that both playground structures or play forts were upgraded with removal of all timber and log edges being replaced with new softfall edging and sand replenishment. The smiling faces of the students playing on the refreshed playgrounds is the testament to the refreshed playgrounds!

As always we thank Mr Gibbs and Mrs Medew for preparing the school to look its absolute best for the start of the school
term and the students return. An interesting first week given
the three days of contact time in addition to our march
together on ANZAC Day public holiday in Biggenden this
Friday. Angus, Claire and Rebecca also headed off to the
Touch Football trials at the representational level and next
week the eligible Cross Country runners travel to Gayndah,
while the rest of the school will go to Biggenden SS for the
Bush Poetry Travelling Variety Show.

Our student leaders and Project Club have done some great
work during the first few days back in organising the
fundraising and logistics for this term and for our term 3
School Camp. Dates for the School Camp in Term 3 at Ewen
Maddock Dam in the Sunshine Hinterland are in our date
claimer sidebar.

This term the students will fundraise for Guide Dogs for the
Blind after the votes were tabulated, and will host a Disco this
term to raise funds for Camp and the selected charity.

As preparation for NAPLAN in May continued this week,
straight off the mark, and students settle back into their
routines and catch up with friends. Through playing a game or
two, we see those bonds strengthened by the holiday break
and the new exciting stories, tales and adventures they wish to
share with the teachers and their mates after a well deserved
rest.

As we look forward to a busy term term we take time to
acknowledge and represent our school at the ANZAC Day
march in Biggenden and we look forward to as many faces
being present as possible. Thank you to families who have
communicated informally or in passing, their families
attendance at the march or conveyed prior family
commitments, etc.

We will meet at the CWA Rooms at Biggenden from 8am, our
wreaths and formal hats have been collected and will be
awaiting us. Please ensure if you are attending that students
have their best and formal version of their school uniform.
Sent home with students today is the program of events for
the Biggenden Service.

Lest We Forget.

‘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 2

Bush Poetry Workshop at Biggenden SS - Fri 2 May
(note this is the same day as NB Cross Country in Gayndah)

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of April we are ‘CARING’

- Kind
- Considerate
- Sensitive to people’s feelings
- Respect the beliefs and opinions of others

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 had a great start to the Term, straight into school, now worries, ready to catch up with his mates and get on with the job of learning! He had a great time at the Bird Sanctuary at Apple Tree Creek over the holidays with his family and lots of other fun activities!
5-7 - Rianna Holmes - Rianna is the friend you always need after a holiday break! She is welcoming, energetic and bubbly and makes everyone around her feel valued. She is a great student leader as well as her formal role in the Project Club!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

Positive Behaviour Award - Caring - April - Who will it be?!

In The Classroom

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Thank you to Mrs Elliot whilst Mrs Gibbs attended the Wide Bay Burnett

Mrs Gibbs - ngib10@eq.edu.au

5-7

This week the 6/7 students had a face to face visit with their LOTE Teacher Mr Morrees, always nice to put a face to the voice on the end of the line! The Project Club has been very busy and we wish Angus, Claire and Bec every success at the Touch Football representative trials! See you at the ANZAC Day march!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Kid's Corner

Kids Corner is still currently in holidays! See you at the ANZAC Day March in Biggenden.

Thank you

Community Information

GAYNDAH KINDERGARTEN WINERY BUS TRIP FUNDRAISER

Fundraising for a new outdoor obstacle course for the kindy.

Saturday 3rd May, $55/person includes bus & lunch.

Please pay your money to either Jaimie Roth or Laura Parr by Friday 25th April to secure your seat.

For more information please ring either Jaimie (ph: 0400 292 850) or Laura (ph: 0428 729 397).

Thanks in advance!