Dear families and friends,

Throughout the week, many students in Years 6 and 7 have been undertaking 2 day transitions to Burnett State School in preparation for the next stage of their schooling journey. I was pleased to learn that Coalstoun Lakes students were not only enjoying themselves at their soon to be high school campus, but respectfully and proudly representing themselves, their families and our school and community, as they begin to move from big fish in the small pond to small fish in the bigger sea. We trust that the information provided through Burnett SC and Coalstoun Lakes SS has provided a quality transition for our current student leaders in Years 6/7.

On Wednesday, the Junior Secondary HoD and teachers will join with the 5-7 class to observe the morning literacy block to build an understanding of our school ethos and culture in addition to transporting our shared language to their new environment, to ensure that the school and community high expectations, effective teaching and learning practices form
part of the transition process moving into next year.

School Concert - *Suessical and Graduation*

As our annual School Concert and Graduation Ceremony draws closer, the students have no doubt been discussing the performance rehearsals and dance practices, that are increasingly becoming part of daily routines and lessons.

Please be advised that whilst Suessical attendance at any of the district performances and venues is a paid performance event, as outlined on the Suessical fliers distributed to families, there is naturally no costs for students, parents, families friends and community to attend our School Concert.

*Term 4 Permission Packet*

Towards the end of this week, all students were issued a permission packet that includes all appropriate permissions for the rest of the term. Further details are outlined in our calendar sidebar and in the permission section of the weekly newsletter. Dates are always available on our school website calendar and automatically published to the QSchools app.

*Seven Steps in Writing*

As part of the national, state and school focus on improving writing and editing for all students, I am proud to share that all our school teaching teams have now completed the Seven Steps to Writing Success professional development. This allows for a shared language and common understanding of highly effective writing and editing teaching practices that will formally be incorporated into our School Writing Guide.

*2015 single P-6 classroom at Coalstoun Lakes SS*

As our Quadrennial School Review and the development of the new four year strategic School Plan moves into the formal planning documentation phase, I wish to express my gratitude to the P&C, families and community for all their questions, feedback and thoughts on how to transition the school to a single multi-age classroom for the future. We have a clear vision for our school and classroom moving into next year and beyond. We look forward to sharing our plans with you further through our newsletter and communication channels.

‘*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

Biggenden Swimming Trials

CQ Uni Mobile Trailer

Life Education Day Program

Fame Theatre Excursion

NB Swimming Carnival (selected students)

Big Splendid Science - Biggenden

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 3 - 2014

P-4 - Brie-Ann Liddle has been working consistently and many areas of her learning. She is to be congratulated on the excellent improvement she has shown in her reading. Brie-Ann is a happy and cheerful member of our class who is always happy to be and school and is striving to be her best. Congratulations and keep up the great work.

5-7 - Max Corfield - Max has demonstrated not only high levels of achievement in his recent PAT Testing online but has managed to improve on some already outstanding results on from the February Pre-Tests. This achievement is very worthy of recognition and something he should justifiably be very proud of!

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

In The Classroom

P-4

It is lovely to be back and I thank Mrs Elliott, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Trigger for keeping the students on track with their learning during my leave.

Term 4 is often a hectic one at school with swimming and school concerts added into the week. As you would be aware sleep and a healthy diet is important to you child’s learning and overall development. Students who start the school week tired, often struggle to keep up for the rest of the week. Whilst busy weekends are sometimes unavoidable, please try to ensure your child starts the week ready to learn.

Students have been completing a range of assessment over the past two weeks and this will continue over the next few weeks at school as we ‘measure’ their learning. We have seen some pleasing improvement with students. All students will receive feedback on their progress also, in the coming weeks with make time to check through their Data Books (which have had their reading progress updated this week) and discuss these with them.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

5-7

Your child will receive a packet of permission notes for families to complete for the entire remaining Term 4 excursions, outings and events for all children. Please return as soon as possible so planning for transport and reservations at appropriate venues can be finalised.

Well done to all Year 6 and 7 student son your respectful behaviour and attitude of integrity and industry at Burnett State College as your transition to High School becomes very real! Well done!

On your weekly report you will now find Home Reading and Sight Words combined in the top line and expanded data from our daily mental maths in the second column. These templates will be
formally updated next term, but we feel this data is a new insight into the mathematics automaticity that we seek for all students to ensure that cognitive load is not used up on recalling facts that can be moved into long term memory through repetition and practice. We want the brain focusing on the multi-step problems and increased complexity of higher level mathematics rather than trying to remember and work out mini steps inside problem solving activities and exercises.

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

**Kid’s Corner**

Welcome to Kid’s Corner

We are at High School Transition throughout this week, for students attending Year 7 or 8 at Burnett State College in 2015.

Please remember you can purchase a fantastic collection of photos on a data DVD from the Office. All proceeds go to supporting the student Project Club.

We are keen to get our student gardens up and running, and any offers of help can be channeled through Mr Reed to ensure we get a some fruit and veggies growing over the next few months.

**Community Information**

Please send community information for the newsletter to 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.