Dear families and friends,

Well, that’s almost all folks! School is like Groundhog Day, just little daily cycles, wrapped in weekly, then 5 weekly, term, semester and annual cycles. It has been proud pleasure to watch the students develop over rate course of the year and we know that they are all ready for a big well deserved holiday after a year of putting in the effort! Well done and enjoy!

Attendance congratulations

As of Wednesday this week, the official attendance rate at our school is 97% and no student has an attendance percentage below 90%, this is very special. Well done! A great sign of public confidence, trust and students enjoying school!

Office 365 and Outlook Exchange Web Services

On Tuesday the school was the first school under the early adopter program to be migrated to the new Office and Outlook solution. Naturally this has wide reaching
implications for staff, but the student migration was also smooth and the benefit is that although the rest of the state will migrate throughout 2015, Burnett State College also migrated early which will provide a consistent experience even for most of our graduates. Excellent news and certainly better for students using today’s technologies.

**P&C Working Bee**

Thank you to all the members and students who turned out on Saturday morning to lean on a shovel and shoot the breeze, as the big machinery and many hands made light work of the Park Lane fence line alongside the Peanut Patch, to ensure that full passes with turning circle can be undertaken when ploughing and in future when sewing the field. The P&C also pulled out the high tech one marking equipment and got a good flow on the sprinting and running lines in preparation for next year and the range of Sports and games that require lines on the oval. We very much appreciate your efforts!

**Chaplaincy**

We were please to receive notification that our application for Chaplaincy funding throughout next year was successful and we have been granted $5000 to continue our partnership with Scripture Union Qld to continue to provide a Chaplaincy service for our students, school and community.

**Student Gifts**

On Friday the P&C President presented the students with their book gift from the P&C that is purchased with them in mind through Book Club throughout over the course of the year. The new CLSS 2014 Year Book is a gift from the combined Staff of our School and we hope your child likes the gifts and keep the books as mementos of the year now past.

**Report Cards**

Report Cards for Semester 2 will be distributed in sealed envelopes through your child. This report card highlights formally, the achievement and effort for each subject, co-curricular and often extra-curricular, behaviour and overall comments, based upon the assessments, judgements and observations of the teaching team, throughout the course of the semester. Parent-teacher conferences in Term 1 and 3 provide that juncture information and intervention point, but, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher for
further discussion surrounding grades or comments, in the new year.

*Book Lists at Biggenden News agency*

Biggenden News is still accepting 2015 Book List orders for Coalstoun Lakes, but please ensure you are prompt with ordering and making payments, to ensure your children start the year with the correct stationery and consumable items.

*2015 Staffing (what we know so far)*

In light of the school moving to a Prep-6 classroom next year there is naturally some planned reductions in staffing. Some will be offset by the government initially during a transitional phase, some will be more direct and noticeable. Here is the information that I have at present that might answer some questions during these times of change, transition and uncertainty.

Mr Reed - Teaching Principal - 5 days per week.

Mrs Gibbs - Part-time Teacher - 3 days per week

Mrs Holmes - HPE Teacher - Heath Curriculum and Physical Activity - 2 classes per week

Mrs Trigger - Teacher Aide - 4 to 5 days per week

Mrs Edwards - Part-time Teacher Aide - 2 days per week

Mr Moorrees - Year 5/6 eLearning LOTE Chinese - 2 classes per week

Mrs Seabrook - Admin Officer - Semester 1 = 2.5 days p/week and Semester 2 = 2 days p/week.

Mrs Medew - Cleaning - 3 hours per day - afternoons.

Mrs Smart - Grounds/Gardening - 4 hours per fortnight.

*End of Year Housekeeping*

- All paid 2015 Text and Book Packs have been distributed.

- All 2014 student books etc have been sent home.

- Any transferring students, will have files transferred to new schools in 2015.

- 2015 Senior Shirts (Year 6) will be offered during first few weeks back at school.

- Term 1 commences - Tuesday 27 January 2015

Merry Christmas, happy holidays and rest, relax and rejuvenate over the holiday period. Stay safe, especially on the roads, enjoy the festive season with family and friends!

*‘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 1 2015

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of December we review all our Values of Great People!

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 4 - Week 10 - 2014

P-4 - Happy Holidays!

5-7 - Happy Holidays!

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - November - Review of all Characteristics...

In The Classroom

P-4
2014 has been another busy year of learning in the Prep to year 4 classroom. We have seen many of our students make some wonderful progress during the year and this is in part due to the value you place on education, and support you provide your child. Without a full team effort and productive partnership of teacher-parent-student we do not see students make these type of gains, so I thank you. I would also like to take this time of acknowledge that we do have wonderful support and expertise in Mrs Edwards and Mrs Trigger, without their devotion and hard work also, your child may have not had as much success this year.

My hope is that you all have a wonderful break over the following six weeks, take the time to do those things with your child that often during the year, we are too busy to do. I would also like to wish the year 6-7 students and their families all the very best for 2015 and beyond, I look forward to catching-up when we do cross paths, I am sure Coalstoun Lakes SS has prepared you well for what is to come.

Have a wonderful Christmas and here's to a successful 2015 for all.

Ps. the Prep-Year 4 students has a piece of their artwork on display at the Gayndah Art Gallery if you are up that way, thank you to Mrs Capewell for organising this.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

It has been a pleasure to teach and lead the students throughout this year. We have had a big year with Year 7 to High School and a third of the school graduating. We have prepared well for the new Prep-6 classroom and I pass on my thanks to all involved in your child’s learning throughout this year.

We have many exciting things planned for next year and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy this valuable time with your children throughout the festive season and return to us, rested, refreshed and rejuvenated, ready for a great new year at Coalstoun Lakes SS!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

**Kid’s Corner**

Welcome to Kid’s Corner!

Are you thinking what I’m thinking? It’s the last week of school and holidays are right around the corner! Soon, what everyone has been waiting for - CHRISTMAS!

A third of the school is graduating, making it an emotional transition time for the school. We say goodbye and thank you to the existing families that will be leaving the school.
Gifts will be given to the students on Friday by the P&C President, Mr Gibbs and there will be a free Morning Tea Hot Dog on offer. There is also a rumour new type of gift from the staff of the school, intriguing...

Thank you to Reverand Janne, Mr Reed, Mrs Trigger, Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Seabrook, Mrs Smith, Mrs Philpot, Miss Seabrook, Mr Gibbs, Mrs Smart and Chappy for a great year!

Thanks for reading Kid's Corner throughout the year and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Paula and Rianna - Media Team 2014

Community Information

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

In the event of a natural disaster - Access to school closure information

1. QSchools app

The QSchools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school.

Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store.

2. Websites

Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.

School Closure Website: http://esc.eq.edu.au