Dear families and friends,

Throughout last week I had the opportunity to attend the Queensland Association of State School Principals (QASSP) recent State Council and Conference, as President of the North Burnett Branch. QASSP is the peak body for state primary principals and works directly with the department and government to influence the educational agenda.

There are many exciting announcements in the pipeline for support of school maintenance, direct school funding, human resource reviews, and increases to teacher numbers and allocations, especially teaching principals. I thank Mrs Gibbs and all staff, for ensuring the classroom and school, naturally ran smoothly under their guidance, throughout my absence.

On that note, I wish to congratulate Mrs Gibbs who has been selected for our departmental teaching principal leadership residential program. Mrs Gibbs is a highly successful and experienced teacher and small school principal, a fact we are...
the beneficiaries of, and experience, every school day. Mrs Gibbs will be away next week, attending the program.

**Prep 2016 Transition Information**

I wrote to our prospective Prep cohort families for 2016 and our current families as most students commencing are siblings, and the changes to departmental policy effects everyone throughout all school communities. I wish to share some of this information and the changes that guide us in transition programs moving forward. Traditionally and for many years, we welcomed children who were technically not enrolled at the school to come in during Term 4 for ‘Transition Days’, this was primarily a small rural and remote school practice. This process was and still is a worthwhile practice, however the ability to have students prior to school age, on-site without a parent or guardian, is no longer an option. We have developed a Transition Program and have communicated this to new and continuing families alike and now to our wider school community.

**Sports and North Burnett Zone Athletics**

Last newsletter, amidst the achievements of the students, I was remiss in acknowledging young Melita Palmer and her performance in the 800m Under 9s. Melita came first and also broke the record with her time. Congratulations Melita!

This Friday, Amy R, Matt, Georgia, Max and Sophie will attend the North Burnett Zone Athletics. Mrs Trigger will also be supporting the Carnival. Ruby is unfortunately unable to attend after hurting her foot at school and we wish her a speedy recovery, so she get back into her sports soon.

**P&C Update**

A big thank you to Wayne and the Seabrook family, for sorting out the mounting of our new school letterbox. I think it represents the school very well and thank you to everyone involved in tidying up the entrance to the school with all the bits, pieces and projects coming together to create something greater than the sum of its parts! Fundraising and support is necessary now, right through until the Cricket Day!

‘**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.

Improve writing for all students through consolidation of student friendly marking guides and explicit teaching of the ten elements of successful pieces of writing and literature.

Current Permission Information

Term 3 2015
- Camp Payment - in progress

Positive Behaviour Focus

In the month of AUGUST we are - GOOD COMMUNICATORS
- listen to others
- speak clearly and confidently
- read and write well
- express ideas effectively
- choose the right way to get a message across.

Student of the Week Awards

On our weekly Assembly, we present our Student of the Week Award, which recognises 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 3 - Week 3 - 2015
P-6 - Amy Thompson - Any performed well at Athletics, as expected, and has been enjoying AFL lessons weekly. Amy is also working hard on several Project Club jobs as part of her leadership role as a School Captain! Keep up the great work and efforts Amy, it does not go unnoticed!

Term 3 - Week 4 - 2015

P-6 - Ruby Hunter - Ruby had a great week at school and completed all her work to a high standard. She finished off the week with a injured foot but was keen to ensure she was back with her friends as quick as she could the following week. Keep up the great work and attitude Ruby!

Positive Behaviour Award - Value of the Month - AUGUST - GOOD COMMUNICATOR - ???

In The Classroom

P-6

A big thank you to Mrs Holmes, Mrs Gibbs and all the team for ensuring a smooth week at school whilst I attended QASSP State Council and Conference - I had to read the newsletter to find out where we were up to as everything happens and moves quickly in small primary schools! Thank you!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Kid's Corner

Welcome to Kid’s Corner!

Monday was a Public Holiday - YAY! Throughout the week we had many things on. LOTE is back for grade 5’s and 6’s on Thursday and Friday. We all couldn’t wait for another spectacular music session with Mrs Fraser. Great work with AFL, hope to see some more super efforts. Friday will be a big day for Amy R, Max, Matthew and Georgia heading away for North Burnet Athletics. Congratulations!

Q: What do you call a slow skier?
A: A slope poke

Q: How do Eskimos make their beds?
A: With sheets of ice and blankets of snow

Q: Which runs faster, hot or cold water?
A: Hot because you can catch a cold

Q: What kind of money do monsters use?
A: Weirdo (weird dough)

Q: When is the moon heaviest?
A: When it is full

By Ruby - Jokes by Melita and Georgia

**Community Information**

Community fliers are scanned and emailed to families, once per week, from the Administration Office.

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

**GUNThER GUMNUT PLAYGROUP**

Every Tuesday at Gunther Village in the playground next to the Coffee Shop 9.30am – 11am

All parents with young children welcome to attend, an activity and morning tea provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**JUNIOR SOCCER**

Open to all Junior players including high school. Training Thursdays 4 - 5 pm Gayndah Sports field.

Fee's only $25 per player/season. Come and have a go!! Ph Laine 0428931151 for more details.

**GAYndah Junior Touch**

Gayndah junior touch starts again next Wednesday July 22 at the sports grounds at 4:00pm.

Primary school students turning 6 and up as well as year 7 and 8 students who are NOT playing senior touch are eligible. For more information contact Leisa on 0402869032 or Maria on 0400844681.