Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Badge ceremony**
The Clermont State School leaders for 2015 were proudly recognised with leadership badges at a special parade yesterday morning. We had a huge turn-out of parents and carers come and witness the badge ceremony, which saw each of our school captains and vice captains, house captains and vice captains, music captains and class representatives, presented with badges. They also made the pledge before the crowd before starring in numerous photos for parents and guests. We take great pride in our school leaders and endeavour to develop their leadership to the utmost. This year we have some excellent school leaders and I’m confident that each of them will demonstrate the key leadership qualities at Clermont SS of responsibility, friendship, giving each other a fair go and doing their best.

Below is a list of our elected school leaders for 2015:

**School Captains** – Paige Wolstenholme and Sam Cook
**School Vice Captains** – Dylan Eckhardt and Ella Poulus

**Armstrong House Captains** – Luke Kinnon and Holly Goodale

**Armstrong Vice Captains** – Jackson Cameron and Joshua Lysaght

**Collins House Captains** - Liam Grech and and Eeathen Francis

**Collins House Vice Captains** - Holly Weier and Julian Turpie

**Music Captains** – Daley Brown and Taleesha Scotney

**Student Council:**

2W – Lydia Murray  
2/3A – William Nunan  
3/4B – Drew Ladmore 
3/4M – Ty Wolstenholme 
4/5T – Evie Poulus  
5/6J – Daniel McDermott  
6C – Sophie Keune

Good luck students, you’ve made us proud already.
Attendance (97.5%) and behaviour

As I mentioned earlier in the year, the foundations on which we base our extensive achievements at Clermont SS are attendance and behaviour. Over the past two years we have improved our attendance, but we can still do even better. Our target is to be at over 95% which would bring us into line with high achieving schools around the state and indeed, the country. At present we are operating at 97.5% exceeding the target attendance rate considerably. If we can maintain that level of attendance over a semester or even a year, or student achievement will go through the roof! Keep up the good work.

Another key pillar to our success has been our improved behaviour and engagement of students. In 2013 in term one, we were had on average 7 incidents of disruptive behaviour per week. Now we are looking at 0.5 incidents every week. This is due to the system that we’ve put into place and the consistency that it’s used across the school. Teachers are also utilising strategies for helping students access the curriculum better, such as explicit instruction, and other techniques designed to keep students motivated and engaged in their classes. These will continue to be major focuses for our high expectations this year.

School photos February 20th

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 them ASAP.

Cross Country April 2nd

We have been forced to change our cross country day to the last day of term, Thursday, April 2nd. Our date clashed with a CH date and so we’ve had to put it back to the last day. 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. Our school cross country will also be the same day as the Easter Bonnet Parade, 2pm on Thursday the 2nd at the school hall.
Easter Bonnet Parade April 2\textsuperscript{nd}

It’s almost that time of year again, ladies and gents, where we start gearing up for the annual Easter Bonnet Parade. The parade will be held at 2pm on the last day of school. Start buying up the cardboard, feathers, crepe paper and whatever else you use to create your masterpieces and get started. This year, we may even have a prize for the best parent bonnet.....

Parent information sessions

Thanks to all the parents who came to our parent information sessions last week. It was great to see such a turn-out. As they say, education begins at home and if we have your support we can help your child to achieve their potential. Remember parents, you are always welcome in our classes, just talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

Before school reading, years three and five

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 at present and is aimed improving writing. If you are a parent of a year five student and you’d like them to be involved, please contact school administration.

P&C meeting Wednesday afternoon, 3.15pm 11/2

Our first ordinary meeting of the year will be tomorrow afternoon. P&C meetings provide a wonderful opportunity for parents to give feedback to the school on a variety of issues. If you’d like to support your child, by supporting the school, please come along.

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

**PM / PROBE Testing**
This week all teachers will be conducting their reading PM / PROBE testing. This testing helps us 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. The program started last week and aims 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. I have noticed a few students sneaking off to the playground, without completing any reading. Please remind your child that it is their responsibility to go to the classroom each morning to read to an adult BEFORE going out to play.

**Reading Star Spotlight**
The teaching and learning of reading is a core learning priority at Clermont State School. Improved student achievement and outcomes in reading secures success across all the learning areas and beyond.

One way we help students to develop their reading skills, is to teach them strategies to help them decode the text. Imagine if we were watching a movie that would stop and start, skip scenes, rewind, or play only in slow motion – this would make it very difficult to understand what the movie was about. This often happens to students who have poor decoding skills as well. If students have poor decoding skills, they are often stopping and starting, they may skip words and they read slowly often losing comprehension of the text. However, if students are able to decode, their fluency improves and they are therefore better able to comprehend what they have read.
Our aim is by the time students leave year 6, they are able to use these decoding strategies, independently and without prompting, whenever they come to a tricky word in a text, or whenever they are reading and something doesn’t quite make sense. We are giving them the tools to be able to access texts at their level, by themselves and therefore not relying on a teacher or parent to read the text for them. We are encouraging students to become independent readers, a skill they will need to complete various tasks throughout their adult lives.

The ‘Reading Star’ itself helps to maintain a common language across our school from year to year when using these decoding strategies. The best thing about the Reading Star is students know what to expect from year to year and from class to class. It does not matter which class they have come from, or which class they are going in to, the strategies and the language that we use will be the same and therefore isn’t something new that the students have to learn within each new year.

What can you do at home?

