Hello Parents and Community members

to Term 1 2017.

We welcome our Prep students -
Ben, Emily B, Jacob, Sophia,
Kaden, William, Emily J, Jaxon,
Blake, Sophie and Andrew

The preps received their new hats on Monday from the school. We are so excited to travel with our preps on their academic journey. Our preps are in for a treat choosing Quinalow Prep-10 State School as their first choice.

I love the first day of school and Monday was no different.
The excited faces, new uniforms, new shoes, new lunch boxes, water and school bags.
The younger students were willing share their new equipment with me as I walked through the junior school classrooms.

It was excellent to see students in correct uniform including black shoes.
A BIG THANK YOU to parents for supporting our Dress Code.

‘Sound Waves’ and ‘Sign Post Maths’ books are available for parents who are not participating in the Stationery Scheme if needed. Please contact the Ali.

This year we welcome Miss Catalina Franco who will be teaching our Year 1/2 students. Miss Franco is excited to be teaching and living in Quinalow.

Miss Franco drove into Quinalow in the storm on Saturday night.

2017 welcomes our very own Head of Curriculum (HOC). Ms Jo Shann has join our staff and is already working on revamping our reading program which will blend CAFE reading and our Sheena Cameron Reading Comprehension Reading Strategies.

As stated on parade we, all staff will listen to all students read out loud to them every day.
We have attached a mini biography on our new staff members, please make them welcome at Quinalow.

On Monday’s parade, we launched our new behaviour program to the students and parents who attended parade. We shared with the audience the Positive Pathway, meaning if your child demonstrates identified behaviour goals, students will receive a DOJO or two. Teachers have or will be sending out a notification for parents to log in and see how many DOJOs their child has received and what for. Today it was noted in one class half of the parents had logged in and saw what their child/ren had achieved.

More information on our DOJO reward system will be discussed in the Parent Information Afternoon (7th February 2017).

Be safe Be happy
Susan
Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

I am excited to be joining the team at Quinalow Prep-10 this year as the Head of Curriculum (HOC). My focus this year will be on our school curriculum, developing a reading program, and much more, including teaching the Prep students science. Please watch out for “Curriculum Corner” each week in the newsletter. I will use the “Curriculum Corner” to share some of the awesome stuff we are doing with the students, to offer ideas to help out at home with homework, and to keep you informed of what is happening in the area of curriculum. I have been with Education Queensland for 13 years in a variety of roles, including teaching, small school principal, pedagogy coach, and master teacher. I am passionate about reading and constantly improving student results and developing confidence in our learners. On a personal level I am a mum of two beautiful girls, and a fitness enthusiast. Please come and say hi to me and introduce yourself as I am looking forward to meeting our community. Jo Shann

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Jo Shann

**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.

**Sports dates:**
- Interhouse Swimming Carnival: 24 February
- Bunya Swimming Trials (9-12 years): 15 February
- Darling Downs Swimming Trials: 1 March
- Interhouse Cross Country Carnival: 17 March
- QDSA Cross Country: To be announced after the upcoming QDSA meeting
- Darling Downs Cross Country: 28 April
- Interhouse Athletics Carnival: 16 June
- QDSA Athletics Carnival: To be announced
- Darling Downs Athletics Carnival: 4 August

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**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

**COOYAR SHOW - Saturday 25 February**

For information regarding show entries, the show schedule is online – www.cooyarshow.com.au

There are no printed schedules.

More details next week.

**Upcoming Events**

- 6 February Tuckshop AGM
- 7 February Information Afternoon
- 7 February Bus Runs AGM
- 8 February Swimming Club AGM
- 14 February P&C AGM
- 15 February Bunya Swimming Trials
- 24 February Swimming Carnival

**Always Safe**
**P & C News**

A warm welcome back to Term 1, 2017. I trust everyone had a fabulous holiday and we are all feeling well rested and ready for a great 2017.

**P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 7:00pm in the Media Room.**

To become a P & C member, please ensure that you fill out the membership form which is attached to this newsletter and return the form to the school prior to the Annual General Meeting. Should you not be able to return the completed form to the school or an executive member before the AGM you must then attend a meeting with your signed form for acceptance. These are rules in place by P&C QLD and must be adhered to by the P&C.

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**Tuckshop News**

Tuckshop to commence on Monday 6 February

**Menu in next week’s newsletter.**

**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.

Volunteers are needed to help on Mondays and also homebake cooks.

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**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 Training will recommence on Thursday 2 February from 3:15-4:00pm and will continue until the swimming carnival. Enquiries to Nadine.

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning News**

Welcome back to a brand new school year! The exciting news for 2017 is the launch of our new PBL reward system. DoJo is the new buzzword! What is ‘Dojo’ you ask?

Dojos are the computer based reward system we are using for PBL. Dojos are awarded for the following: Our 4 Expectations on the Behaviour Matrix - Always Learning, Always Respectful, Always Resilient, Always Safe. When students reach identified dojo levels they can choose to cash them in to receive a reward or accumulate points for an award at a higher level. Posters will be displayed around the school explaining the rewards system. Soon parents will be receiving invitations, if they haven’t already, to go online to check on their child’s dojo progress. For more information check with your child’s classroom teacher.

Until next time

Regards the PBL Team

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**Curriculum Corner**

Welcome to the first edition of Curriculum Corner. I would like to share with you all, one of our focus areas for the Term in the area of reading. In particular we are looking at the reading goal of comprehension, and the strategy of looking for the literal information found in texts. We are going to call this strategy the “Right There” strategy – where we ask students to identify the information found directly within a text. For example, if they read a sentence such as, “The cat sat on the mat.” We will ask “Where did the cat sit?” This style of questioning can be used with any texts. Please join us in developing this skill in your children by asking them “Right There” questions whenever they read to you or with you. For older students the strategy can be applied to online articles, newspapers, magazines and even songs. Have a great first week at our great school. ☺

Ms Shann
Community News

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

30 Margaret Street, Maclagan Q 4352
Maclagan Kindergarten is currently seeking an
Administration Officer
This role will be casual (4 hours per week) and will require
the successful applicant to work one day per week.
Applicants must have a current paid Blue Card (or willing to obtain one)
For a Position Description or further information please contact
Kristen Ehrlich 0746 928 170
maclagankindsecretary@gmail.com
Applications to be submitted in writing to the above email address.
Applications close 5pm Thursday 2nd of February.

BIG DOO
at
BRYMAROO

JIM PRIEBE MEMORIAL
CHARITY CONCERT

When
Saturday 11th February
4pm
Where
Brymaroo Rodeo Grounds

Featuring
A Showcase of Talented
Artists

With Special Guest Performances

Contacts:
Gary McDonald ..0455621010
John Koehler.. 46928110
Trev Hess.. 46921163

BENEFITING
Toowoomba Hospice

Church Centenary

Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church
Peranga

Sunday March 26th 2017 at 11am

Mass to be celebrated by
Bishop Robert McGuckin
&
Fr Thomas Areekuzhy

Lunch to follow at the Peranga Hall

Enquiries to Louise
peranga100@gmail.com

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