Hello Parents and Community members

On Monday we wrapped up our Pre-Prep Transition Program. It was great to see so many parents participating in the Pre-Prep Information Transition Session for parents/caregivers. This session will be repeated in week 2/3 of Term 1 2017. We are looking forward to welcoming our pre-preps into our school in 2017.

It’s that time of year when we begin to count down to the end of the academic year. It is an exciting time of any year as we all look forward to our holidays and spending more precious time with our children, spouses and extended families.

It was great to see so many swimmers competing at our QDSA Swimming Carnival last Friday. These events form wonderful memories for all students. Let’s do it again in 2017.

Today, report cards have been handed out with our newsletter.

On Monday, our Emu Gully Campers will be leaving at 8:30am to arrive before the 10:00am start. Our campers should arrive back at school on Wednesday around 3:00pm; our school buses will wait for any camper who requires bus travel to home. Yesterday the 3 day program was sent home; another ‘What to bring’ list is attached to this newsletter.

School Hats and a water bottle are a priority on ‘what to bring’.

Please let us know if your child/ren will be catching the school bus home on Wednesday afternoon.

Awards Day for P-5 students will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday 7 December. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Join us for a cuppa and a piece of Year 6 Graduation Cake.

Today, we hosted the Cooyar students who exceeded their school’s behaviour expectations. Their reward was to make a stool, a small tool box or a small wire basket for pegs or collecting eggs or vegetables. Well done Cooyar and Thank You Mr Barltrop.

We have attached class lists (2017) and the name of the class room teacher/ form teachers for secondary students. We are still in the process of selecting a teacher for our Year 1/2 class and the vacant Head of Curriculum (HOC) position. 2017 timetables will be shared with parents and community Week 1 2017.

Today, we are holding our last Management Committee Meeting for 2016. Our agenda, for today is name change for the committee, roles and responsibilities for this group, update on PBL for 2017 and preview of Quinalow Prep-10 SS 2017 Parent Handbook. Remember all parents/community members can attend these meetings. I personally thank our parent representatives Rebecca, Angela, Sam, Jen, Sharyn, Kylie, Ruth, Gail, Nat, Nicole, Anne-Maree and Tamara. You have given our school an insight, recommendations and constructive criticism on how to engage parents and community members in our students’ learning. It has been an awesome journey. I cannot stress enough, if you want to know or to be in the know, put your hand up to be a class representative or just come and join in.

From a personal point of view, I value all parents’ input and engaging in your child’s education.

Be safe Be happy, Susan
From the classroom

Prep/Year 1 - Christmas is nearly here and we have been very busy making lots of Christmassy things. The Pre-Preps were in our room on Monday making decorations to take home. They are very excited about starting school next year. We have a busy time ahead with the movies and pizza in the park on Monday and our Awards Day on Thursday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their support and friendship throughout the year. We have really enjoyed our year with the Pre/1’s. Wishing you a wonderful holidays. See you next year. Ruth, Nadine & Rebecca.

Year 1/2 - In the last two weeks, the 1/2 class will continue working on the necessary Maths and English concepts. Grammar, punctuation and handwriting learning experiences will be carried out during this time as well. As a fun way of leading up to Christmas the students will have the opportunity to engage in Christmas activities.

Wow! Where did the year go? Well done to our students who have all worked very well this year. Thank you to Mr Gernrich for teaching my class for the last two weeks. A huge thank you goes to Margaret Kucks, Ree McHugh, Angela Finch and Mr Baltrop for helping with our Art/Life Skills program this term. Also thanks to Ms Connellman for helping with the cooking groups.

The Year 4 and 5’s are looking forward to Emu Gully and the Year 3’s are keen to go to the movies.

Could parents please help their children look at home for any school home reading books? We are missing a couple.

Merry Christmas to all and safe holidays.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Bailey, Emily, Makaela, Jenna, Larnii, Paige, Sarah, Li Ching & Ethan
Joey (absent)

Do The Right Thing
Weekly Winners

Well done - Sarah & Zara
P & C News

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

Congratulations Makaela for winning the Australian School Canteen Assoc. Canteen Week Colouring-in competition. Makaela’s drawing was selected as the best entry in Queensland which also won a $250 food voucher for the school. Fantastic effort!

Tuckshop News

I would like to thank all the mothers, fathers and grandmothers that worked in the tuckshop made homemade or worked at sports carnival, without all your support we would not have had such a successful year in our tuckshop. Every little bit helps make my job so much easier and the kids love it too.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Anne-Maree McHugh (Ree)

BOOK & UNIFORM ORDERS

The orders for books and uniforms are ready for pickup. Payment in full is required before collection. Prep/1 Botany books are on back order and will be given out when they arrive.

Year 3-6 Art books will be sent to their classrooms. Contact Elva or Ali.

