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Hello Parents and Caregivers,

Students staff and parents, what a year it has been! To top it all off we have the ‘Christmas Spectacular’ at the Civic Centre tonight. This ‘whirlwind week’ has been packed full with exciting activities, such as the 6/7 graduation, awards presentation this morning and our rewards days on Tuesday and tomorrow.

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what a great year we’ve had. Our achievements have been incredible. For instance our NAPLAN data has never looked better. We have more children achieving in the upper two bands than before and almost nobody below national minimum standards in reading and maths – a fantastic feat.

We’ve achieved some great results on the sporting field and in the pool as well. We have had dozens of students represent the school and Central Highlands and a select group of boys and girls represent Capricornia at state carnivals. A truly herculean effort for a school of our size.

Culturally we have made some in-roads this year with our instrumental music program as big as it’s been in recent memory, successes at the Central Highland’s Eisteddfod (2 firsts and a second) and a band camp to Rockhampton, an opportunity for budding young musicians and singers to show case their talents. From Clermont this year the message has been loud and clear; we’re not a good school, we’re a great school!

I also have some thankyous to convey. Firstly to our P&C. Clermont SS P&C has kindly donated $22 000 to the school this year contributing to a range of projects and programs including, the purchase of nine Promethean Interactive Whiteboards, state of the art IT resources helping our students to access the Australian Curriculum and C2C to its fullest. Contributions also went to purchasing a class set of laptops and reading resources, all combining to help our teachers teach better and our students get more out of every lesson. Thanks Mrs Espig and the P&C team. Mrs Espig will be standing down next year which will be a real shame, thanks for your contributions over the years.
To our teachers, well done on another fantastic year. Each year our results get better and that’s because we continue to improve our teaching practice. To our teachers leaving next year, Ms Reynolds, Ms Pott, Ms Vacher, Ms Rector, Ms Broderick, Ms Turner, Mr Sharp and Mr Masters, thanks for your contributions while you’ve been here, you will be sorely missed. Good luck in your new capacity, whatever that may be, in 2015 and into the future.

Finally to our parents. They say educating a child is the role of en entire ‘village.’ In Clermont we have something very akin to a ‘village.’ We have a close knit community which looks out for each and comes together to support the school and that is ultimately resulting in greater learning outcomes for our students. Thanks for all your support I look forward to working with you all in the future.

**Upper school rewards day tomorrow**

Our upper school rewards day is tomorrow. Buses will leave school at 9am, students will be refreshed with cold water, cordial and a sausage sizzle put on by Mrs Francis and Ms Manly. Then it will be back on the bus and back to school before 3pm for a normal end of day routine. Well done kids, if you’re going, you earned it!

**Christmas Spectacular, tonight!**

Clermont State School’s Christmas Spectacular promises to be yet another evening of music, delight and if Mr Sharp has anything to do with it, a touch of comedy as well! Each class will perform a piece for our audience with doors opening at 6pm. Come along and see our wonderfully talented students in action and farewell Sir Elton himself, Mr Sharp, as it will be his ‘last hurrah’ at Clermont SS.

**Attendance competition - class versus class**

The results are in we have a winner. 2F has taken out the prestigious attendance competition, 1P managed second place and 3R, 3rd. Well done students and teachers on getting your attendance rates over 95%, that was the target!
Congratulations to our 2014 School Captains, Sam Cook and Page Wolstenholme, Vice Captains Dylan Eckhardt and Ella Poulus. Sports captains for Collins are Eeathen Francis and Liam Grech and Vice Captains Holly Weier and Julian Turpie. Armstrong captains are Luke Kinnon and Holly Goodale and Vice Captains Jackson Cameron and Joshua Lysaght.

Also parents, reports cards, 2015 Handbooks and 2015 booklist will be sent home today with your child.

Hope you and your families have a safe and happy holidays.

Adam Poulus
Principal
Yours in Education
Swimming carnival sausage sizzle.
P&C would like to say a big thank you to Janelle Otto for organising and running the sausage sizzle. There were also a number of helpers who helped over the two days of the carnival that we would also like to thank for assisting Janelle, Craig and Ang Grech, Jody Swaffer, Katie Crews and Jeanie Lockyer. We would also like to again thank the Clermont Pool and Dolphins swimming club for the use of their facilities.

