Dear families and friends,

Welcome back to school for another year! Whilst more steady rain continues to be welcome, it is a pleasing sight to see the hillsides green, the bovine picking up condition and crops being sewn throughout the district. We trust that you had a relaxing and revitalising holiday period, with family and friends and that students have enjoyed their school summer holidays and are refreshed for the new school year!

P&C Thanks

Thank you to the P&C, Seabrook & Sons and the Seabrook family for preparing and planting a corn crop on our P&C Farm Plot. The sun, heat and rain have promoted quick growth and the shoots are already popping up, very exciting and our appreciation to the P&C and the Seabrook family.

Swimming Program

Swimming commences in Week 2 and will be on Monday...
afternoons. The students will swim as one group with Mrs Holmes, Mr Reed and Mrs Trigger in three ability groups.

If you would like to pick children up directly from the Pool, please note we will now be leaving the Biggenden Pool as one group at 2:30pm.

**Book Club**

Book Club will continue throughout this year and please note Scholastic now only issue the book brochures appropriate for the enrolled year levels of each student. You will note this year level system on the title of your child's Book Club brochure.

**Lakes Life Newsletter now online only**

As mentioned in the newsletters towards the end of last year, the newsletter will be online only in pdf format from now on, and available Thursday or Friday morning accompanied by the weekly availability email to families and the community. All community fliers will now be scanned and emailed in pdf format once per week by Mrs Seabrook. Please ensure your contact details are always up to date with the Admin Office.

**Student Leaders**

Student Leader selection processes will begin to occur throughout next week in conjunction with division surrounding Project Club and the roles and responsibilities.

**Chaplaincy**

We were pleased to receive notification that our application for Chaplaincy funding throughout this year was successful. 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. We welcome the return of Lexie Callahan as our Chappy!

**Tuck Shop, Healthy Choices and Birthday Cakes**

Throughout 2014, Tuck Shop was supported by staff on a weekly basis, however this is no longer sustainable and only some of our current students this year, historically purchase tuckshop on regular basis. In line with the Healthy Choices programs for schools, we will hand FreeDress and Celebration days over to the Project Club to organise ‘Treat Food’ celebration days twice per term at a maximum.
Birthday Cakes remain a tradition at Coalstoun Lakes SS and these are always welcome. As a guide for families, a quarter slab cake or 20 cupcakes is a suitable amount for the students and staff!

2015 Staffing

Mr Reed - Teaching Principal - 5 days per week.
Mrs Gibbs - Part-time Teacher - 3 days per week
Mrs Holmes - HPE Teacher - Heath / Sport - 1 day 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 Mandarin - 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 - 4 hours per fortnight and as required.
School Chaplain - Lexie Callahan (Chappy) - fortnightly

Library Update

A few weeks ago the Wondai School Library burnt down and nothing was salvaged. We were pleased to be able to support the school and community with many of our old resources that had been culled throughout the year to get them started. This ensures the students at Wondai SS have some books on Day One, whilst they rebuild their library throughout the year.

We look forward to a fantastic year and invite you to engage in all aspects of the school, P&C and community throughout the year, in positive and productive partnerships within the home-school relationship and associated environments. Our Prospectus has been updated and is available on our website.

‘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

- Term 1 Swimming Program
- Year 5/6 Project Impact online permissions

Positive Behaviour Focus

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

Team players - Balanced - Positive - Caring - Problem solvers - Fair
Good communicators - Hardworking - Creative - Knowledgeable

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 1 - Week 1 - 2015

P-6 - Welcome back to School! Start Strong! Welcome to Melita and Katria!

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - January - Introduce all Values of GR8 People...

In The Classroom

P-6

Well what a great start - 100% attendance in Week 1 and we welcomed our two newest students - Melita and Katria. As we became one classroom on Tuesday, staff were attending school from Tuesday last week in preparation for the commencement of the school year and undertaking professional development. As such, we started strong with Maths readiness testing, Sight Word testing for our youngest students, homework from Day 1 and reading running records benchmark assessment are also currently underway.

All students have their own iPad and students in Year 4 - 6 have their own laptop. We are pleased to be able to continue to offer elearning LOTE, HPE Physical Activity and many other co-curricular programs and activities. Music will be incorporated within The Arts and delivered by the current teaching staff, at this point in time.

The Australian Curriculum has expanded its offerings for implementation and the last of SOSE which became History and Geography, is now fully transitioned with the introduction of the final subject.
Civics and Citizenship for Years 3 and up. LOTE Chinese Mandarin, is now under the Australian Curriculum and students in Years 5 and 6 engage in two Foundation level elearning classes per week. Economics and Business is also a new subject for implementation, for students in Years 5 and up. HPE now also falls under the Australian Curriculum with the strands of Health and Movement.

Mrs Gibbs will primarily teach History, Geography, Civics and Science. History and Geography units will be alternated on a term by term basis. Mrs Gibbs will also undertake many of the diagnostic assessments as per our assessment plan and schedule.

Mr Reed is the primary class teacher and delivers the English, Mathematics, Economics subjects and the remaining Queensland curriculum Key Learning Areas - The Arts and Technology.

Naturally, we are one big teaching team and students are supported and taught by all staff members. We would all be aware of the integral nature and roles that Mrs Edwards and Mrs Trigger play in the learning and development of all students and as such deliver many subjects and support many programs through the daily, weekly term based and annual routines, programs and experiences.

We continue our elearning programs, through two Project Impact online courses over the next 14 weeks for all Year 5 and 6 students delivered through Brisbane School of Distance Education.

Your children may also let you know of other minor changes to routines and hopefully they are all for the better in terms of the daily program and logistics of the single multi-age classroom.

Above all, we are excited to be back and see refreshed students ready to learn and if the first week is an indication of the year ahead, we are going to have a great time together! Welcome back!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Kid’s Corner

Welcome to Kid’s Corner!

Coming soon...

Community Information

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

STATE ELECTION 2015

Coalstoun Lakes State School - Digital Library - Polling Booth

Saturday 31 July 2015

Please bring identification which is required - Voter Information Letter is the preferred option.