Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Regional Principal’s Conference

Last week was the biannual Central Queensland Principal’s Conference at Gladstone. The conference was an excellent opportunity for principals around the region to come together, hear a common, consistent message from our director generals and to talk about how our schools are faring, particularly in regard to curriculum, teaching practice, leadership and school culture. After spending three days with 212 other school principals it was obvious that Clermont State School is getting it right. We have an expert teaching staff continually involved in professional discussions to improve teaching and learning and we have a positive school culture, evidenced by our lack of disruptive behaviour and strong participation in reward activities, such as Fun Friday. It was really great to hear other principals’ stories about their school and enormously rewarding reflecting on all the great things we are getting right here at Clermont SS. We are on the right track and in some ways, such as our before school reading programs, which is reaping benefits for our year 2 students, we even lead the way.

Take a bow staff, students and parents at Clermont State School!

Reading assessment week five and six

Last week teachers in our school completed reading ‘benchmarking’ across the school. Results are again fantastic with many students making big gains from term one to now. Every student demonstrated improvement with some even achieving beyond their goals, which is a really great achievement. Reading continues to be the platform with which we build every facet of curriculum at our school and it will continue to be a major focus moving forward. If you have any questions about your child’s reading achievement, talk to them. Ask them:

What is your reading level?
What is your target?
What strategy are you working on that will help you to reach that target?
If you have any further questions, it wouldn’t hurt to talk to your child’s classroom teacher, too!

**Sizzling Starts – a great way to ‘capture’ your audience**

Alongside reading we are also continuing our focus on writing this term. Teachers have developed a set of criteria for their students to work on to help them begin their writing with ‘sizzling starts.’ Traditionally at Clermont SS, engaging our audience has been an area where we could improve our NAPLAN writing and I am confident that if we can get these starts right, it’s going to improve our results. We have set some aspirational goals – 95% - of all students using a ‘sizzling start’ at the beginning of their writing and demonstrating that they know what a sizzling start looks like and sounds like. I look forward to seeing how our students go. Good luck everyone.

**Target behaviour for the week – ‘transitions’ around the school**

On parade on Monday I talked about transitioning around the school and what a class or student moving around the school would look and sound like. Students stated that it was important to transition around the school quietly, calmly and carefully to ensure that we are safe and causing as little disruption to other staff and classes as possible. Our students did a great job on our last behaviour target and I’m sure they will do equally well with this one.

Yours in Education

Adam Poulus
Principal

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

—*Nelson Mandela*
Hello everyone,

This week’s article focuses on fostering optimism in your home.

We live in a world of uncertainty and change where many things are beyond our control. How we manage often depends on the way we see situations. Helping your child become an optimist and ‘look on the bright side of life’ is a step towards preparing your child for a strong future.

How do children develop optimism?
Some children are born with a ‘sunny disposition’ and a natural ability that lends itself to dealing with challenges and solving problems. Other children may struggle to overcome difficulties, often expecting the worst to occur (making ‘mountains out of molehills’).

As children grow and develop they need as many opportunities as possible to experience success. Unfortunately our brain has an instinctively inbuilt -negative bias –it tends to focus on the situations and events that did not go well; it looks for all the threats and problems in our environment – it’s our natural survival instinct kicking in.

We are fortunate though, we can train our brain to see the good things - but it takes practice – lots of practice. Neural pathways in your brain are only as strong as the number of times you use them, which is a problem when you consider how many negative thoughts most people have. We have to make a conscious effort to establish a balance between negative and positive thoughts. Because what you think is associated with how you feel, which influences how you act.

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What parents can do

- Make a regular time every day for all members of your household to explore what went well during the day, and to share just how good it felt.
- Be a good model - let your children hear how you make sense of a situation (hear your ‘self-talk’) and share your positive thoughts with your children.
- Re-phrase what your child says - say things or use different words to make more positive sense out of a situation. Child: "I never have anyone to play with." Parent: "Sometimes it’s hard to find a friend, but last week you had a good time with Mary."
- Tell your own stories of overcoming hardships - "When I was at school I thought . . . but then I realised . . . "
- Use stories or videos to inspire - The Karate Kid, The Lion King, The Tortoise and the Hare, Free Willy.
- Draw your child’s attention to media and highlight public figures or winning teams who have overcome hardship.

