Hello Parents and Community members

Our awesome choir performing at the Maclagan Flower Show.

It was a high quality performance. The audience were very impressed.

A BIG ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Watts and our choir for putting Quinalow on the map.

Look where the cows are. Apparently Quinnie and her friends, and Bevan the Bull spent the weekend at the Squeeze Box Festival and the Maclagan Flower Show. We are hoping they will come back soon.

Great News for Quinalow State School

The 2016 School Opinion Survey results have been released.

A special thanks to all those parents who provided feedback to the school. Twenty-one (21) respondents took the opportunity to participate in this annual survey which represents almost 50% of the families of Quinalow.

I am proud to report significant improvements were noted in most areas. For 22 of the 35 questions for parents the 2016 level of satisfaction was the highest for the last 3 years.

In particular 85.7% of parents indicated that they were satisfied that the school asks for parental input - an increase from 77.8% in 2015 and 50% in 2014.

Parents reported enhanced confidence around the school’s development of their child’s English skills in comparison to previous years (up 23% from 2014) and retain confidence (85% satisfied) with the manner in which Mathematical skills are developed.

The feedback from parents around the school’s focus on student wellbeing is also up from 2015.

Other key questions:

- Teachers expect their children to do their best – Parents: up by 23% from 2015
- Behaviour is well managed at this school - Both parents and student up by close to 30%

These are some of the highlights from our school opinion survey for 2016. We will be sharing our survey results with our P&C and the Management Committee later in the term.

Attendance rate at Quinalow is at the highest since 2014; 92.6% in Semester 1 2016. Coming to school every day gives all students an opportunity to access their education. Well Done!

This year’s NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) results indicate improvement in most areas in comparison to previous years. Our Year 3’s improved on previous years in all areas. The Year 3 Reading mean scale score of 428.7 is the highest recorded at the school over the period 2013-2016 period. Our Year 5s performance in Reading is now at a rate comparable to Similar Queensland State School.

Stationery Scheme for 2017

It’s great that the majority of parents are participating in this scheme. Parents who have paid in full will be able to take the books for naming and covering before the end of term (we are expecting delivery around Week 7/8). This scheme is a service happily offered to parents.

Emu Gully Camp

Invoices and camp equipment list will be sent out next week. Please advise the office if your child is away and may have missed being given the equipment list.

‘Action is the foundational key to all success.’ Pablo Picasso

Be safe Be happy, Susan
Secondary Table Tennis Competition News

The secondary students played their final round of table tennis at the Maclagan Hall last Friday.
In the girls’ competition, Vanessa Schonrock and Leanne Bergemann played in the final. Vanessa won the final and Leanne took home the Runner-up trophy. The Girls’ Most Improved trophy went to Jessica Angus this year.

James Kucks led the boys’ ladder all season and played Dylan Cauley in the final. James won for the second year in a row. Dylan Baxter won the Boys’ Most Improved trophy. A special thanks goes to Cauley’s Bus Service for allowing us to use their bus each week for transport. The students and staff would also like to thank the Maclagan Hall committee for allowing us to use the hall facilities each year.

Kieran Lillis - Table Tennis Competition Co-ordinator

This week in science students are defining and investigating the states of matter (5/6/7), researching the development of cell biology (8) and finalising an assignment on force, motion and energy (10). In maths, the year 6 students are studying patterns involving fractions and decimals.

Science trivia: the average human heart is made of around 2 billion heart muscle cells.

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Students of the Week

Congratulations to Leanne, Jacob, Michael, Kasey, Paige, John, Connor, Lachlan & Will

Zoe, Brooke, Sarah, Zara and Ethan received their certificates for learning 100 Magic Words and Paityn and Lachlan received their certificates for learning 200 Magic Words. Fantastic effort!
P & C News

This weekend the Brymaroo Campdraft is on and the P&C is volunteering in the canteen between 6am-10am Saturday and Sunday morning. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We are still looking for one person on Saturday morning and one person on Sunday morning. Please contact Bec, Sam or Angela if you can help out.

See you at our next meeting on Tuesday night where we will be discussing the possibility of a movie/disco night this term.

Next P&C Meeting - Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 7:00pm in the Media Room. All welcome.

UNIFORMS

Our uniform shop is open for business! If you require uniforms please fill in an order form attached to this week’s newsletter and return to the school with deposit. Some items are subject to availability.

As we are a small school it can be difficult for us to keep a large amount of stock on hand in our uniform shop. We would ask that you place your order for next year’s uniforms ASAP to avoid disappointment as we may be unable to supply garments at short notice.

