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

Hello Parents and Community members

This week we find ourselves in Week 3 of Term 1.

On Monday our awesome Tuckshop opened, good to see Anne-Maree and Allison on deck to feed the hordes. The tuna bake is to die for, sorry a little bias.

During Parade we talked about demonstrating our School Expectation of “Always Respectful”. We discussed what this looks like at school and away from school.

It’s all about how we speak to each other, how we look at each other and what we say about each other behind each other’s back. We don’t need to like each other; we do need to treat each other as we would like to be treated.

Yesterday, we held our annual Parent Information Afternoon. The event was highly attended. Parents attended their children’s classroom to talk to class teachers and learn what is happening in our great school in 2017.

It was great to see a number parents attending the Secondary department Information Session.

Over the weekend I was able to purchase some noodles, and flippers in a variety of sizes. I couldn’t fill the shopping list for our Swimming Club. If anyone is going to Toowoomba and can purchase more flippers please contact the office for the shopping list. This equipment will be utilised by all students who use the school pool, through PE lessons or Swimming Club Lessons or Public Swimming.

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I have truly enjoyed working with you all, we have had many laughs and giggles along the way.

‘The world hates change, yet it is only thing that has bought progress.’ - Charles Kettering

Be safe Be happy

Susan

Staff Changes: Mr Peek – continues on sick leave
Mrs Watts – Long service leave 27th – 29th March
Mrs Booth – relocating to North Coast Region – last day 10th Feb
From the classroom

Prep/Yr 1 - Wow! What a fantastic start to the year. The children in Prep/1 have been very busy learning routines. In English, we have been focusing on book language, developing pencil grip and good posture in handwriting. They have been writing about things that we see in our gardens and imaginary monsters. In Maths, the children have been patterning, learning their numerals to 10 for Preps and 100 for Year 1’s. We have also been focusing on measurement, days of the week and months of the year. Science has been very exciting with the children discovering the difference between living and non-living things. The children are experimenting with seeds and looking for change every day. Dojo’s are working wonderfully in the classroom to positively encourage the children to excel in their learning. Keep an eye out for snapshots and stories which will add to our Dojo’s every week. Ruth, Nadine & Jo

Year 1/2 - Thank you for making the effort to attend the Information Meeting yesterday afternoon. For the parents who did not attend I will send home a copy of the class timetable for Term 1 in the children’s homework book. For the first time this week we have been using the computer lab for one of the English Rotation activities, so children can have the opportunity to use technology in a fun and educational way. I am still working in obtaining some apps for our Maths rotations to add more variety into it. I wish you all a very nice rest of the week, Miss Franco

Year 3/4/5 - Welcome back! Thanks to the parents who were able to attend our Information Afternoon yesterday. If you were unable to attend please don’t hesitate to check in with either Sue or me for any information you need. So far in English the Year 3/4 class have been looking at The Twits by Roahl Dahl and the Year 5’s The Forests of Silence by Emily Rodda. Both classes have been listening to and interpreting the novels. They are investigating the development of characters and plot and techniques used by the authors. In Maths all classes have been revising basic number facts, as well as rounding numbers, addition, subtraction and multiplication. Students have written some interesting Summer Challenges which describe an event that happened on the holidays. We have sent photos home via dojos. Gwenda Williams & Sue Portbury

Learning about learning German...

Primary pupils are very receptive to learning a new language. They are willing and able to mimic pronunciation without the inhibitions and self-consciousness of making mistakes. They enjoy playing with the language and pick it up very quickly. Their sensitive ears help them pick up on and duplicate tricky sounds that adults may stumble over. Children gain a great sense of accomplishment from learning to say something in a foreign language - it is like learning to crack a code! Learning a language nurtures pupils' self esteem and self-confidence and develops strong interpersonal skills.

Studying a language improves children’s understanding of English. Through studying a foreign language, grammatical concepts and rules in English become clearer. Children use what they learn in one language to reinforce what they have learned in another language. Beverley Samuel - German teacher

Sports Update

Lunchtime swimming will be conducted for years 3-9 on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the weather remains hot. Please note, each individual day will be decided upon based on availability of supervision.

Swimming lessons require swimming shirt and cap.

No student has met qualifying requirements for the upcoming Bunya Swimming trials at this stage.

Curriculum Corner

I had the opportunity to throw the football around with a few of our awesome students this week and it reminded me of something I used to do with students when Smart Moves first came in to schools. Throwing or kicking or rolling a ball to a student accompanied with a number fact, as they catch the ball they have to give the answer before they return the ball. For example, for our year one students we can roll the ball and say “5 count on 1” or “rainbow facts - 9 + 1 = ?”. You can do this with any age students and in any space. It is a great way to spend time with children, and practice “skill and drill” style learning. If you are keen to try something like this at home and would like to know which number facts are currently happening for your child/children please contact your child’s teacher so that they can share the number fact focus of the week. Ms Shann
**P & C News**

**P & C Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 13 February 2017 at 7:00pm in the Media Room. All welcome.**

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

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**Tuckshop News**

**NO SPECIAL NEXT WEEK - NORMAL MENU**

**Tuckshop Roster**

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

20 February  Michelle Jessie & Anne-Maree  
Homebake - Melita Connellan

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**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Book Club Orders with payment are due back by tomorrow, Thursday.

Any enquiries please contact Elva Schefe at the school.

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**Swimming Club News**

Swimming Club Annual General Meeting tonight at 6:30pm in the Media Room. New subcommittee to be elected. General meeting to follow.

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**Students of the Week**

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**PINK STUMPS DAY**

Breast cancer is the abnormal growth of the cells lining the breast lobules or ducts. These cells grow uncontrollably and have the potential to spread to other parts of the body. Both men and women can develop breast cancer, although it is uncommon in men. In 2012, 15,050 women and 116 men were diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia. The risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer by age 85 is 1 in 8 for women and 1 in 838 for men. (Cancer Council Australia)

Quinalow Prep-10 State School are making a real difference to families with breast cancer by holding a #PinkStumpsDay, turning our oval pink on Friday 10 March at 1.15pm in support of the McGrath Foundation, helping to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities around Australia, making a real difference to families experiencing breast cancer. For more info, visit www.pinkstumpsday.com.au

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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**Cooyar Show**

March 25th 2017

See:  www.cooyarshow.com.au

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.

I have fun making, growing and baking!  Mrs. Sloss

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**Congratulations to Jacob, Dylan, Bailey, John, Gabrielle, Lilly, Josephine, Jaxon and Emily.**
Community News

Congratulations to Janine Maynard on receiving the Australia Day 2017 “Citizen of the Year” Award

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

ALL AGES EVENT
At the GATE
$5 PER PERSON OVER 16

FACILITIES....

Camping Bar & Catering

Benefiting Toowoomba Hospice

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 jjballon@activ8.net.au or Wendy MacGillivray 46921272 wmacgl1@eq.edu.au by the 15th February.

See you there!