Dear families and friends,

Recently, I attended a residential Professional Development at Geelong Grammar School, known as the Discovering Positive Education course. I was pleased to be able to attend alongside our Chaplain, Lexie. Another positive is that this initiative is being shared across primary, high, small and large schools within our cluster. The focus of the week long experience, is to evaluate the science of positive psychology and how it is an integral part of the educational landscape. The above graphic represents the aspects of a growth mindset required to learn it, live it, teach it, embed it.

We know that student health and wellbeing is central to their lifelong academic and personal successes and the development of well rounded individuals. We have many ideas of how to flourish at our school and we look forward to working with the model and resources to contribute to our positive behaviour support, discipline and multi-age philosophies that are part of our school.
School Concert and Graduation Invitations

Throughout the week you would have received our invitations to the School Concert and Graduation Ceremony. Families have been sent an electronic copy to share with their friends and families more easily.

PAT and PROBE Diagnostic Testing

Students have been able throughout the week, to undertake all the PAT Tests in Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation, Science, Spelling and Mathematics, in addition to a once off General Achievement Test, on their iPads. This systematic and online process as part of our package, allows us to more quickly deliver, analyse and retrieve PAT results in addition to selectively storing 6 Tests for each student online to measure growth over time.

PAT standardised diagnostic assessments are the second tier of our hierarchy of assessment. NAPLAN re-sits being first.

Students throughout the week have worked with Mrs Philpot on undertaking their PROBE Reading Comprehension levels as part of our third tier of internal monitoring assessment. Congratulations to students for their efforts in these vital literacy skills, that is targeted by school and class programs.

A note on the recent Hearing Testing

Whilst permission slips were sent home for hearing assessments for all students under the Deadly Ears Program, we were unsure of the exact range for testing through the program. Apparently, this is targeted only at younger students. All eligible students undertook the hearing tests however, we apologise for creating unnecessary paperwork in the home environment especially for multiple sibling families.

Cluster Conference 2014

On Monday, teaching and leadership teams from across the cluster will gather in Gayndah for the Cluster Conference. Speakers include Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and moderation sessions for teachers with other sessions for Teacher Aides and Principals. Mrs Seabrook will be in the Office on Monday, if you need to contact us on the Student Free Day.

‘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 4

Qld Health Optometrist - Friday

Biggenden Swimming Trials - TBA

CQ Uni Mobile Trailer - TBA

Life Ed in Biggenden - TBA

Fame Theatre Excursion - TBA

NB Swimming Carnival - TBA

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of October we are ‘Knowledgeable’

- Research to find out
- Know about important things
- Curious and want to learn more
- Analyse and evaluate information
- Build understanding from what they know

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 2 - 2014

P-4 - Georgia Corfield - Georgia is a consistent and conscientious student, who gives her best to everything she undertakes. Happy Birthday too, for this week!

5-7 - Harrison Foody - Harrison made good progress on his recent PROBE Reading Comprehension testing and also has made progress on student goals. He is also demonstrating solid focus in the new Project Unify Marine Science lessons.

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - October - KNOWLEDGEABLE - Who will it be?

In The Classroom

P-4

Thank you to Mrs Elliot for teaching the P-4 class for the past 2 weeks and ensuring the students are keeping up with all their school and class work commitments. Mr Reed on behalf of..

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

The Camp CDs hit the ol’ DVD Burner and your copy is available from the Office for $5 for the Student Project Club. These DVDs are given on the good faith that everyone will use and share copies of photos of your child/ren only. Whilst all families consent to our media agreement, we do ask that you respect individual student and family privacy, by not sharing photos of other students on social media and keep the photos as an internal keepsake for you, your family and friends without distribution. Thank you, your support is very much appreciated.

The students loaded up the iPads this week to find a range of PAT Testing, to ensure that we are capturing the standardised diagnostic data at correct intervals for when the results were normed.

Next week the Year 6 and 7 students attending Burnett State College will be attending separate 2 days transitions to the College under the new Junior Secondary model in place at that High School. Families should have made enrolment and transport arrangements and have all relevant information.

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Kid’s Corner

Welcome to Kid’s Corner

Welcome to Term 4!

The first Tuesday back students took a short drive to Biggenden swimming pool to start our swimming program for Term 4.

Last Friday, Mrs Tara came to our school and showed us some fancy moves for Suessical.
Camp CD’s are now available for a cheap $5 donation to the Project Club.

Thanks for reading Kid’s Corner.

**Community Information**

Please send community information for the newsletter to [admin@coallakess.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@coallakess.eq.edu.au)

**GAYNDAH JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING**

Mondays 4pm
Gayndah Sportsground
All ages welcome

**COALSTOUN LAKES ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW**

Come and enjoy the music and acts.

Supper provided!

**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER - 7pm**
**Doors open from 6pm**

Contact Vi Rackemann for further information.

**SUSSICAL SUPPORT - STUDENT COSTUMES**

Hi all

Students costumes for Seussical are well under way - Childers has had a workshop to complete a large batch for their students to use, and we have been moving forward preparing additional fabric for a final push to get the remaining costumes completed.

Fiona Dyer has organised a Sewing Bee on Friday 24th October from 9:30am at Cordalba State School.

Morning tea will be provided, but please bring your own lunch if you are able to stay a little longer.

We’re looking for as many helpers as possible from the smaller schools to assist with cutting, pinning and sewing.

If possible, please bring along scissors and sewing machine (with extension cord).

Many thanks,

David Horner