Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have a number of important date claimers coming up ladies and gentlemen, please take note!

**School photos February 2nd**

School photos this year will be held on February 20th. Please ensure your child is in full sport’s uniform that day. There will be a number of other photo opportunities for your child. These include sibling, sports, music and school captain photos. Please complete the forms sent home and return the ASAP.

**Badge ceremony Next Monday – February 9th**

Next Monday we will present our school leaders with their leadership badges for 2015. The parade will begin at 9am in the hall and will conclude with a light morning tea in the staff room for parents and their children. Please come along and help us make this a memorable occasion.

**Cross County April 1st**

It’s no ‘April fool’s’ a joke! Clermont SS Cross Country will be held at the school on the last Wednesday of term, *April fool’s Day*! Each of our students will get the chance to show the school community a clean pair of heels around the oval, and if you’re senior student, around the school as well. The Peak Downs sub district cross country has a tentative date set for May 1st, which will mean our representative runners will have some time to best prepare. Come along and cheer on our budding young cross country stars.

**Parent information sessions – this week see timetable on page 4**

Parents, you are cordially invited to attend a special meet and greet meeting with your child’s classroom teacher this week. Attached is a timetable and we’ve made an effort to ensure class meeting times don’t clash this year! Come along to meet your child’s new teacher and hear about the expectations they have for your child this year.

**Before school reading**

Don’t forget students in years three and five have the chance to participate in the before school reading program this term. The program will provide an excellent opportunity to provide some much needed practise leading up to NAPLAN in term 2. We are requesting that every student in year three and five arrive at school at 8.30am or just before, to read with an adult. Thanks to our teachers and teacher aides involved in those programs and a particularly big thank you to our parents who have been coming to help out.
After school tuition
A new program started this year is our **free** afternoon tutoring provided by Mrs Forrest and Mrs Goodwin. The program is focused on year five students and is aimed at improving writing. If you are a parent of a year five student and you’d like them to be involved, please contact school administration.

* A word from Master Teacher—Diana Goodwin

Clermont State School has been fortunate to receive a Master Teacher position based at the school. This role involves coaching and mentoring teaching staff, providing Professional Development opportunities for staff, implementing new initiatives in schools, researching successful teaching practices and improving student achievement. A key responsibility of Master Teachers will be to mentor beginning teachers.

I will be attending a Master Teachers conference in Brisbane next Monday and Tuesday to further my expertise in this role.

I am looking forward to working in this new and challenging position.

Yours in Education
Adam Poulus
Principal
MESSAGES FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM...

Curriculum Planning Meetings
This week I will be meeting with teachers to discuss term 1 curriculum and classroom planning. Our teachers work very hard to plan interesting and engaging lessons and assessment pieces that meet the Australian Curriculum standards as well as meet individual student needs. A big focus for our teachers during planning sessions this year will be to work with our Learning Support teacher, Kristy Forrest, and our Special Needs teacher, Laura Bradshaw, to make adjustments for groups of students and individual students during lessons. We have been thinking more explicitly about ways we can adjust tasks to assist our learning support students, while also ensuring we provide opportunities to extend students where necessary.

PM / PROBE Testing
Next week, teachers will be completing PM and PROBE reading testing with students, to determine student reading levels and make individual learning goals. This is a very busy time for our teachers and this testing and goal setting aims to help students improve in reading and comprehension skills throughout the term. Individual student goals will be placed on the wall in each classroom during week 4, term 1.

Before School Reading
This year, all Year Three and Year Five students will be involved in a before school Reading Intervention Program commencing Week 2, Term 1. The aim is to improve reading skills in these year levels, while also preparing for NAPLAN testing to be carried out in Term 2. Students are encouraged to arrive at school, ready to be involved in the program, at 8:30am each day. Year 3 and Year 5 teachers will discuss the before school reading program further in their parent information sessions.
Parent Information Sessions
This week, each class group will hold a parent information session. This meeting allows teachers to explain classroom rules, expectations and curriculum implementation to you so that you are aware of what will be happening in your child’s class and when. This is also a great time for you to meet your child’s teacher and ask any questions you might have about the year.

All meetings will be held in the classrooms. The following timetable details when these meetings will be held.

