Dear families and friends,

Mr Reed’s 2014 Camp Diary

Tell me when we are having fun! or We can laugh about it now.

Day 1 - Tuesday 12th August 2014 - Are we there yet?

Hopefully the long weekend gave everyone the extra opportunity to smoothly prepare their children for camp and pack enough socks, for what we all consider to be an integral part of growing up and schooling - School Camp!

On Tuesday ‘The Silver Bullet’ arrived with Gary at the helm and many families to wave us off. We all realised we had no iPods and began to talk to each other on the bus. We stopped at the Gympie Duck Ponds for a run, Morning Tea and what would be the first of many, many, many toilet stops. We pressed on to our camp destination at Ewen Maddock Dam, environmental education camp site. Greeted by the dreadlocked Simon who spoke in an English accent, we kept...
our wits about us and settled into our new digs and soon realised we were not in Kansas anymore Dorothy! The chaos settled and once I had my 4G WiFi network up and running I felt better, then I remembered the students! We undertook a quick nature walk, then the Low Ropes course. The catering was fantastic with a great variety over the 3 courses per day with additional obligatory Morning Tea and Afternoon Snack breaks! The students also showed Mr Reed and Mrs Gibbs how to use Facebook and set it all up, so their parents could get updates on them whilst away, apparently we have 127 friends now and apparently that is good? Who knew!

Wednesday 13th August 2014 - I miss my Mum and flushing!

Wednesday we went canoeing and learnt about termites and some bush tucker tips and tricks. Off to the Mid Ropes course and then on to Archery! I felt the fast pace of the camp and slower movie at night times, kept students rested for the big days, especially the youngest students and those who were fighting the last of their colds on camp.

As we all realised eating and water was mandatory for the energy required to keep going, we all upped our intake and the traditional fussy eaters hooked in, to replenish their stores and keep the young and old bodies going! I had hurt my hamstring earlier so I was unable to serve, yet I was quick to line up, so that affliction will continue to baffle the world of modern medicine and science. It only happens once a year!

Once the students found the secret hot showers, the race was on for the morning and evening showers! Whilst the girls had penthouse suites in Cabins 2 and 4, the boys roughed it in the big dorm! Year 6 and 7 boys with good memories secretly started using the vacant Cabin 1 and 3 which had promised land, miraculous flush toilets. Young boys were given the inside word and many other boys sold their left arm to a girl for insider information about the mythical flushing throne.

Boys couldn’t avoid the long drop though, during the thousandth toilet trip during the middle of the night, many of the youngest boys made sure they were deep enough for nothing to come out of the toilets at them, we all learnt quickly to CLOSE THE LID AND DOOR! As our eyes watered and our ability to hold our nose, breath and go to the toilet at the same time, became an art form, the boys began to appreciate the comforts in life! Thank you to all families for ensuring their children had organised bags and toiletries, it
makes camp life run smoothly and maximises activity participation times.

Thursday 14th August 2014 - Trust us and you can touch the sky!

Thursday saw the Sky Surfer and Sky Wall High Climbing Walls tackled by student spider monkeys. Some students didn't even really need the harnesses, they just scrambled up the wall, very fit and agile bunch. We maximised our time at this activity as a few showers set in, nothing major. We then progressed to the finishing team activity and undoubtedly a highlight for many, the slingshot YoYo. To get down, apparently I agreed to many things, one being a coffee machine for staff, who knows what I promised the students! A massive day and the students just kept going so well done everyone!

A quiet night and we had to give the campfire a miss as the showers washed it out, we stayed warm and headed to pack up our accommodation and belongings in preparation for the early start and leaving camp. Bear GryllZZZZ ZZZZ... Bear GryllZZZZ ZZZZ... No Mrs Gibbs, don't take the last sausage roll, that is mine ZZZ... No, you can't go the toilet, you just went ZZZ... Where am I ZZZ

Friday 15th August 2014 - Never smile at a crocodile or pat an echidna, Mr Reed!

The boys had their revenge, and with a localised blackout, the girls were subjected to no running water in the luxury apartments. Priming of the pumps aside, I was sure I would get away with it! As the boys celebrated and sang in the steamy showers and engaged in the wonderful banter that is groups of boys showering in cubicles in a row. Highly sophisticated topics are pondered and discussed, I assure you. We journeyed to Australia Zoo with our fruit and cut lunch, and had a great day out! We saw the Africa section, played in Bindi's Buddies area, caught the shuttle a few stops and watched the Midday Show at the Crocaseum! Nothing says holiday or theme park like a visit to the Gift Shop and everyone did their dough on a trinket to remember the visit and school camp this year!

We journeyed home in record time with the ten thousandth toilet stop at Gympie, pushed on and made it back to school an hour earlier. Thanks to everyone for being available a tad earlier but it made the pickups in the fading twilight easier too and got tired children and staff home to families, for a meal before the big sleep that was dawning on us all Friday night. Awakening on Saturday from the big week away, and settling back into home life with tales of adventures with friends and the new memories of working together as a TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More! An opportunity to practice our values in the real world and together. This year proved to be a very successful camp and we hope that your children returned tired yet full of experiences and tales of adventures with mates!

Naturally, camp doesn't just happen and massive thanks to Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Trigger, Miss Seabrook, Chappy, Tim and Gary for big week and thanks for all your support in making it a camp to remember! Back at school the staff were busy with Mrs Seabrook manning the battle stations and undertaking stocktake with Mrs Smith and Mrs Capewell. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Capewell also tackled the Sports Shed and Science Cupboard stock takes. Mrs Medew set about all the big jobs that happen when the students are away and thank you to each and everyone of them for their efforts throughout the week. At least that's what they told me they did, but I have my suspicions! Mr Reed sleep now, Chalky out...

‘Integrity and Industry’
Benjamin Reed
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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
North Burnett and Wide Bay Athletics Permissions (select students)

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of August we are ‘Hardworking’

- determined
- focussed
- responsible
- disciplined

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 5 - 2014

P-4 - Claire McNaughton - Super Prep! Claire undertook her first school camp and her longest time away from her family to date. There was no activity to hard or challenging. If she wasn’t giving her all you could catch her sitting with friends with a smile and the glint her eye of absorbing every experience and emotion and learning all about being at school and going on camp with her friends!

5-7 - Jeremy Corfield - The tall Year 7 stood up and led from the front. He was there for everyone and everything. Coming in with a tender foot after a week off the motocross, he jumped right in. He was
integral in setting an example for the boys dormitory. If wearing a jumper was a sport, he would not fare so well, but well done Jeremy on a top camp and thanks for your help!

Congratulations to our Class Students of the Week!

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - August - HARDWORKING - Who will it be?

In The Classroom

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Camp in progress!

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

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Camp in progress! Huge thank you to Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Trigger, Miss Seabrook, Chappy, Tim and Gary for putting it in everyday to ensure a smooth and supportive camp for all students and adults.

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Kid's Corner

Check out our photos on the School Facebook page or Photo CDs of Camp will be $5 each and proceeds to the Project Club towards the end of term.

By Rianna and Paula

Community Information

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

GAYNDAH JUNIOR TOUCH

Held on Wednesday afternoons

4 – 5pm

Gayndah Sportsground

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

$30 registration per player
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

GAYNDAH SOCCER - Training every Thursday
4pm - 5pm Gayndah sports fields
New players always welcome
Ph 0428 931 151

BIGGENDEN BEEF BALL
Saturday 23 August 2014
THIS WEEKEND!!! See you there!