Welcome to week four of term 1. I am standing in as acting-principal this week and am happy to be able to report on and share some highlights.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the P & C for their great work. Monday night saw the Annual General Meeting of our P & C, and this gives me an opportunity to reflect on the value of our P & C. Many parents and community members volunteer their time and knowledge to schools to assist schools in fundraising, providing tuckshops and events and so much more. P & C committees have a long history in our country, and it is due to the commitment of our communities that schools are able to achieve so much in terms of grants and purchasing of extra resources. So, I would like to thank and recognise the great work that our P & C have done for our school.

On Thursday of this week Mr Lillis will be taking our primary school captain, Sara Schonrock to the Mayoral Morning Tea. We thank all our leaders for their contributions and leadership to our school.

Last week we said goodbye to our principal of three years, Mrs Booth. She is looking forward to seaviews and spending more time with her family. I was away at a Regional conference on Thursday and Friday so was unable to be here, but I hear that the cake was amazing. Below are photos that we would like to share with you of our good bye presentation with Mrs Booth. We wish her the best in her new school and venture.

Our new Acting Principal, Mrs Lyndal Symonds, visited the school this week. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge of country schools and is very excited to be working in our school for the remainder of the term.

I think that wraps us up for another week, thank you for your ongoing support of our great school.

Yours in Learning,
Jo Shann
**Curriculum Corner**

This year our major focus is on the improvement of reading. We have spoken to the students about all students reading to an adult each day. We have not had a chance to start this initiative yet and are aiming for a kick off in week 6. We are in the process of creating resources to make sure that we can have huge successes with introducing our shared reading program. If you think you could volunteer some time to assist us in listening to the students read please contact me as soon as possible so that we can include you in our planning and setup. Each parent helper will be provided with some training and resources (including sticker packs) to help us in the effective running of our new program. Many thanks in anticipation. ☺ Ms Shann

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**Cooyar Show - Saturday 25 February 2017**


Entry forms: Search 2017 show pavilion entry form Cooyar

Entry forms for all entries except Junior Art & Schoolwork are due in by Wed. 22nd February to the Secretary.

Junior Art and School Work with entry forms to Cooyar School before 10am Wednesday.

Photography entries due between 12pm and 5pm Wednesday.

Art entries due by 11am Friday.

Fruit & Veg, Farm Produce, Household & Preserves and Horticulture due in by 12pm Friday.

If Junior Art, Photography and School work are packed up with their entry forms and at the Home Ec. room by 2.15pm Friday 17th February, I will deliver them to their appropriate places.

I am happy to take anything for the pavilion on Friday morning but it must be at the Home Ec. Room by 2pm Thursday afternoon. I will not be coming to Quinalow on Friday morning before going to the showgrounds. Entry forms must be sent to the Secretary by Wednesday.

Have fun making, growing and baking! Mrs. Sloss

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**From the classroom**

This semester students in all year levels doing the former subject known as Manual Arts will all be working within the new C2C curriculum in a subject known as Technologies.

The students will be putting together a portfolio including designing, research, and development of plans, actual building of projects and finally they will evaluate their work.

The portfolios will be due at the end of the semester but many of the lead-up activities to building will have to be completed much earlier in order for students to complete their constructions.

I have already seen that the students are making excellent design solutions for their portfolio.

Mr Barltrop

**This week in science** students are learning about everyday uses for reversible changes (y6), using evaporation, sifting and filtering to separating mixtures (y7/8), investigating electrical circuits and conductivity (y9). In maths the year 6 class are focusing on using equivalent fractions to add and subtract fractions with related denominators.

**Science trivia:** A recent study has shown that women who put on a bit of extra weight live longer than the men who point it out.

Mr Utz

**Year 6 and Secondary English News**

**Year 6:** The students have just started doing a practice reading comprehension test based on the short story “The Iron-Bark Chip” by Henry Lawson. I’ve marked the first half and given each student some feedback explaining what they can do to improve their marks. We will do at least one more practice before the real test next week.

**Year 7/8:** All the students have selected an advertisement for their assignment and they have started working on their first draft. They will be doing their speech early in week 6 because next Friday is the swimming carnival.

**Year 9:** The students have started creating a tourism brochure promoting Australia. Once they have finished, they will have to write a short speech that explains and justifies why they chose the information and images they included in their brochure.

Mr Lillis
P&C News

We held our AGM on Monday and our first meeting for the year, I am happy to let everyone know we were able to elect a new committee.