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<td>3:15-3:45pm</td>
<td>2/3A – with Mrs Leah Archibald – held in Block 2, Room B.</td>
<td>3/4M – with Mrs Megan Mellor – held in Block 2, Room D.</td>
<td>4/5F – with Mr Michael Forrest – held in Block 3, Room A.</td>
<td>Prep/1W – with Miss Amanda Wischusen and Miss Laura Bradshaw – held in Block 1,</td>
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<td>3:45-4:15pm</td>
<td>1S – with Miss Jessica Smith – held in Block 1, Room A.</td>
<td>Prep B – with Miss Eliza Beere – held in the Prep Building.</td>
<td>3/4B – with Miss Donna Bowden – held in Block 2, Room C.</td>
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<td>4:15-4:45pm</td>
<td>6C – with Mr Spencer Craddock - held in Block 3, Room D.</td>
<td>2W – with Miss Crystal Watson – held in Block 2, Room A.</td>
<td>5/6J – with Mrs Wendy Johnstone – held in Block 3, Room B.</td>
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<td>4:45-5:15pm</td>
<td>Instrumental Music – with Ms Cassie Jansma – held in the Music Room.</td>
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How to Support Your Child During the First Few Weeks of School

Your child will need a lot of support when school starts. There are simple things you can do to help these first few weeks go smoothly:

- Drop off and pick up your child on time. If you’re late it could make your child feel very anxious.
- Try to make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for the two of you to chat.
- Your child might want to blurt out every little detail about school, or clam up completely. Either way, be patient and respect your child’s response to this new experience.
- Aim for early bedtimes for the first few weeks while students are settling into school routines.
- Don’t expect too much too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that’s a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- If you have any questions or concerns, or your child doesn’t seem to be settling well in the new year, call the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher. Teachers are very busy with planning, preparation, marking, lunch duties, various meetings and TEACHING! They therefore may not always be available at the very moment you need them – making an appointment is the best way to go.
- If you show your child that you think they can manage at school, they will start to believe it too. Try not to let your child know about any worries you might have.
- Inviting a school friend to play helps strengthen the links between school and home.
- You can be an active partner in your child’s education. At home you can help with their reading and any homework they may have. You can also make an effort to get to know your child’s teacher by attending parent information sessions at the start of the year.
In the whole new world that is school, **it will help if your child understands the following:**

How the school routine operates. For example, that they have to sit on the mat in the morning and come in from play when the bell rings. You could try reminding them about this routine.

They have to listen when her teacher is talking and then put up their hand when they want to ask a question.

They need to cooperate, share and play fairly with other children.

All the teachers are there to help. They can ask for help at any time.

If you have any further questions or concerns about your child’s education and well-being at school, make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher.

Danielle Freiberg

Head of Curriculum

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2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

If you would like your child to participate in this competition you can obtain more details from the school office. There are 6 key subject areas. Each participating student receives a certificate and an individual diagnostic report.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

03rd February 2015  
Term 1  Week 1

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<td>Prep  B</td>
<td>Kelsey P.</td>
<td>For an excellent start in prep displaying positive behaviour by following all classroom rules.</td>
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<td>P/1W</td>
<td>Macy L.</td>
<td>For being a fantastic role model and helping her friends with new routings.</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Hunter S.</td>
<td>For trying his best in all lessons and making great choices in the classroom and playground.</td>
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<td>Tenaje H-S.</td>
<td>Settling in so well at her new school, and always trying her best.</td>
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<td>Brody R.</td>
<td>For trying his best at all times.</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Madison B.</td>
<td>For participating well in class and being a friendly classmate.</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Aimee K.</td>
<td>Well done on your keen participation during history.</td>
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<td>4/5F</td>
<td>Dan S.</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude towards all class activities. Great job Dan!</td>
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<td>5/6J</td>
<td>Waki D.</td>
<td>Effort and Detail you put into your sunflower drawing. It looks Fantastic..</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Robert W.</td>
<td>Constantly showing a positive attitude to his learning.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>4/5F, 5/6J/6C</td>
<td>What a fantastic first week back. Keep up the good work!</td>
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SCHOOL BANKING is WEDNESDAY -: If parents have any inquiries about school banking contact the office we have leaflets we can sent home with your child.

UNIFORM SHOP: from this week the uniform shop will be open fortnightly on Wednesdays only. 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.
Shop next open - Wednesday 11th February 2015 8:30 to 9:00

Playgroup

Don’t forget Playgroup starts again tomorrow Wednesday 4th February

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.
Remember to bring a plate to share and this is a nut to free school and playgroup

Call Anne for more information 0448689709.
Parents and caregivers, this is a reminder about the procedures that Education Queensland requires the school to have in place before we (school staff) can administer any type of medication to your child/children.

Please do not send any medication (prescribe or over the counter) to school with your child before you contact the office, there are forms to be completed by you the parent as well as doctors and/or chemist.

If you child is sick and you need to take them to the doctors, it might worthwhile for you to pick up a form from the office or give us a call and we can email to you before you go to the doctors.

**P & C**

The next P&C meeting is February 11th at 3:15 in the school library. The tuckshop is also in need of helpers please give Kristy Espig a call if you have time to spare on Tuesdays or Fridays.

### Date Claimers

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Become A Volunteer Host Family - It’s Fun!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student well before he or she arrives is rewarding learning experience, fun for everyone involved and helps your student settle quickly. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive an information pack for your family.

In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

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