Dear friends,

As discussed briefly in letters to families this week, we have commissioned online SurveyMySchool parent, staff and student Satisfaction and Opinion Surveys for timely feedback prior to our Quadrennial School Review, which takes place this year to dream and design a new 4 year School Plan.

We have a feedback culture built into the school whether it be formal or informal, written or oral, there is hardly a conversation, written edit or correction of work that doesn’t include some sort of improvement or success criteria strategy. Whether it be classroom student peer feedback, teacher to student, home-school communication, colleague to colleague, principal to staff, or upward principal to supervisors. The living culture of trust and ultimately teaching, learning and engagement is evident within our school and your homes.

To ensure we have an additional checkpoint and more timely feedback than the official School Opinion Survey we feel we
will garner more ideas and improvement priorities, through an additional online survey during Term 2 on an annual basis.

This year with the aforementioned QSR and School Plan development, the timing is now right to ask ‘How is the school going?’ we look forward to your anonymous feedback.

Throughout the week, all students undertook the school funded ICAS Writing Tests, Monday, and many sat the optional ICAS Spelling Tests on the Tuesday, thank you to families for your support of these new initiatives this year!

In other news, we gave the game away this week to our older students, that our P&C has funded the purchase and design of a Senior Shirt for our graduating 6/7 students. The polo shirts are currently being embroidered and whilst they will be given one shirt, they can wear it any day of the week, and will be considered school uniform, unless expressly communicated by us, for a special function or something unforeseen.

Whilst we hope they will be delivered prior to the end of term, we felt it best to give the information directly to families now, to not only celebrate this new senior initiative, but to say thank you to the P&C for again supporting the students and the school with this new concept and idea!

Students have been looking over the new uniforms with interest and I hope you look over the school website and find the uniform section to see Claire, Paula and Zeth modelling the summer and winter uniform options for our students. This helps everyone get an idea of what the jumpers, pants, shorts and skorts look like if you are interested for your child.

I would also encourage you to look at our School Banking Program if you are interested, our Book Clubs, and I send out a request for families to assist us with some contacting of library resources. It is pretty easy, we send home everything you need and a few books and you can happily contact at your leisure, so exciting, you would be mad if you don’t!

Have a great weekend and make your holiday plans with family and friends, they are just around the corner!

‘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.

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 9 - 2014

P-4 - Quade Farrell - Quade has achieved some wonderful results with his reading. He has completed homework and reading tasks consistently this week. Well done, keep it up.
5-7 - Angus Fraser - Angus has consistently demonstrated quality attributes of being, knowledgeable, hardworking, fair, honest, creative yet balanced. He is also good communicator and as a student leader, the kind of peer friend, you want near you at school. His maths has also been top shelf quality!

Congratulations to our Class Students of the Week!

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

**In The Classroom**

P-4

A reminder as the school holidays approach is a good time to check on your child's school materials such as glue, pencils and colouring equipment. Thanks to parent for their wonderful partnerships, the effort you make with your child's homework and reading is reflected in their progress.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

Reporting is currently in progress and thank you to all parents for their dedication in ensuring forms are returned, good home-school communication, timely feedback and making sure we are all working together on the same priorities.

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

**Kid’s Corner**

A big thank you to Biggenden SS for allowing us to use their Disco Lights and controller for our Disco. We are currently making arrangements for our Term 3 fundraisers and also our school camp! We are all looking forward to the holidays to have a great break with our families and friends!

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

These school holidays are a perfect time for parents to teach their children about fire safety. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services campaign will roll out from 23 June asking families to nominate “junior firefighters” in their home. The Blazers’ Brigade campaign is designed to assist children’s learning about fire safety around the home with fire safety koala, Blazer.
**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

BIGGENDEN BEEF BALL

Saturday 23 August 2014

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