Hello Parents and Community members

Season Greetings to you all!

Last week, we travelled to Maclagan Lutheran Church for our annual Christmas service, many thanks to Ellen Jensen, Judy Kucks, Margaret Kucks and Pastor Joel Pukallus for your support delivering Religious Instruction lessons every week. Your contribution is valued by all, students, staff and I. We look forward to your lessons in 2017. We are hoping a Catholic Religious Instructor will visit our school on Monday afternoons from 2pm-3pm, next year.

On Monday, we farewelled our Emu Gully Campers, excitement was bouncing around the students, parents were eager for their children to enjoy this new adventure. I was advised by our teachers, Mr Barltrop, Mrs Marley-Quinn, Mrs Williams and Mr Utz, their bus arrived, bags, suitcases were placed on shelving outside the main shed and all students were required to enter the shed, with hats and water bottles, with no time to spare. The team building activities began. No waiting for anyone. The campers and staff were very happy with the lunch menu of ‘burgers and chips’.

I had the opportunity to join in with the P-3 and Dylan C and Sara A on their outing to the movies in Dalby on Monday. The students, staff and I enjoyed pizza in the park. This was a great time had by all. The heat in Dalby was extreme, our students have so much resilience, and they need to be congratulated.

On Tuesday, our P-3 students and Kulpi SS had the opportunity to go through an inflatable obstacle course on our school pool. The inflatable device came from the Dalby Aquatic Centre. We organised the device for two hours, Quinalow would have 2 x 40mins sessions and Kulpi a 40min session. Our students were joined by Mrs Wockner, Ms Steger, Mr Cobb, Mrs Sloss, Mrs Booth (yes in the water), Mrs Campbell, Mrs E Schefe, Mrs Vanderham, Mr Lillis, Mrs Angus, Mrs Schull, Mrs Lowery and Mrs Patterson. Swimwise supplied two lifeguards for the three hours they were on site. Mrs Campbell, Mrs Wockner and Mr Cobb are recipients of the staff member who got through the obstacle course unscathed. Mrs Angus is the parent acknowledged for having two tries to get through the obstacle course, a true recipient of RESILIENCE. Well Done Mrs Angus! It was great to see parents supporting this event.

I would like to acknowledge Joey Schonrock and his effort tackling the obstacle course. Joey must have gone through the course over five times. Well Done Joey!!!!!! And Well Done to our staff who were there to give Joey this opportunity.

Our yearly magazine was handed out today. Parents may collect their copy or it will go home with the youngest in the family today. If you didn’t receive a copy please contact the office. Mr Lillis and staff have put in an enormous effort to put the school magazine together. Mr Lillis has spent many hours in and out of school hours to collate the photos, items and information together. Well Done Mr Lillis!

Our last day of Term 4 is tomorrow and students may wear free dress. Students should bring togs, weather permitting swimming will be an activity throughout the day. School recommences on Monday 23 January.

Be safe Be happy, Susan
Fun in the Pool
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.

P & C News

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

QDSA Swimming Carnival Age Champions
Jayden, Michael, Makaela, Ben, Taylah, Taleisha, Luke, Kody, Jayme, Hayden, Holly, Cooper

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER
NIGHT SWIM 5-8pm
with a $2 Sausage Sizzle
POOL CLOSED-CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
& 1 JANUARY 2107

PUBLIC SWIMMING
SUNDAYS 2-5pm
QUINALOW POOL
For more information, contact Natarsha Collins on 46921314 after hours or email: natsyd.collins@bigpond.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREP-YEAR 5 AWARD WINNERS

Academic Trophy
Paityn Ryan
Ethan Utz
Jayme Sommerfield
Travis Collins
Brock Schull
Holly Henderson
Kayla Finch
Makaela Henderson
Jenna Schilf
Ben Watts
Mia Schilf
Sara Schonrock

Encouragement Trophy
Brooke Bartkowski
Ella Baxter
William Dowling
Gabrielle Bartkowski
Kody Lowery
Karlie Bartkowski
Hayden Finch
Cooper Collins
Bailey Kucks
Luke Campbell
Libby MacGillivray

LOST PROPERTY
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX UNDER A BLOCK BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS. UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE PUT IN THE SECONDHAND CLOTHING POOL OR GIVEN TO CHARITY.
Lutheran Sunday School Christmas Tree Practices
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

DATE CLAIMERS
Early 2017 - Garage/Boot Sale
Peranga Hall - More info to come
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

PERANGA HALL CHRISTMAS TREE AND CENT SALE
THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT PERANGA HALL
BBQ STARTS AT 6:30 PM
SANTA ARRIVES AROUND 6:00 PM
CENT SALE TO FOLLOW AND RAFFLES
Parents to supply present under the tree for your child
& a Happy New Year
The Peranga Hall Committee thank you for your support this year.

QUINALOW LIBRARY
Christmas Craft
Make your own stockings, gift bags and tags for the holiday season.
10am – 11am
Tuesday 19 Dec
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Make it Musical – Decorate the Tree
Use colouring pencils to create and decorate a Christmas tree then present your creation ranked to navigate the tree in search of presents.
FREE event for school children aged 7-12.
10am – 11am
Tuesday 20 Dec
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Mini Superheroes
Create your own mini superhero that can defy gravity and climb the side of a building.
10am – 11am
Tuesday 10 Jan
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Peranga Catholic Church - Christmas Mass
Sunday 25 December at 8:00 am

New Year’s Eve Dance – Peranga Hall
$10 Adults / $5 High School Students
Live Music
Please bring a plate for supper

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

Macalagan Shed Men
All Men and their families are invited to our Christmas party at the Brumaroo Rodeo Grounds.
Grounds kindly supplied free of charge.

Date: Monday, 12th December 2016.
Time: 6.30 pm.
BYO: Drinks.
DINNER: 7.00 pm.
COST: $15 per person. All profits from the night 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: Lex Ph. 4692180. by 9th Dec. For catering. Not essential.

Join us on FRIDAY 16th December 2016 at MACLAGAN HALL at 6.30 pm for our Combined Churches Christmas Carols
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.
Excess funds will go to Blue Care whose services support our district.

Carols begin at 7.30 pm.
Please bring a plate to share for supper afterwards.

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