Give encouragement - "What were the thoughts when you were losing that tennis game?", "How did your thoughts change to help you to move from losing to winning?" Help your child catch the helpful and unhelpful thoughts and stick with the helpful ones.

Remember and tell some of the old sayings:
- "If at first you don’t succeed - try, try again."
- "There’s no such word as can’t."
- "Every cloud has a silver lining."
Reminders

- Teaching your child how to build an optimistic outlook costs nothing but is good life insurance.
- Every time children achieve something they start to believe that they can go on trying and have more successes.
- The more optimistic children are, the more they are able to succeed.

The way that adults think about their experiences is powerful in shaping a child’s beliefs about why success or failure might occur.

Kind regards,

Rick Masters
Guidance Officer

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Parents wishing to purchase student leader/student council or music leader photos, we hope to have order envelopes available at the Office on Tuesday 10th June. If you thought you missed buying a school photo you can still purchase through msp Photography but this will incur a search fee. Ph: 4921 3355
## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

3rd June 2014  
Term 2  Week 7

### ACHIEVEMENT FOR WEEK ENDING 30th May 2014

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<td>For working hard on all tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>For great effort towards achieving your reading goal. Well done!</td>
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<td>Adam H.</td>
<td>For improving your reading comprehension by 2 levels.</td>
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<td>Kyle A.</td>
<td>For being a keen and enthusiastic student during history lessons.</td>
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<td>Deon C.</td>
<td>Excellent work in Japanese writing.</td>
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Clermont State School

has the following position available

Position Title: Administration Officer – Temp. Part-time with chance for extension

(30 Hours pw) Level: AO2

Commencing 14th July 2014 to 12th December 2014

Applications due by 12pm Monday 16th June 2014

Key Duties: Contribute to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of administration support.

Additional Information: The successful applicant will be required to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People.

Position Description: Application packages for the Position Description & Work Profile including the selection criteria can be collected from the school office or can be sent out by request. Applicants are to provide a covering letter of no more than two (2) pages addressing the 4 selection criteria and detailed resume outlining key responsibilities and achievements including contact detail for 2 referees should be forwarded to the school by the closing date. Phone 49 834 222 or email aandr107@eq.edu.au for more information.

All applicants are required to address the Selection Criteria.

Address Applications to: Private and Confidential
Clermont State School
PO Box 517
CLERMONT QLD 4721
Hello everyone,

Reminder that we will be doing the loom band fundraiser.

P&C meeting next Tuesday 9th (due to public holiday)

Monday saw the introduction of a few new items to tuckshop. Raisin toast $1 with choice of butter or cinnamon butter (in the snack category), Tuckshop made sausage rolls $1.50 (hot food), Caramel and Rolo mousse $1 and the very popular Meal Deal spaghetti, garlic bread roll and hot chocolate for just $5. This Friday only we will have the special of Bacon and Egg on an English muffin $3.

Reminder, if you are having trouble accessing Flexischools please the Flexischool help line 1300 361 769 or see Kristy. We are happy to accept bagged orders if you have a genuine reason why you cannot order through Flexischools however please make sure they are delivered to the tuckshop before school starts.

Big thanks – Friday tuckshop - Cindy Ladmore, Janelle Otto, Jody Swaffer

Monday tuckshop – Brigit Makeham and Judy Smith

Tuckshop gardening will be on again this week and we will be using some of our ripe tomatoes which is very exciting. Students will also be making humus that will be for sale Friday to fund the purchase of fruit trees. We have had a few pods donated for use and they have been converted into planters with built in trellis. Any pods and other materials that we could use or if you have seeds, seedlings or any plants the produce something edible that you would like to donate we would love it.

