This is what is happening in our school..........

Hello Parents and Community members

Presently, we have an enrolment of 72 students; the breakdown is 61 primary students and 11 secondary students. Due to low numbers in the Secondary Sector our Year 6 students will be taught by the Secondary teachers (with the exception of ‘The Arts’ and ‘Sound Waves’ which will be taught by Mrs Portbury and Mrs Williams). This is a golden opportunity for our students to be taught by Head of Departments from the Secondary department.

As you will see in Curriculum Corner this week we are redeveloping our Reading Program. Over the past three years our teachers have been introduced to the ‘Reading Comprehension Strategies’ of Sheena Cameron, and have incorporated these into their reading programs. These strategies fit into our new Reading Program, which we will roll out prior to the end of the Term. All staff will undertake specialised reading training with our Head of Curriculum to ensure we all have a shared language and approach, to provide the very best education that we can for our students.

During Parade we talked about “whole body listening”, “being on time” and “having correct equipment” every day.

This is our second PBL lesson, ask your child/ren what happened in this lesson on Monday afternoon (excluding public holiday days).

Over the next week or two, we will send out the Term Overview for Positive Learning for Behaviour.

Parent Information Afternoon - Tuesday 7 February 3:00pm
Come, meet and greet your children’s teacher for 2017. The afternoon will start off with tea/coffee/ juice and a biscuit or two under A Block followed by class visits.

3:30pm Yr 1/2 Miss Franco
4:00pm Prep/1 Mrs Watts, Ms Shann and Mrs Wockner
4:00pm Yr 6-10 Mr Utz, Mr Lillis, Mr Barltrop and Mrs Sloss
4:30pm Yr 3-5 Mrs Williams and Mrs Portbury
Mrs Marley-Quinn and Ms Samuel will also be in attendance.

Just a reminder if your child/ren are not catching the bus please inform the office as soon as possible.

Attached to the newsletter is a sheet of absentee slips (pink). If your child/ren are absent from school please fill out a slip and forward to the school on the student’s return.

Be safe Be happy
Susan

To have items included in the newsletter they must be received by Monday, please email to esche9@eq.edu.au or forward to the school.
**From the classroom**

**This week in science** students are investigating how different materials dissolve and the effect of temperature on this (y6), learning about simple techniques for separating mixtures (y7/8), conducting experiments to observe the different kinds of heat transfer (y9). In maths the year 6 are revising adding and subtracting whole numbers and also comparing and ordering fractions.

**Science trivia:** While it hasn’t been scientifically researched, according to health blogger Matt Stone a mixture of 5 parts sugar and 1 part salt can cure insomnia. If you wake up at night, just place some of the “sleepy dust” under your tongue to dissolve and apparently it will put you right back to sleep.

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**REMINDER**

Please return student details forms and consent forms to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms.

**AGM MEETINGS of the BUS RUNS**

Maclagan/Woodleighton
7th Feb 2017
6.30pm in the MEDIA Room

South Quinalow Bus Run AGM
7th Feb 2017 at 7pm
General Meeting to follow Annual Meeting

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Sports Update**

**Swimming lessons timetable:**

- Thursday: Prep/1  3/4  5/6
- Friday: 1/2  Secondary
- Friday afternoon sport swimming for years 3-10

Please ensure that your child/children has his/her own towel, swimming cap & swimming shirt.

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Didn’t get the latest newsletter or looking for something in an old one, then go to our website.

**www.quinalowss.eq.edu.au**
Please note change of date

P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 7:00pm in the Media Room.

Don’t forget membership forms to be returned to the school before the meeting.

Forms are available from the library or email Angela at lafinch2005@outlook.com

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop to commence on Monday 6 February

Menu attached to newsletter.

Tuckshop Roster

6 February  Allison Gesler & Anne-Maree
Homebake - Danielle Kajewski

13 February Belinda Hess & Anne-Maree
Homebake - Sharyn Bartkowski

Tuckshop Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 6 February at 3:00pm in the Media Room. Please come along and show your support to keep the tuckshop operating.

Swimming Club News

Swimming Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 February at 6:30pm in the Media Room. New subcommittee to be elected. General meeting to follow.

Swimming Lesson Enrolment Forms for Term 1 must be back Monday 6 February.

Book Club News

Book Club order forms for Issue 1 were sent home on Monday. Orders with payment are due back by Thursday 9 February.

There is Three Easy Ways To Pay

1 CREDIT CARD - Quinalow School is now registered for LOOP! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Please refer to the flyer that was attached to the brochure for more information.

2 CASH - Enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.

3 CHEQUE OR CREDIT VOUCHER - If paying by cheque, make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.

Any enquiries please contact Elva Schefe at the school.

Curriculum Corner

This year we are focusing on improvement. In particular improving our reading results and our students’ interest in reading. How will we do this? We are currently reviewing our Reading Framework and programs, and undertaking a revamp. Over the following months you will hear your children talk about “CAFÉ” and reading and “The Daily 5”, and you may wonder what is happening in our awesome classrooms. CAFÉ is an acronym for the four goals of reading - comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary. Over the past three years Mrs Booth has introduced the Sheena Cameron approach to reading and comprehension, we will continue to use this work and align it with the CAFÉ approach. Together we will create awesome results, with our awesome students. ☺ Ms Shann
Peranga Bowls Club
We have new cooks taking over Friday Night Meals.
Come and enjoy a meal.

MACLAGAN MEMORIAL HALL
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY AT 7.30 PM
ALL WELCOME

Maclagan Lutheran Sunday School is hosting another fun-filled Sleepover on Saturday 18th February at the church hall. Cost $5.00 per child - Open to children from Kindy/Prep to Year 6. Kids are welcome to bring a friend of two. More details to follow next week — we just wanted you to save that date!
For more info, ring Margaret 4692 1339 or Jenny 4692 1150

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QUINALOW HALL
TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7.30PM
24 JANUARY - 28 FEBRUARY 2017
ALL WELCOME

BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all students speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828

DATE CLAIMERS
Early 2017 - Garage/Boot Sale
Peranga Hall - More info to come
26 March - Peranga Catholic Church Centenary
30 April - Peranga Charity Bowls Day

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