Dear friends,

As the cold snap eased for the week, and preparations for the Show displays and student entries in the poetry and art categories were readied, we reflected on how proud we are of the students for polishing their submissions for maximum effect and wow factor!

Credit and acknowledgment must be given to all staff who ensure that everything happens according to the schedule and that our school will look great on display, as well as make sure the students are putting their best pieces forward. Shows are always such great community events and an opportunity for everyone to gather and celebrate everything wonderful about country life in regional and rural areas.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across our nation sat NAPLAN through Tuesday to Thursday of the week. I am pleased that all students with exception of much coughing and sneezing, gave their best efforts and that their results will be an accurate
reflection of their academic abilities and skills at this point in time. Well done to all students and I’m glad the Show will be a fun event for families at the end of a hard week.

Congratulations to all students for ensuring that the Exam Room was orderly, and quiet whilst moving through and around the school and buildings.

For information, the school has increased its internet bandwidth to ensure that online learning and mobile devices can connect quickly and efficiently with minimised unproductive wait times or connection issues.

Over the course of the next week our infrastructure upgrade program will reach completion as the Wireless Access Points and Switch will be replaced with much improved versions to ensure, said mobile devices can connect quicker with stronger range, and remove any last bottlenecks in the small school system design.

Next Friday is ‘Walk Safely to School’ Day and we will meet at school and prior to Assembly, discuss road safety with our younger students and go for a morning walk! Sounds like fun!

Please take note of the P&C Uniform Shop bulk order information for a range of boys and girls maroon shorts, pants, skorts, leisure pants and jumper options. We feel over the next few years that increased options for families to purchase uniforms, through the school will benefit everyone. Please also note that the new ‘skorts’ option will be also be considered as a ‘formal uniform’ for our girls, in addition to the current pleated netball skirt option currently in place.

The P&C and School also wish to advise that collection of aluminium cans is no longer taking place at School. That system for fundraising is no longer viable. Thank you to everyone for their support of this initiative in the past and we look forward to your support again in the future.

On Tuesday next week, the University of New South Wales ICAS Tests begin with the first being school funded Computer Skills for Years 2-7. The ICAS testing is new to the school and we feel that it is a great way to get another measure on your child’s, our student’s, academic performance.

See you at the Show! Rollup! Roll up!

‘Integrity and Industry’
Benjamin Reed
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

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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 4 - 2014

P-4 - Georgia Corfield has been striving to improve her expression with her oral reading. She complete all our tasks with little disruption to students working around her. Georgia works consistently well with others and is always a cheerful face in our classroom.
5-7 - Rebecca Roberton has demonstrated some very consolidated lifelong learning skills, that will stand her instead for high school, over recent weeks. Whilst attending and representing CLSS in her chosen sports, she has continued to manage her time well including her Year 7 LOTE work and always ensures she is validated weekly, regardless of her co-curricular and extra-curricular hobbies, sports and interests. Student of the Week is deservedly earned, not just given!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

Positive Behaviour Award - Problem Solver - May - Who will it be...

**In The Classroom**

P-4

This week we have some tips on homework:

Kids are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their homework — it shows kids that what they do is important. Homework routines assist in preparing your child for high school and further study in terms of being organised, meeting due dates, developing self-discipline and taking responsibility for their learning. It is also a way for you to get to know how they are progressing with their learning.

Of course, helping with homework shouldn't mean spending hours hunched over a desk. Parents can be supportive by demonstrating study and organisation skills, explaining a tricky problem, or just encouraging kids to take a break. And who knows? Parents might even learn a thing or two!

Here are some tips to guide the way:

- Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
- Schedule a regular study time. Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
- Help them make a plan. On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
- Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
- Make sure kids do their own work. They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
- Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
• Set a good example. Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.

• Praise their work and efforts. Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.

• If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Talk about it with your child's teacher.

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Well done to all our students this week on their efforts in NAPLAN. Thank you to all other students and staff for supporting them, with respect to the testing classroom and noise levels. This is the last time Year 7 will undertake NAPLAN in P-6/7 primary schools. Parent Reports for 2014 NAPLAN are issued around September.

The students were excited this week to learn about the P&C support of their new classroom based 1:1 iPad program and the new devices. We look forward to sharing our poetry pieces and artworks at the Biggenden Show. See you at the Show, and we hope you enjoy our display and all of the student work entries in the competitions! Roll up! Roll up!

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Kid's Corner

The Project Club are doing a Disco on Thursday 5th of June!

This Disco dress code is anything that starts with “G”. (Don't worry if you don't have anything that starts with G just come as whatever you want.) For example you could come as a giraffe! There will be a sausage sizzle at the funky disco. To come to the disco it’s $5 entry and you will have a free sausage and a drink. Biggenden School are giving us their cool disco lights. But everyone are only allowed to have two soft drinks throughout the night ($2.50 each), additional sausages will be $2.50 each.

From the Media Team.

Community Information

Please send community information for the newsletter to admin@coallakess.eq.edu.au

GAYNDAH SOCCER - Training every Thursday

4pm - 5pm Gayndah sports fields

New players always welcome

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