Dear friends,

We had several highlights this week, on and off campus. The year 4-7 students, Mrs Trigger and I were treated to a theatre production by North Burnett State College at the Town Hall entitled ‘Smithy’. It was a matinee presentation by North Burnett State College students, but incorporated some combined Gayndah school student choirs songs. It gave us some great ideas for a theatre and drama production for the end of year concert and celebration.

Throughout the week, senior students and the Project Club have organised, arranged and delivered on a quality student disco event at which all students and staff had a great time and relief from the heavy regime of school work and testing. They work hard and they deserve a break every now and then! Their Disco was a fundraiser for their selected term charity - Guide Dogs for the Blind and additional funding towards the School Camp account.
Students who were enrolled in the ICAS Science tests also undertook these on Wednesday and we look forward to seeing their results later in the year.

The Term 3 Calendar is starting to load and firm up, please note the side bar for known Date Claimers into next term. The bulk uniform order has now been submitted and we hope for a speedy delivery, especially for any winter items you may have ordered in preparation for the upcoming colder months and ready for Term 3.

I was really pleased at the way the majority of students and families anticipated the probable night of no homework, bar reading and sight words, on Thursday. Students always amaze me when they are given the ownership of time and workload management, how they rise to the challenge and do a little extra a few nights in a row, on the Numeracy and Literacy Activity Sheets, when they know they will miss a night due to a school, sport, extra-curricular, personal or family activity or event. These routines embed for lifelong learners and stand them in good stead for not only their High School years but the end game of employment, where performance equals pay.

As a Queensland Government Department that looks after Education, Training and Employment, of which we are the State Schooling division we are increasingly reminded of how integral our role is in the preparation of societies most precious assets, children, when we view our work as a whole department of catering for children from, ‘cradle to career’.

I have commenced a process of collegial observation and feedback. The objective is not only support and supervision, but as a professional learning team, we learn from each other and as soon as you believe you know it all, you are wrong!

I am blessed to work with colleagues that not only have many more years of teaching experience, but as the Instructional Leader, I contribute to their professionalism and they to mine. We have and always will be ‘all in this together’.

Families and schools are ever-changing and to lead learning we must all evolve together to shape the future of your children, our students, and collectively our great state!

Enjoy the Queen’s Birthday public holiday and long weekend!

‘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 3

Biggenden District Athletics Carnival - TBA
CSIRO Science Circus - TBA
School Camp - permission and payment - TBA

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of June we are ‘Fair’

- know about responsibilities as well as rights
- believe in justice and a fair go for all
- are honest and trustworthy
- consider their values

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 - Sophie Gibbs - Sophie has been working well in many areas. She has been listening carefully to feedback and her results are reflecting her effort, well done!

5-7 - Zeth Hunter - Zeth has been working consistently in class and throughout this week has focused on finishing assessments and the required time management of a senior primary school student. He has also been working hard on his German project, keep up the great work!
Congratulations to our Class Students of the Week!
Positive Behaviour Award - FAIR - June - Who will it be?

In The Classroom

P-4

Week seven sees an end to another busy week in the P-4 room. Where is the time going?

As part of P-2 History students have been asked to bring along a photo of their birthday celebration (they have also written a special note about this which was taken home yesterday). If you would prefer to e-mail your photos please send to Mrs Gibbs - ngib10@eq.edu.au

Many students have been working on assessment activities during the week as part of their units, it is wonderful to see the effort many are making and we have already seen some great results achieved. The year 3-4 group have been given some feedback about their reading and we have set some goals for them to focus on. I encourage parents to make time to ask their child about their goal as this will offer a guide for their home reading.

A special mention to parents who have been doing Premier’s Reading Challenge with their child, some of our younger students who are using picture books are up to 5 books already!!! This is a great start, I hope you are enjoying sharing this reading experience together. In our busy lives we sometimes forget to stop and enjoy simple things like enjoying a great story.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Gibbs - ngib10@eq.edu.au

As a class, accompanied by our Year 4 friends, we headed to the Gayndah Town Hall for the production of ‘Smithy’. It was an enjoyably performance and was a nice interlude to the long week of assessment. We are having creative ideas about Suessical and how we can combine that with something more theatre orientated, for the end of year school concert and celebration. Thank you to the Project Club and all the students, parents and families who helped organise, attend and in any other way contributed to a great fun night with a BBQ, some dancing, being with peers, friends and having a bit of fun, as well as fundraising for our term charity - Guide Dogs for the Blind, thank you.

Students have been beavering away on their German projects for submission and some students will be taking those home over the long weekend. We wished to let you know that we are engaging in different style maths warmups on the iPads and although we do undertake a couple of the traditional math drill sheets every week, we have many personal goal and ‘beating our best’, numeracy iPad apps that help us to learn in new and more personalised and personally challenging ways. If you ever have any concerns, as always the class teacher is the first point of contact, so please feel free to talk with Mr Reed.
Enjoy the long weekend!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

**Kid’s Corner**

Thank you everyone for a great Disco! Thank you to all the staff, and students for organising and having fun at our fundraising event! Thank you to all the parents and friends for their attendance and contributions to a great night, thank you it is very much appreciated.

**Community Information**

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

GAYNDAH SOCCER - Training every Thursday

4-5pm 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.