Dear friends,

This week there were many events worth summarising in this keynote. After the show many of the submissions have now been sent home or displayed within the classrooms. Our students from Years 3 to 7 sat the first in the series of University of New South Wales ICAS Tests, the Computer Skills Test on Tuesday.

On Thursday our students engaged in the Years 4-7 and Years P-3 second Rugby League Clinic for this term, which was great in itself. All students also took home a new footy and the school was gifted several new balls for the Sports Shed - thank you to Queensland Rugby League.

This Friday our students will walk to the Shop and back to practise road safety, especially for our youngest students, but a good refresher for all, surrounding the complexities and dangers of attending school and living near the highway.

Next week our Wide Bay Cross Country runners will head to...
Gayndah and well done to Max who attended the Wide Bay trials over the weekend as part of the North Burnett team in football. A big thank you to Mr Gibbs who has prepared the Long Jump pit so that the students can get their practice in for the upcoming Biggenden District Athletics Carnival - dates to be advised.

It was my pleasure this week to welcome Mrs Philpott back to Coalstoun Lakes State School. Tamra will work one day per week for the rest of Term 2, and hopefully into the future undertaking valuable reading assessments in PM Benchmark and PROBE for both the P-4 and 5-7 classes. This data is invaluable in tracking the reading skills of decoding, accuracy, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension of all our students using assessments, targeted at their appropriate age.

We thank Mrs Holmes who is helping out this Friday in the 5-7 classroom, so I can prepare for the Central Queensland Principal's Conference next week. Mrs Elliot will replace me in the classroom Mon - Fri next week. Mrs Gibbs will be Acting Principal throughout next week. I am naturally contactable by email and Principal mobile, if necessary.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle at school daily. With the current flu season, it is important that all students observe good hygiene practices and this includes personal drinking bottles. Students are naturally able to fill their bottles from the cooler, which is filled with clean rain water, by the students from the water tanks.

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2014 is now underway commencing on Tuesday! An annual challenge set for children and students across our great state to increase the lifelong literacy skill of reading, fun too!

We look forward to our Suessical performances at 2pm and again at 4pm with the National Anthem at 3pm, at the Childers Show this weekend in conjunction with other local schools and community groups such as Biggenden Dance School. We hope to see as many students and families there and all tickets were distributed this week, so make sure you have your tickets with you for entry on Sunday. See you there!

‘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

Biggenden District Athletics Carnival - TBA

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 5 - 2014

P-4 - Ruby Hunter - Ruby has been working well with many of our younger students this week. She has also complete her homework tasks consistently. Ruby has achieved some excellent number facts results this term and is improving at working on feedback given to her. Keep it up Ruby.

5-7 - Harrison Foody - Harrison has completed his homework and all required activities and made solid progress on his History Report. He has incorporated most bookwork feedback into his spelling
activities and achieved strong improvement in his reading comprehension test with Mrs Philpott. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Congratulations to our Class Student’s of the Week!

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

In The Classroom

P-4

Students will commence bringing their Premier’s Reading Challenge home today. For P-1 it is the experience of being read to and reading along with; year 2-3 will be able to read along and for some books independently. Year P-3 will continue with their normal home reader books in conjunction with reading challenge. Year 4s will be able to enjoy reading books of their own choice during this time.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

What a busy week in class with students powering away at their regular work in addition to many assessment rolling through in time for the reporting period at the end of Term 2 and Semester 1. We had some interludes in terms of the ICAS Computer Skills Test, Rugby League Clinic, Walk Safely to School morning, Friday.

We are very privileged to have Mrs Philpott join us and start the PROBE reading comprehension assessments for our class this week. Long Jump is practice is also now underway in the mornings and during HPE on Tuesdays. The Premier’s reading challenge has also now commenced and the Home Reading Scheme is used to ensure the students achieve the requirements of the challenge this year!

See you at the Childers Show on Sunday for the first performance at 2pm!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

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

4-PM - 5PM Gayndah sports fields

New players always welcome

Ph 0428931151

Autism Training Workshop BUNDABERG Qld

WHEN: Saturday 21st June 2014
WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, 130 Takalvan Street, BUNDABERG QLD 4670
TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm (Registration from 8:30am)
COST: $125- (morning tea and lunch provided)

TO REGISTER: https://www.stickytickets.com.au/16984 or email support@aspiechild.com.au

Nelle Frances will be delivering a training workshop in BUNDABERG on Saturday 21st June 2014.

This workshop gives Teachers, Child Care workers, Parents and families a vivid insight into the subtle intricacies of the Autism Spectrum condition and provides participants with a myriad of strategies to help them cope.

The workshop includes Nelle’s high-impact Sensory Detective Workshop ® - an interactive exercise that places participants in the shoes of those with the condition, giving them an insiders look at the world of Autism/Asperger’s.

Attached is further information, including a registration form.