There will be additional food available and you are encouraged to place an order to ensure there will be sufficient food available. There will be very limited amounts of some items available to order, items will be removed from Flexischools as sold out.

**Christmas Concert menu**

- Assorted quiche $1.00 each
- Garlic bread slices 50c each
- Creamy chicken pasta $3
- Cheese burger $4.50
- Hot Dog $3 with cheese $3.50
- Chocolate or Caramel Mousse $1
- Slushy $2

P&C would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has helped us through the year. We appreciate your help, everyone has a limited amount and to spent it helping raise funds to improve your child’s school is a wonderful thing. Not only does it improve the resources that students have it also reinforces to them the value of education. We invite all parents, caregivers and extended family to consider assisting P&C next year it will not only benefit your child and other children within the school it also allows you insight into the issues and numerous activities that take place within the school.
Teacher Gotcha

Miss Bradshaw - for working hard to ensure all students have an environment where they can work to the best of their potential.

Miss Pott - for always being a friendly face and helping where you can.

Mrs Vacher - for giving students the opportunity to share something special everyday and ensuring learning is fun.

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Christmas Spectacular!

Come along and join the fun, listening to some Christmas favourites!!!

DATE: Wednesday 10th December

TIME: Doors Open: 6pm-7.30pm

VENUE: Clermont Civic Centre
2015 Year 5/6 Camp update:

The school has made the following changes to payment procedures:

The due date for monthly instalments will now be the last school day of every month. Next payment is due in February or whatever payment plan suits you.

If you would like to pay by ‘direct deposit’ into the school account, details are: Commonwealth Bank BSB 064-703 Account No: 00090071 Identify with your child’s name

If you and your family have any issues or questions in regard to finance, please don’t hesitate to contact Adam Poulus to discuss the issue further.

School Medical Alert

The school has had a several reported cases of ‘Chicken Pox’.

Queensland Government requirement:
Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised people and less in immunised people.
P & C have purchased some locally produced hair accessories that co-ordinate with our uniforms.

Available are some head-bands, hair-ties and clips ranging in price from $3 - $7.

These can be viewed and purchased at the School Office.

*Correct money required – no change available
OTHER NEWS

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**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.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

the uniform shop is now open on Mondays. 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.
Clermont Roundtable Meeting

POSTPONED

Isaac Regional Council would like to advise the community that the Clermont Community Roundtable Meeting arranged for Tuesday December 2 has been postponed until further notice.

This postponement is due to unforeseen circumstances. Council assures the Clermont community this meeting will occur in the New Year.

Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.
For further information please contact 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).

TERRY DODDS
Chief Executive Officer

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## DATE CLAIMERS

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2014 Children’s Services Program

Clermont Library

Date: Tuesday 16 December 2014 – Tuesday 23 December 2014

**Tuesday**
9.30am - 10.00am (0 - 2 Years)
*Rhymetime*

11.00am – 12.00pm (School Age)
*Holiday Craft*

**Wednesday**
11.00am – 12.00pm (School Age)
*Holiday Craft*

3.00pm – 4.00pm (School Age)
*Holiday Craft*

**Thursday**
9.30am - 10.00am (0 - 2 Years)
*Baby Bounce*

11.00am – 12.00pm (School Age)
*Holiday Craft*

**Friday**
9.30am – 10.30am (2 - 5 Years)
*Storytime & Craft*

**Bookings are required**

Phone 4983 4746 or visit Clermont Library for more information.
Parents, please collect a copy of Isaac Regional Library Service—Children and Young Adults Policy when booking your child into these programs.

Visit [www.isaac.qld.gov.au](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au) or call 1300 ISAACS to find out more
2015 Children’s Services Program

Clermont Library

Date: Tuesday 6 January – Friday 23rd January 2015

Tuesday
9.30am - 10.00am (0 - 2 Years)
Rhymetime*

11.00am – 12.00pm (School Age)
Summer Reading Club & Craft*

Wednesday
2.30pm – 3.30pm (School Age)
Summer Reading Club & Craft*

5.00pm – 6.00pm (School Age)
Summer Reading Club & Craft*

Thursday
9.30am - 10.00am (0 - 2 Years)
Baby Bounce*

11.00am – 12.00pm (School Age)
Summer Reading Club & Craft*

Friday
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### Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but... ... 

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<td>24 weeks per year</td>
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If you want your child to be successful at school then *YES,*

"Every Day Counts!!"