Dear friends,

Recently, as part of the Year 7 to High School in 2015 Junior Secondary initiative we have been in contact with our local feeder High School, Burnett State College, and their Principal, Mr Corey Munson. Throughout Semester 2 we will have a transitional program for our graduating Year 6 and 7 students that will include BSC Teachers visiting and also students visiting the College. Other High Schools such as Riverside High School, will also be make contact throughout Semester 2 and offer some form of transitional days.

Report Cards will be sent home in Week 10. Please remember the following message in regards to your child’s report card. As you are aware, students and teachers this year have been working with the new Australian Curriculum, as interpreted through Queensland’s C2C curriculum resources. Whilst the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum, there are some differences which have required adjustments. For example,
Due to the implementation of a new curriculum, report card results may also reflect students’ ‘learning curve’ in terms of the change in expectations for learning in their year level. This is not cause for concern, as teachers are adapting and adjusting their teaching/learning to ensure that students receive the necessary prior knowledge and are supported through their learning tasks.

Also, C2C units are in ongoing review and adjustment, based on feedback from teachers. However, it is worth noting the fact that report card results in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History this semester are based on the new content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

The new system schools are using refers to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. This is what you could consider the new difference for a “C” really means:

A “C” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level.

A “C” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that a “C” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be.

That means attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level! With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or “B”. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their Year Level.

‘Integrity and Industry’
Benjamin Reed
Principal - breed15@eq.edu.au

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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.

Mastery of the Explicit Instruction pedagogical methodology for all teachers in every classroom.

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.

Term 2 - Week 8 - 2014

P-4 - Mathaniel Cuthbertson - Mathaniel has achieved some great results with his reading and has been practising reading strategies to improve his fluency and comprehension with his buddy.
5-7 - Ryan Gibbs - Ryan has been working diligently on his maths and has been working independently on his Project Unify projects and German assignments. Keep up the great work Ryan!

Congratulations to our Class Students of the Week!

Positive Behaviour Award - FAIR - June - Who will it be?

In The Classroom

P-4

Helping your child with Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life.

To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. This may include cultural knowledge, such as knowing the meaning of phrases like a task being "a piece of cake".

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/

This website contains information that can help you to help your child develop their literacy and numeracy skills. You will find handy fact sheets and activity sheets, video clips of parents and carers sharing their stories about literacy and numeracy in daily life and more.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

During Term 4 (Oct 21 - Oct 24), students in Year 6 and 7 will be offered transitional days in a 2 day Year 6 group and a 2 day separate Year 7 group for Burnett State College. Two parent information evenings will also be held that week to give families options to make the sessions. Two Junior Secondary Teachers from BSC will also visit the school throughout Term 3 and 4. At this time I would ask all parents of graduating students in Year 6 and 7 to let me know which High School their child, will be attending in 2015 to allow for planning of transitional days for not only BSC but for other possible High Schools when they make contact with the school.

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au
Kid’s Corner

Thank you to Biggenden SS for allowing us to borrow their AV and Lighting Equipment for our Disco. Thank you to all students throughout the term who have helped support the fundraising for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Next term we are planning a Car Wash to raise funds for another charity or possibly for more funds for our School Camp!

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.

BIGGENDEN BEEF BALL

Saturday 23 August 2014

Please contact North Burnett Realty or look out for the flyers around town, for more information.