Dear families and friends,

Throughout the week we welcomed our guest speaker Mrs Corrie, who spoke with us around her childhood and journey as a proud Torres Strait Islands Australian. We proudly display the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands flags on our Stage, on a daily basis, and we all listened intently around her story and the interesting aspects of the culture.

Well done to all students on their respectful information seeking questioning, throughout the presentation and discussion. We hope to continue our relationship with Mrs Corrie into the future, to increase our understanding and respect of all people, in our proud multi-cultural country.

Fame Theatre Excursion Cance

Unfortunately, we were contacted throughout this week to be advised, that due to lack of numbers for the Fame Theatre performance at the Maryborough venue, that the performance would be cancelled.
Parents OneSchool Extranet Interface Trial

In coming months, the Department will release some trial modules, that will allow parents to interface with the school information system known as OneSchool. We have applied to be considered for the trial phase which will allow parents to access, many facets of student information such as behaviour information, attendance and a range of student data. As part of our comprehensive parent and community engagement framework, strategies and systems, we feel we are uniquely poised to be at the forefront of these new module testing and provide quality feedback from the small school perspective in lower internet and connectivity communities.

We also look forward to being engage with you directly around some of the information, you would be able to access and feel this can only increase transparency, accountability and the quality of home school partnerships, in the pursuit of supporting all our individual students and families.

World Teachers’ Day

This Friday we celebrate World Teacher’s Day and acknowledge near and far, all teachers who give their all, on a daily basis to ensure that life outcomes of all members of society are improved from the earliest stages of life and schooling. Increasingly the teaching profession is becoming broader and undoubtedly more complex. Good teachers will teach kids with a stick in the sand! In the year 2014 though, there is a lot more to master, and many more family, social and emotional issues for the classroom and specialist teachers to learn and pass on to their pupils and for this, we must acknowledge and respect them. Teaching is not about the money, nor about working normal hours, they commit to every child and family and tend to put all others, above themselves. It is a vocation and a calling and locally, I hope you acknowledge Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Philpot on this day and thank them for all they have given and continue to give to our students every day, of the school week!

Teach with passion - manage with compassion...

If you can read this, then thank a Teacher this Friday!

‘Integrity and Industry’
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Date Claimers

P&C MEETING
1st Tuesday of every month
Tuesday 4 November

SWIMMING TRIALS
Thursday 13 Nov

CQ UNI MOBILE ED
Thursday 13 Nov

SCHOOL CONCERT AND GRADUATION CELEBRATION
Tuesday 18 Nov

LIFE EDUCATION TRAILER
Tuesday 25 Nov

NB SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Friday 28 Nov

BIG SPLENDID SCIENCE
Wednesday 3 Dec

TERM 4 CONCLUDES
Friday 12 Dec

P&C TRANSPARATION AREA
MOWING ROSTER
Holidays—Bechly family
Week 4 - Corfield G A family
Week 8 - Corfield M K family
Please contact the office for info.
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

Cancelled - 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 4 - 2014

P-4 - Sophie Gibbs - Sophie has achieved great results with her number facts this week. She strives to complete school and homework tasks well and should be commended on her work with Mrs Philpott with her reading comprehension.

5-7 - Zac Dohle - Zac has demonstrated over the past few weeks that through the consistent focus on homework and effort during class yields positive benefits. He has increased his daily number fact accuracy and reduction in completion time. He has been focusing on his mathematic mental work daily and is consistently improving his bookwork which allows for more meaningful correction by staff and therefore increased learning through fixing up errors and mistakes. Well done and keep it up!

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - October - KNOWLEDGEABLE - Claire Thompson. Claire has personally improved her PAT Testing results of rate course of the year from the most recent post testing regime. She is a high achiever and has improved her results even further in all the tested stands, well done School Captain and get ready High School, because here she comes!

In The Classroom

P-4

This week I thought I’d share this article by Katy Farber.

It’s that busy time of year when teachers are in countless meetings, training and in-service days. They are also setting up and cleaning their classrooms to get ready for students. In my own classroom, the nametags are on the hooks, the mailboxes and cubbies are labeled, and a hand-written welcome note together with a bookmark and a new pencil sits on each child’s desk.

As a teacher and a parent, I get a bird’s eye view of how teachers and parents can team up to provide the best education possible for a child. Here are a few things I think most teachers would want parents to know.

1. Share what you know! You are your child’s first and best teacher. You know what excites, frustrates, and inspires your child. Fill out any surveys sent home, send in insights about your child via email or notes.

2. We are on the same team in the best interest of your child. I know it seems obvious, but having conversations from the perspective of how we can best work together can be very powerful and productive. Amazing things can happen when parents and teachers team up. I’ve seen children make tremendous progress, gain confidence, and take on new challenges when teachers and parents communicate frequently and team up to support each other. Sometimes, we may have different perspectives and opinions, but teachers (like parents) want what is best for the child both emotionally and academically, and will work tirelessly for it.
3. Read the school and classroom notes, newsletters and website. That is the best way to stay connected to what is happening on a regular basis. It is incredibly frustrating to provide lots of communication only to be told at a conference, "I never knew that!" Or, "that is the first time I've heard about that!" We all are busy, but if you want to be informed, you've got to participate by reading the material.

Be on the lookout for the best way to communicate with your child's teacher. This information is usually contained in the opening letter. Some teachers work best with email, and others would rather chat on the phone. It is helpful to know this at the beginning of the year.

4. Sleep is very important. In the first few weeks of the school term, please help your child adjust to the school schedule by encouraging earlier bedtimes and less weekend activity. The change to school hours is hard for some children, especially those who shifted toward later waking and bedtimes during the holidays.

This is especially true for adolescents whose bodies need more sleep anyway, and middle and high schools usually start earlier in the morning. Young children, particularly those starting prep, will likely be exhausted from prep and will need much more rest.

5. Establish a quiet, organized space for reading and doing homework, and provide a structured, screen-free time for doing it. Parents are so busy working, making meals, cleaning up and organizing schedules that it is easy to overlook the set up of a productive homework environment. We know that giving kids the time, space and support to do their homework is essential to them feeling successful. Carve out the time and space and your child will feel more organized and prepared for school.

6. Read to and with your child every day. Reading aloud to your child is the single best thing you can do to promote his or her academic success. You will build knowledge, increase vocabulary, model reading comprehension strategies and being a literate person in society. Many parents think reading aloud is only for little kids. There are benefits from reading to children all the way through adolescence.

Here's to a great end to the school year, and to the power and impact of parents and teachers working together to help children thrive and succeed!

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5-7

Well if you haven't spent the last 2 days cleaning then you are blessed from not having half the local farmland relocated to your lounge room (and every other nook of your home). Likewise our school is our home for more than six hours most days and as the hub of a community we demonstrate how to make things write when then are wronged.

We teach with passion and we manage with compassion. When things are broke we fix them, when people are hurt we help them, when people need support we offer it, when times are troubled we give the advice that we believe is best, after years of experience. When things are dirty, we clean them!
Thank you to all staff, students and especially Mrs Medew and Mrs Smart who have been working overtime to ensure the campus, school and facilities are brought back to tip top shape that we are accustomed to. Please reflect on Mrs Gibbs article above as we look towards World Teachers' Day on Friday and I acknowledge all educators locally and globally who make a difference in the lives of young children, their families as they develop and grow into the members of society who shape the future!

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Kid’s Corner

Happy Halloween! It is a busy time with dance practice, upcoming excursions and more dance practice! Ensure you are ready to go every morning so that you get the most from every day!

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