Dear families and friends,

Well, the undeniable talk of the town this week is our spectacular annual School Concert and Graduation Celebration. Whilst we visualised and dreamed up an event that was ambitious even for us I feel the results and memories we all take away were well worth the effort put in by every person involved. With great power comes great responsibility and without risk there is no reward! This has never been more true of stepping outside the box and creating an event that demonstrates the revitalised vision and values of our school, embodied through our motto - Integrity and Industry!

Graduation and School Concert

I write below in my class section as Teacher of one of the largest graduating cohorts in 105 years of schooling at Coalsloun Lakes SS, naturally increased by the Year 7 to High School effect, but I write to everyone here as the Principal of our school to say thank you. Seussical was such a wonderful
opportunity for anyone, especially children in the region, to explore their theatrical talents and try something they might want to pursue in their life. Being part of something bigger is a strong performance characteristic, to be part of a team, to play your part, to take your intrinsic motivation from the collective of the group success. To that end, I express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved, especially the school staff, P&C, families, friends and community, in addition to the Childers Choral Society and our Music Teacher - Mr David Horner - Thank you!

Student Achievements

We celebrated some student achievements recently and we were pleased to see Claire Thompson our Captain, take home the Academic Excellence award on Graduation night!

In addition, Ryan Gibbs, our Vice Captain, walked away with the Biggenden Lions - Eaton Giles Trophy and Award for celebration and recognition of his achievements and improvements throughout the year in many aspects of his young life, inside the school gates and on the field!

At our recent Biggenden District Swimming Trials, Blake Bechly smashed some records! He knocked over 5 seconds off the Boys 12yrs 50m Freestyle record. Over 7 seconds fell off the Boys 12yrs 50m Backstroke record too. His trifecta saw over 10 seconds taken away from the record in Boys 12yrs 50m Butterfly. Some amazing achievements and undoubtedly his success in the pool will continue again this year at the North Burnett Zone and Wide Bay Regional trials and hopefully, again onto the State Championships in the new year!

Fourteen students are off on Friday to the North Burnett Zone Carnival in Mundubbera, well done students on your qualifying times and we wish you a great day in the pool!

Project Unify and eLOTE 2015

In 2015 we have some great elearning programs lined up for our Year 5 and 6 students. Chinese via elearning will be mandatory for all Year 5 and 6 students. All Year 5 and 6 students, will also engage in online Project Unify, - Booster Literacy and Numeracy, WriteOn and DesignIT over the year.

‘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 4

Life Education Day Program

NB Swimming Carnival (selected students)

Big Splendid Science - Biggenden

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of November 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 7 - 2014

P-4 - Mathaniel Cuthbertson - Mathaniel is a kind and cheerful member of our class. He has worked consistently on his homework activities this week. Mathaniel has also worked has on his number facts and spelling during the term and his results are reflecting this effort. Well done!

5-7 - Paula Barnum - Paul is the driving force behind the Kid's Corner insert in the weekly newsletter as part of her role in the Project Club Media Team. On Tuesday night their fantastic Senior Video was screened for the public for the first time and what an impact it had on all of us! Film and TV career here we come!

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - November - Review of all Characteristics...
**In The Classroom**

P-4

I would like to say how proud I was of all students this week with their concert performance. They have worked hard on learning their songs, dance and actions. _Seussical_ presented our students with an opportunity to be part of a large production and am sure many were inspired by some of the cast performances – many really enjoyed Timothy’s performance as the Cat in the Hat.

We will be full steam ahead for the final three weeks of school completing our learning for the year and in readiness for them to move into their next grade level.

Everyday of school counts for your child with 6 weeks of holidays fast approaching.

Mrs Gibbs - ngibb10@eq.edu.au

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5-7

Congratulations to all the students on their efforts in the lead up to, and naturally on the big night of the 2014 School Concert and Graduation Celebration. No event of that magnitude just happens without the support of many, many people.

Every person, working in harmony, negotiating and communicating to make sure that the event is spectacular and ensures a good time for all, whilst maintaining the focus on the students and making it seem like everything happens magically, without all the behind the scenes action on display.

To anyone who flipped a sausage, turned a steak, cut a tomato, built or tore down the stage and screens, or took care of a job that was asked of them from the school or the P&C, our sincere appreciation. Primarily, as long as you attended and enjoyed the night, our job was done and we are glad that you got to share in those special moments for your child!

We are aiming for something special, even for our school, in terms of 97% whole school attendance with no child below 90%, so please ensure that 5 days a week, is part of your child and families routine even throughout the last 3 weeks in the lead up to the holidays!

Please ensure you are looking towards the Book Lists and local Book Pack option timelines for continuing students in 2015!

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**Kid’s Corner**

Welcome to Kid’s Corner!

The students had a wonderful time performing _Seussical_, watching the graduation videos and slideshows. We all hope parents, families, friends and the community enjoyed it also. Thanks to Mr
Horner for making the Seussical a blast for the audience and the students. A big thank you to all the school staff for making this annual event, one we will remember long into the future!

NEXT WEEK

Life Ed at Biggenden SS and Swimming are both on next Tuesday so remember to bring your togs.

The North Burnett Swimming Carnival is next Friday. Mrs Holmes will give information slips to the people who are going. Mrs Trigger will be back next week and at the Carnival with Mrs Philpott.

Thanks for reading this week’s Kid’s Corner!

Community Information

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

Hi Guys,

I am just helping to spread the word for the organisers of the Festival of Small Halls.

If you want to check out some folk singers who are very talented on the strings and harmonies, or you enjoy some twangy country, you can head down to Degilbo Hall on Friday 5 Dec at 6:30pm. There you will find Aussie girls The Mae Trio and a Canadian country artist named Del Barber.

Cost is $25 per person and includes supper. Tickets at North Burnett Regional Council or you can phone Gary on: 0427 656 375.

Here are some links to their songs on Youtube if you want to see what they do:

The Mae Trio:

A Cappella rendition of "Lately"

http://youtu.be/pvxAKF-3nWM

Live performance of "Back To The Shore"

http://youtu.be/EmvmceZ0Eys

Del Barber:

Live performance of "Can't Turn Around"

http://youtu.be/WjDyjXViR3I?list=PL6YFQ-7w5Q0gnlWzcuxsUKnoI9nOpmzh2

Regards,

Rachel