Kristy
Thank you to the wonderful parents who have contacted me to help this term. If you can assist with the highlighted dates please contact Nell Otto on p.j.otto@bigpond.com or phone / text 0428831750.

**FLEXISCHOOL ORDERS for TUCKSHOP**

**CUT OFF TIME**

The cut off time for tuckshop orders through flexischool will remain at **8:30am** on Mondays and Fridays.
SCHOOL HATS

THE TERM HAS ONLY STARTED AND WE HAVE MANY STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT BRINGING THEIR HATS TO SCHOOL. PLEASE PARENTS MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR HAT TO SCHOOL.

KINDY

The C&K kindergarten staff and parents have noticed an increase in the number of people parking in the C&K carpark who are not parents or carers of C&K parents or carers of C&K students. Please remember, the carpark is for the parents of C&K students only. Any increase in traffic volume constitutes a safety risk to kindy parents and their children.

If you are a Clermont SS parents, please respect this space and drop-off and pick-up at the designated areas of the school, this also applies during the school day.

Adam Poulus
Principal
Semester 1 Music Concert

Venue: Clermont State School Hall

Date: Monday 16th June

Dress: School Uniform

Time: 4.30pm BBQ
5.00pm concert starts

Concert features: Senior Band, Beginner Band, Senior Choir and Junior Choir.

There will be a raffle at the door, if you can donate a prize for this raffle please drop this off to the office.
HOT Chocolate with Marshmallows at first lunch on Wednesdays.

$2

Please purchase a hot chocolate and support our Music Tour.

Thanks Mr Sharp
If you have signed your child up for AusKick on a Monday at lunch time this will impact on the senior concert band rehearsal.

Please make sure you alternate between concert band rehearsals and AusKick so your child doesn’t fall behind.

It is an expectation that if your child is learning an instrument that they are part of an ensemble each week.

Where: Rose Harris Park
When: 7th June 2014
Time: 9:30-11:30
Dress: Free Dress

As part of our fundraising for the Gone Troppo Music Tour to be held later this year students will be busking at Rose Harris Park Markets.

Please come along and support our Music Tour.

Thanks Mr Sharp
SCHOOL BANKING Day is WEDNESDAY please make sure you have your deposit slips filled out. It makes it so much easier and quicker for the banking person.

UNIFORM SHOP: from this week the uniform shop is now open fortnightly on Wednesdays only odd weeks. This week is an even week, look at the top of the current newsletter to see which week it is. The best way to order uniforms is to complete your order online using Flexischool. Sizes to suit older students, a new shipment now in stock.

Playgroup

If you have a baby or toddler and would like to get out and meet other mums and bubs come along to playgroup on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the school hall. Please bring a ‘nut free’ snack/plate to share.

REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Active After School activities are run on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure that you are here on time (4:15pm) to collect you child/children. To begin again week 2 term 2.
OTHER NEWS
3rd June 2014 Term 2 Week 7

ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL COLOURS OF ISAAC PHOTOGRAPHY

The Isaac Regional Council Colours of Isaac Photography competition is starting in May. Junior and Secondary winners receive a GoPro and Open category winner receives a $500 gift voucher. Attached is the winning entry from last competition round, the GoPro and competition poster. All students need to do is go online to our website www.isaac.qld.gov.au/wetlands-weekend and download the entry kit and submit their photo as per the requirements. Entry is free.

COME PLAY WITH US AT PRE PREP

C&K Clermont Kindergarten in Hetherington Street have some places available for children aged between 31/2 – 41/2 Born between 1 July 2009- 30th June 2010.

Attending the program is a great way to prepare children for Prep.

Please contact Chris at the Kindergarten on 4983 2027

LOST

Childs blue reading glasses in their blue case.

Please bring to the office if you find these.
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2014 School Calendar

There are 186 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holiday or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local council are not shown due to the many dates across the state.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au