P&C
- President Rebecca Campbell
- Vice President Emma Bartkowski
- Secretary Jen Sommerfield
- Treasurer Samantha Lowery

Welcome to the new committee members and thank you for volunteering. We farewell Angela Finch from the position of secretary and I’d like to thank her very much for doing such a thorough and wonderful job! Swimming Club and Tuckshop Committee executives have also been finalised and are as follows:

Tuckshop Committee
- President Allison Gesler
- Vice President Angela Finch
- Secretary Jessica Peters
- Treasurer Tamara Cauley
- Convenor Anne-Maree McHugh

Swimming Club
- President Samantha Lowery
- Vice President Anne-Maree McHugh
- Secretary Natarsha Collins
- Treasurer Gail Riches

Thank you again for volunteering, without these committees we would not be able to have a tuckshop or use the swimming pool. We are a very lucky school to have such wonderful facilities run by the P&C.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13 March at 7:15pm. We will be discussing fundraising ideas for the upcoming year, so if you have any great ideas over the next few weeks, please come along and share them at our next meeting or feel free to pass them on to any of the executive.

P&C Assn will be hosting a Pool Party for the Children & Families of the School.
Where: Quinalow Pool
When: Friday 3rd March 2017
Time: 5pm to 8pm
A FREE Sausage Sizzle will be provided, with drinks and nibbles for sale throughout the night.
Please be aware NO ALCOHOL or GLASS is to be brought into the Swimming Pool Grounds.
We will have Qualified Swimming Supervisors on duty during the night, but please note children will not be allowed to swim without a Parent/Guardian present.
We hope to see you there.....

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Roster
20 February Michelle Jessie & Anne-Maree
Homebake - Melita Connellan
24 February Swimming Carnival - helpers needed
Homebake - Wendy, Angela, Sam, Jess
27 February Kylie Angus & Anne-Maree
Homebake - Rebecca Campbell

Sports Update

A reminder that students need to wear a swimming cap in the pool during lessons. Please provide a note or a phone call to the school if, for any reason, your child cannot be provided with a swimming cap. Also please inform the school via letter or phone call if your child is unable to swim during his/her lesson.

Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. The students have been training for the day. Please keep Friday 24th February in mind to come and cheer on your favourite team at the carnival.

Sports dates:
Interhouse Swimming Carnival: 24 February
Interhouse Cross Country Carnival: 17 March
QDSA Cross Country: 28 March
Darling Downs Cross Country: 28 April
Interhouse Athletics Carnival: 16 June
QDSA Athletics Carnival: 21 July
Bunya Districts Athletics: 31 July
Darling Downs Athletics Carnival: 4 August
Bowenville Softball Carnival: 24 March
Kaimkillenbun Touch Football: 1 June
Quinalow Soccer/Netball Carnival: 31 August
Jondaryan Cricket Carnival: 17 November (to be verified)
QDSA Swimming Carnival: 6 December

PINK STUMPS DAY

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We would like to challenge our school’s parents and community members to a cricket match. It would be great if you could make it. Please contact the school or me to let us know if you are willing to be on the parent/community team. Let’s make this a fun and successful fundraising event.

Please donate to our GoFundraise page to help us on our way! Our aim is to raise $500.00 for this worthy cause.

To donate, go to GoFundraise. Search for Quinalow and follow the link to donate. It’s easy - and worthwhile.

Thanks in anticipation, Libby Marley-Quinn

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Always Safe
World Day of Prayer - Philippines
Am I being unfair to you?
Friday 3 March - 10:30am
Maclagen Lutheran Church
Everyone Welcome

DATE CLAIMERS
26 March - Peranga Catholic Church Centenary
30 April - Peranga Charity Bowls Day

WANTED - Approx. 50 ice-cream lids in good condition by end of February. Deliver to school or phone 0499301113.

Annual Meeting - Maclagan Memorial Hall
9 March 2017 at 7:30pm
All Welcome

Wow—exciting news: The Bismarck to Maclagan 100 Years Anniversary won the Australia Day 2017 Rosalie Community Event of the Year Award! Woo hoo, Maclagan!! Congrats to everyone for a great day and our thanks to the many, many people who were there—exhibitors and visitors alike. (You can view this award at the Maclagan Shop for now, then it will be moved to the Maclagan Hall)

Maclagan Bowls Club
Friday Night Meals – we have new cooks!
Come and enjoy a meal.

Expression of Interest - Miniature Deb Ball
Maclagan Memorial Hall on 27 May 2017
Contact - Sherryl Hansen on 46921265
rustyjoe@skymesh.com.au

Maclagan Sunday School.........

INVITES YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS to a SLEEPOVER!

Where? Maclagan Lutheran Church Hall
When? Saturday night, 18th February 2017
Time? Starting time - from 5pm (please come showered for the day)
Cost? $5 per child plus one supper item per family (eg: packet of biscuits). This cost includes dinner, breakfast, morning tea and LOTS OF TREATS!
Open to children from Prep-Year 6.
What to bring: sleeping gear, pjs, toiletries, clothes for the next day, torch
What are we going to do? Games, movie (with popcorn), sports, team challenges, treasure hunts and LOTS MORE!
What time does it finish? Children are invited to Sunday School at 9.30am and then to be part of the church service at 10.30am. During the service the children will perform!
Please RSVP to Jenny Ballon 46921150 jiballon@activ8.net.au or Wendy MacGillivr at 46921272
wmagl1@eq.edu.au by the 15th February.