Dear friends,

Welcome back to school for the start of semester 2 and the beginning of term 3! We have many exciting lessons, experiences, activities, sports and excursions planned for this term, not least of which is our camp. Preliminary information and costings have been distributed and look out this week for the Camp Booklet including all the details you would expect including itinerary, staffing, payment options, clothing etc.

We have begun a dialogue with the North Burnett Council surrounding some options to improve safety options at our drop off zone, entrance gate/footpath, staff car parking. Thank you for being ever vigilant around student safety and the unpredictability of young children, at the busy times of day in this zone, on the highway. I foresee that planning, discussions and delivery of any improvements in this complicated area, will be a process that unfolds over the course of the semester.
There are many new friendly faces walking the corridors throughout this term whilst Mrs Medew and Mrs Edwards take leave. I welcome and thank Mrs Smart who will be cleaning the school for the first 2 weeks of school. We have contracted Miss Seabrook to work an additional day in the Year 5-7 classroom. I welcome Mrs Smith and Mrs Capewell to our team, in addition to Miss Seabrook who will all work in both classrooms to replace Mrs Edwards whilst on leave.

I look forward to working with all staff over the course of the term and naturally welcome back the regulars. I take it as sign of trust, that all staff have booked some leave during this term after my first 6 months as Principal of Coalstoun Lakes SS, I’m almost sure that is the reason, it must be, it must be...

We have received our datasets from the SurveyMySchool online surveys from students, staff and families. We have received predominately positive feedback on our progress. We have received some great ideas and also some specific suggestions for improvements. The trend is that the school has high expectations and an individual child focus within a safe and supportive multiage environment, alongside those of the community, and that these standards are to be prioritised and maintained at the highest levels. Over the next few weeks, you will receive the slips for the official departmental School Opinion Survey, which we welcome the data from for analysis and review, but at a later date in the school year.

In the interim we have some great data and feedback to begin our Quadrennial School Review process alongside school supervisors and with the staff, P&C and community, develop a new School Plan that strategically maps out the next four years from 2015-2019, for Annual Implementation Plan and Explicit Improvement Agenda planning and reporting cycles.

I shared with staff the week, continuing and beginning, our Pedagogical Framework based on the Dimensions of Teaching and Learning, that we look forward to incorporating into our Pedagogical, Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework. Ultimately, these will all be shared on our website for your information and public access when finalised.

We have been busy tidying the facilities over the holiday period, in preparation for the upcoming murals, and can I thank Kayleen and Neil for their efforts over the holiday period in ensuring the campus is at the highest level of maintenance and cleanliness. Older schools present
interesting challenges and opportunities, in terms of ICT infrastructure, traditional building maintenance, high level cleaning and electrics. Workplace and occupational safety combined with student safety, wellbeing, ease of use and functionality, are always at the forefront of works programs.

Essentially, we have made the gardening equipment and early years bikes, accessible in a single shed. In doing so we have created much easier access for students, staff and community in the Sports, P&C and Grounds Sheds. Nothing like a spring clean to prepare for the new semester!

The school alongside preparing for the new murals and concrete floor game have projects in place for the Cricket pitch, plumbing of the Digital Library, additional wireless access coverage, the installation of double flagpoles for daily flight of the Australian and Queensland Flags, Library system improvements, replacing and increasing the post padding on the playground forts and oval, the replacement of some lunch tables with junior aluminium seating and the refurbishment and painting of some of the better condition senior lunch tables. Loose paving and bench seating in the garden seating area will also be refreshed rather than a big overhaul, which will be required next year.

Students this week received the results from the ICAS Computer Skills Tests. Can I congratulate all students on their participation and also special mention to those students receiving Credits and Merits, in recognition of their high achievement. Georgia Corfield of Grade 3 also received the Principal's Award, for achieving in the top 20% of all students in Year 3 who sat the tests in Australia.