Swimming Club News

Bookings are now being taken for the one week intensive swimming lessons block (mornings daily, from January 9-13) and also for Term 1, 2017. Due to continued demand, programs will again be offered on both Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings in Term 1, 2017. Lessons will commence for the Wednesday program in week 4 on February 15. The Saturday program will commence on February 18. Miss Chrissy Bach will resume her role as teacher for both programs. Bookings are essential and please be advised that your child’s enrolment constitutes a commitment to undertake the entire duration of the program. Enrolment forms due back Thursday, December 8. Enquiries: Sam Lowery 46927726.

PUBLIC SWIMMING
SUNDAYS 2-5pm QUINALOW POOL

For more information, contact Natrsha Collins on 46921314 after hours or email: natsyd.collins@bigpond.com

LOST PROPERTY
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX UNDER A BLOCK BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS. UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE PUT IN THE SECON DHAND CLOTHING POOL OR GIVEN TO CHARITY.

Sports Update

QDSA Swimming Carnival Results

What a fantastic day everyone had on Friday for our first QDSA swimming carnival especially as Quinalow took out the Champion School.

Age Champions
6 years Kody Lowery & Jayme Sommerfield
7 years Hayden Finch (tied) & Holly Henderson
8 years Cooper Collins & Makaela Henderson
9 years Luke Campbell
10 years Ben Watts
11 years Jayden Trezise & Taleisha Dowling
12 years Michael Gillick & Taylah McHugh

Check out next week’s newsletter for photos.

REMINDERS

Book Club Orders close tomorrow, Thursday. All library books are to be returned to the library by Friday. Any queries please contact Mrs Schefe.
FOR SALE - Puppies (born 16.10.2016)
1 male, 1 female, both stumpy tail. Mother—pure bred Australian Shepherd (no tail). Father—part Australian Shepherd/pure bred Kelpie. Both parents have a friendly nature. Enquiries-46634736 or 0427621801

DATE CLAIMERS
Saturday 11 February 2017
Big Do at Brymaroo Jim Priebe Memorial Charity Concert - Proceeds to the Toowoomba Hospice

PERANGA BOWLS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY 10 December 2016
Barefoot Bowls – 4.00 for a 4.30pm start/ Seafood Raffles
Christmas Smorgasbord with all the trimmings
$25.00 - Adults
$12.00 - 6yrs - High School
5yrs and under FREE
A visit from Santa for the kids
All welcome
Bookings essential - phone 46928126 or 46921377

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

Date: Monday, 12th December 2016. Time: 6.30 pm.
BYO: Drinks. DINNER: 7.00 pm.
COST: $15 per person. All profits from the right will be donated to Salvation Army.
Guest Speaker: Mark Barlow, will share his experiences as Salvation Army Rural Chaplain. Many stories to share.
Donations towards the charitable work of the Salvation Army accepted gratefully.
RSVP: Leo Ph. 46921180, by 9th Dec. For catering. Not essential.

OAKEY TOGETHER Community Day (Incorporating “Santa Fair”) Saturday 10 December 2016
Program
8:00 am-1:00 pm ‘The Roar’ Lions Markets Oakey Railway Carpark
1:30 pm-2:30 pm ‘Oakey Together’ Parade McDonald & Campbell Sts
3:00 pm-5:30 pm Family Carnival Federal Fields (Oakey Soccer Club)
5:30 pm-7:00 pm Concert Federal Fields (Oakey Soccer Club)
7:00 pm- 8:00 pm Community Carols Federal Fields (Oakey Soccer Club)
8:00 pm Fireworks Federal Fields (Oakey Soccer Club)
SANTA FAIR from 3:00 pm at the Oakey Soccer Grounds, York Street
Jumping Castles, Water Slides, Climbing Wall, Market Stalls, Rides, Face Painting—many things are FREE. Santa arrives 7:00 pm

Lutheran Sunday School Christmas Tree Practices
Sunday 4 Dec - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday 11 Dec - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday 18 Dec - Dress rehearsal 9:45 a.m.
For more info, ring Margaret 4692 1339 or Jenny 4692 1150

Join us on FRIDAY 16th December 2016 at MACLAGAN HALL at 6.30 pm for our Combined Churches Christmas Carols

TOOWOOMBA BASE'S 10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY You're Invited

Sausage sizzle beginning at 6.30 pm.
Bring your own torch, glow sticks and hearty voices!
Some glow sticks available for sale.
Donations gratefully accepted for the BBQ.
Draws funds will go to Blue Care whose services support our districts.
Carols begin at 7.30 pm.
Please bring a plate to share for supper afterwards.

DATE: SATURDAY 10 December, 10am – 2pm
WORLD: Toowoomba Base, Toowoomba Airport, Middle St, Toowoomba
RSVP: austin.toowoomba@iwfm.org.au or phone 4633 7390 by Monday 5 December 2016

THORNVILLE UNITING CHURCH (10K South of Cooyar on New England Highway)
Carols Night
Friday, 23rd Dec. - 7pm
BYO Torch * Supper After
Everyone Welcome