Thanks for your co-operation. Any enquiries contact Elva or Bec.

Sports Update

Good news! The Quinalong District Sports Association meeting yesterday discussed possible dates for rescheduling the Soccer and Netball carnival. It is now planned to be held on Friday 4th November.

The Jondaryan Sandy Hoopert Cricket Carnival will be held on Friday 11th November.

Flower Show Art Winners

At the Macalagan Flower Show yesterday, students competed in the Artwork Section. The Theme: Come quickly to my rescue.

Prep 1st - Brooke Bartkowski
      2nd - Zoe Campbell
Year 1 1st - Brock Schull
       2nd - Travis Collins
Year 2 1st - Holly Henderson
       2nd - Li Ching Watts
Year 3 1st - Cooper Collins
       2nd - Bailey Kucks
Year 4 1st - Ben Watts
       2nd - Mia Schilf
Year 5 1st - Jayden Trezise
       2nd - Sara Schonrock
Year 6/7 1st - Georgia Kucks
        2nd - Emily Patterson

Entries are on display in the library.

Tuckshop News

NO TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK DUE TO PUPIL FREE DAY.

If anyone is able to volunteer on a Monday or supply homebake, please contact Anne-Maree on 46921377.

Swimming Club News

Please note: Booking forms for Term 4 swimming lessons must by returned to the school no later than 9.00 a.m. TOMORROW MORNING (Thursday) October 13.

For more information, contact Sam Lowery (club president) on 46927726.

Do The Right Thing Weekly Winners

Well done - Aiden & William

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

Welcome back to Term 4.

In our first PBL lessons for this term we will be looking at:
1. Difference between Responsible Reporting and Dobbing
2. Being Judge and Jury after a teacher has dealt with the situation.

To fit with our new Schoolwide Expectations Matrix the PBL team is in the process of updating our Minor and Major Behaviour Flowchart. The new version will be presented to the whole staff for their perusal and approval. Once ratified a copy of the flowchart will be included in the newsletter.

Til next time,
The PBL team
Maclagan Lutheran Sunday School on Sunday 16th October Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. (Please note earlier time for summer). You are welcome to stay for our worship service at 10:30 a.m. For more info, ring Margaret Kucks 4692-1339 or Jenny Ballon 4692-1150

A community meeting to finalise the Bismarck to Maclagan Celebrations will be held on Sunday 16 October at 1:00pm at the Maclagan Memorial Hall.

Dalby Netball Assoc Inc 2017 Inter-District Rep Trials
When: Sunday 23 October 2016
Where: Dalby PCYC - Cooper Street, Dalby
Reserve/Open Division - 8:30am (Born 2000 & prior)
Under 15/16 Division - 10:00am (Born 2002 & 2001)
Under 13/14 Division - 12:00pm (Born 2004 & 2003)
Under 11/12 Division - 1:30pm (Born 2006 & 2005)
Players will have the option to trial in a higher division - if unsuccessful the player will have the option to trial in their age division.

Under 18’s - need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times during their trial. Please arrive earlier than your trial time as there are forms & a brief info session to be completed before any player can take the court.

The Rep Season usually starts in March and consists of 5 carnivals which are held on a Sunday once a month. These carnivals are held in Warwick, Dalby, Goondiwindi Laidley/Gatton and finals in Toowoomba.

For more information email: dalbynetball@gmail.com

Date Claimer - Saturday Night 12 November
BLUE RIBBON STEAK NIGHT at Quinalow Hotel
Fundraiser for Prostate Cancer

North East Downs Landcare invites you to bring a friend and join us to enjoy a yummy morning tea as well as some stimulating conversation. On Saturday 15th October 2016 at 9:30am in the lounge area of the Oakley Cultural Centre on the corner of Campbell and McDonald Streets
Drought affects everyone and this morning tea is an opportunity for women to meet, relax and enjoy each others company

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DETAILS
RSVP to Graham Cooke ASAP
Phone: 0429 328 681
Email: homwardvale@bluemaxx.com.au

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BBQ & THE BEAST
5th NOVEMBER 2016, 6pm BBQ
BRYMAROO RODEO GROUNDS, BRYMAROO, QLD 4403
Bar available
Live Entertainment
Olympic Gold Medalist Guest Speaker
Charity Auction
Multi-draw raffle & games
Bush dance
Camping permitted (free), may arrive as early as 4pm to set up
(Own breakfast if camping)
No ATMs or Eftpos, Cash only please
(Gold coins encouraged for games & raffles, cheques acceptable for auctioned items)
Expressions of interest would be appreciated for catering purposes.

Thank you for your support
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P 131 872
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