In the era of learning and mobile devices there are specific skills in word processing, multimedia, spreadsheeting and communication that are required to be learnt over and above ‘being good on an iPad or the computer’. We must all keep this in mind over the coming years, as more and more devices emerge on the market place for homes, businesses and for schools.

Welcome back to Term 3 and we look forward to continuing to work with you in positive and productive ways to ensure our vision of ‘Effective learning. Every child. Every classroom. Every Day.’ becomes a reality through the specificity, precision and incandescent clarity of our purpose and goal, ‘striving to achieve the best educational outcomes for every child in our school.’ Welcome back!

‘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

Under 8s Day - Thursday 24 July
Biggenden District Athletics Carnival - Friday 25 July
AFL Auskick Program - TBA
CSIRO Science Circus - TBA
Murals and student Paint Stencil Workshop - TBA
School Camp inc Australia Zoo - TBA

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of July we are ‘Good communicators’

- listen to others
- speak clearly and confidently
- read and write well
- express ideas effectively
- choose the right way to get a message across

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 3 - Week 1 - 2014

P-4 - Amy Roberton - A hard choice this week as many students has made a super effort for the start of term three and should all be congratulated for this. Amy Roberton has worked well in many areas. She has listened well to feedback in her work and has been focussed during activities which has enabled Amy to complete tasks with few errors. Amy is an honest and helpful member of our class.

5-7 - Matthew Seabrook - Matt is the friend you want after the holiday break! Keen to catch up with all students, happy to get a game started and has made a cracking start to his work, this week. He has been ensuring validation throughout the week by keeping up to date and is deserving of the weeks award! Well done Matt!
Congratulations to our Class Students of the Week!

Positive Behaviour Award - GOOD COMMUNICATORS - July - Who will it be?

**In The Classroom**

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I hope everyone had a relaxing break. Thank-you to Mrs Elliot for teaching in my absence. It is lovely to be back with the year prep-year 4 students. Students will be bringing home their new data book Friday. I encourage you to take time with your child to review the data notebook and discuss your child’s progress and personal goals. On the goal setting page, together record:

- 3 stars - areas that your child feels they are doing well in and;
- 1 wish - an area they would like to improve in.

Under 8's Day will be held at Biggenden School next Thursday. We will send home the program for students early next week.

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Welcome back to Term 3! Most students have settled into routines really well. At present the competitive spirit in some senior students is running and little strong during some games of soccer and touch football. These games will be rested for a few weeks again, to ensure that students are playing with different friends and peers and not overdoing one activity or game.

We welcome many new staff to our room as the Teacher Aide timetables have been changed to accommodate staff on leave throughout Term 3. I congratulate students on welcoming all staff and they have all been very respectful, in welcoming staff and demonstrating the routines and systems of our school. Next Friday we are off to Biggenden Athletics for the Athletics Carnival.

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**Kid’s Corner**

Welcome Kids to the new term and we have some exciting news to share with you! On the 12th of August we will be traveling down to the Sunshine Coast and stay at Ewen Maddock Dam to stay for four days! On that exciting trip we will also go to Australia Zoo on the Friday! We will be arriving back later on Friday afternoon/ evening.
In the second week of school a lot will be happening such as Under 8’s Day in at Biggenden State School on Thursday, but also on that Friday, we have the Biggenden and District Zone Carnival at Biggenden school.

Thank you for reading this weeks Kids Corner!

By Rianna and Paula

**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

COALSTOUN LAKES CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Saturday 26 July 2014

GAYNDAH JUNIOR TOUCH

Sign On Wednesday 23rd July

4 – 5pm

Gayndah Sportsground

Must be turning 6yrs of age up to grade 7.

Anyone wishing to help out on Wednesdays would be greatly appreciated.

For further information contact:

Leisa Darlington – 0402 869 032 or

Maria McCosker – 0400 844 681

BIGGENDEN BEEF BALL

Saturday 23 August 2014

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