Before reading, ask your child to recall and review the Reading Star strategies that they can use if they get stuck on a tricky word.

During reading, if your child gets stuck on a tricky word, ask them to recall a Reading Star strategy that could help them out. Prompt them to a strategy if needed.

After reading, praise your child for their efforts and pinpoint a particular part of their reading that you were impressed with. For example, you could say: “I liked the way you sounded out the word dog, d-o-g. It was great that you could do this yourself without my help.” Or: “Your expression today was fantastic. You were reading like you were telling a story and your fluency helped me to understand the plot a little better.” Or: “I liked the way when you read this word, you realised it didn’t quite make sense in the sentence, so you decided to re-read. You got the word right the second time and it made much more sense!”
Stay tuned next week for more tips on how to help your child before, during and after reading.

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum
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. All payments can be made at the office via EFTPOS.

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## Student of the Week

10th February 2015  
Term 1  Week 3

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<td>Logan R</td>
<td>For your enthusiasm and fantastic list of words for our letter of the week! Great work!</td>
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<td>P/1W</td>
<td>Renae S.</td>
<td>For always encouraging and congratulating your peers during maths games. Well done.</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Ella B.</td>
<td>For amazing writing and ideas for sentences in English. Fantastic effort.</td>
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<td>Storm F.</td>
<td>For ending up on 1 all week and having an excellent work attitude.</td>
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<td>Jackson B.</td>
<td>For excellent class work and behaviour.</td>
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<td>Ty W.</td>
<td>Congratulations on being elected as our student council rep and putting effort into your work.</td>
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<td>Katelyn H.</td>
<td>For a great effort in writing interesting narrative paragraphs.</td>
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<td>Evie P.</td>
<td>For having an excellent attitude towards all set tasks and for being a maths superstar during problem solving.</td>
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<td>Exceptional enthusiasm you have shown in class towards work.</td>
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<td>Seth McL.</td>
<td>For trying his best at all times.</td>
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<td>Scott B.</td>
<td>For always being enthusiastic to all classroom tasks.</td>
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A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create your school photographic records for this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s shootkey.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write “Mum’s order” or “Dad’s order” on top of your envelope.

To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.

If your child has been photographed in a special group (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.
Hello everyone, Tuckshop is up and running and a big thanks to everyone that has placed an order so far this year. All profits are returned to the P&C and used to improve our great school. Tuckshop is run solely by volunteers and we would love extra helpers. You can choose how you would like to volunteer ideally we would love to have you on the roster (this could even be just for 1 morning!). We have 24 spots we need to fill this term (this includes helpers for cross country) however the addition of an extra helper each day would be awesome making 40 spots. If each family was able to give one morning a term we would more than cover the helpers we need. We understand this is not always possible however all-time given is greatly appreciated and works to benefit your child’s learning experiences at school. Please contact Kristy on 0448523200 if you can help or pop into tuckshop.

If you are unable to help at tuckshop another great way to support tuckshop is to place an order.

If you have other ideas of how you can help we would love to hear them.

Our first birthday celebration ice-creams this year were delivered last week. We hope you had a great birthday Tristan. Birthday Celebrations can be ordered through Flexischools.

We also have a new item available Banana bread $1.

**Friday 13th v Valentines Day**

For tuckshop this Friday we will be having a ‘Friday 13th’v ‘Valentines’ day theme. Lets see what is most popular our ‘scary’ taste or our ‘loving’ taste-buds. See the selection of foods available on page 11. Put on order in through Flexischool before the cutoff at 8:30 am.
Heart pancakes double stack (great for those that like to share) $1

Heart grape-circle (frozen heart shaped grapes) 50c

Banana ghost pops $1

Mummy pizza $1

Heart grape-circle (frozen heart shaped grapes) 50c
Community Carnival is part of the NRL’s commitment to making a positive difference in the community. It is also an opportunity to speak out on key social issues and to grow participation in Rugby League at a grassroots level.

A month long activity, Community Carnival sees NRL ambassadors and current players from each Club visit local and regional communities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

This is the 15th anniversary of Community Carnival.

Over the four weeks of Community Carnival (February 2 through to February 27), NRL players are expected to reach a staggering 250,000 kids across 300 towns and 900 schools, and deliver 80 Junior League clinics.

The theme for Community Carnival this year is ‘wellbeing’, focussing on everything from nutrition and healthy eating, to regular exercise and mental health.

About the Wellbeing Program

Rugby League’s new Wellbeing program aims to harness the NRL’s popularity to empower and educate students to value wellbeing in their own lives.

Providing a holistic view of health, each of the seven comprehensive lessons establishes strong links between Nutrition, Physical Activity and Mental Health to our overall wellbeing.

Designed to meet the Content Descriptions of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and the New Zealand Curriculum Objectives for students in Years 3 and 4, some parts of this resource could also be adapted for students in Years 5 and 6.

The NRL Wellbeing resource features Literacy and Numeracy tasks as well as Critical Thinking activities and a practical component. It can be used by teachers as individual lessons or as a complete unit of work.

Players will speak with students about how to choose foods that are nutritious, how to incorporate exercise in their everyday life and how healthy food and exercise can impact mental wellbeing.


**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**: 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

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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.

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 be worthwhile for you to pick up a form from the office or give us and call and we can email to you before you go to the doctors.

P & C - tomorrow Wednesday

The next P&C meeting is February 11th at 3:30pm 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.

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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 would not 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!

www.wep.org.au  1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au