Dear friends,

It was a sincere and respectful ANZAC Ceremony in Biggenden last Friday and I was proud to march alongside our school staff and students, but also the other community organisations and members. Our student leaders layed wreaths for not only our school but associated clubs and organisations. Thank you to everyone involved and undoubtedly many people behind the scenes who ensure those special annual events are of a high standard every year but are relentless in ensuring that our diggers past and present are never forgotten.

The media has been positive this year in ensuring that we know how many younger people and generations are now pushing the ANZAC spirit ahead to ensure ‘Lest We Forget’.

Whilst the first week of 3 days made the holidays feel a little longer for some, students walked into business as usual during this week. A refreshing change though on Friday morning will...
be the Bush Poetry Performance at Biggenden SS alongside their students and Dallarnil. ‘Mal and Susie on Tour’ hail from the central west in Winton and travel for half the year performing for schools and organisations.

Thank you to all parents and families for meeting with Teachers throughout the week to ensure progress at school is kept at the forefront of our decision making. Whilst there are practical workload benefits in a progress update at Term 1 and 3 as opposed to directly alongside a report card at the end of each semester. The primary reasoning for the timing is to ensure that formal feedback to parents increases but a separated junctures and that we are updating parents on progress and can celebrate improvement and achievement or intervene together, if there are deficits or weaknesses in skills, behaviour or subjects.

WE hope you have enjoyed sharing student progress, information and data with the teachers and please, as always, the teacher is the first point of contact and please call in, phone or email to make an appointment if you feel a discussion is needed for an issue or topic, or need to pass information to the teacher regarding home information.

Thank you and we look forward to a successful term with positive family partnerships. There are many notices and permission that accompany this newsletter for families and we look forward to hearing how all the wet Cross Country runners went at the North Burnett trials.

‘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

Health Education Classes - Year 4-7

Childers Show and Choral Society - Suessical permission

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of May we are ‘Problem Solvers’

- use a range of thinking skills
- plan and carry out investigations
- consider different strategies
- find things out before making decisions
- solve a variety of problems

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 2 - Week 2 - 2014

P-4 - Paris Foody - Paris has made a consistent effort across all areas this week. He has shown improvement and effort in his story writing and accepts feedback positively. Great work.

5-7 - Max Corfield - Max has worked conscientiously throughout Term 1 and has had a strong start into Term 2! His results and achievement demonstrate quality effort and personal improvement as well as a high standard of bookwork and presentation!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

Positive Behaviour Award - Caring - April - Paula Barnum!
In The Classroom

P-4

Thank you to all parents who have made time to meet this week. For your child's success at school it needs to be a partnership between teacher-child-parent. As always, please do not hesitate to touch base with us at any time if you have concerns or queries, and we will do the same.

We have had a busy week working on our show poem entries, science, literacy and numeracy.

As the weather cools just a reminder to please send a coat or jacket to school each day.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

Thank you to all the parents and families for our Parent Teacher progress interviews over the past week and early into next. We hope the presentation of your child's data has reaffirmed not only their personal achievement but has shown where they have personally improved and identified some topics or areas to work on moving forward. If you ever have questions, please phone and email or pop in, to tee up an appointment suitable for teachers and parents so that further discussions can occur if warranted or necessary. We have an open door policy, this is your school and next week at the P&C is a great time to have input in to the direction the school takes in its community and P&C consultation processes.

Thank you to all the students and families who were able to attend the ANZAC Ceremony and March last Friday in Biggenden, a very respectful and sincere community event and I was proud to represent our school alongside our staff and students. We are really looking forward to the Bush Poetry workshop and performance tomorrow at Biggenden SS!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Discover Kindy Fun!

The kindy section of the department’s website is now home to fun activities, resources and events. The ‘Fun and games’ page, features the ‘Monster Match’ game which was distributed to more than 35,000 rural and remote families in Queensland. The game was developed as part of the ‘Kindy counts!’ campaign to communicate the benefits of kindy.


Transition To School From Kindergarten

Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years’ teachers in schools
and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children's continuity of learning is maintained.

A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources.

**Kid's Corner**

Still on holidays apparently, school life must be busy ?!

**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!

GAYNDAH JUNIOR NETBALL

Girls and Boys

10 years and under

are invited

to the netball sign on

to be held on Monday 5th May

at the Gayndah State School courts

from 4pm -5pm

Contact Leanne Bryant Ph 0400 611 072

GAYNDAH SOCCER

(5-18yo) Training Thursdays 4-5pm at Gayndah Sports Oval.

For more information phone Laine 0428 931 151.