Hello Parents and Caregivers,

**Classroom observations**

One of the key elements of our school improvement over the past two years has been classroom teacher observations and feedback. At least twice per term over the past two years teachers have been observed teaching an explicit instruction (EI) lesson by a member of administration, Mrs Di Goodwin, Mrs Danielle Freiberg or myself and are then given feedback on their lesson. The observation/feedback process has seen a sharp improvement in classroom teaching practice and our student’s achievements have increased as a result. This week teachers will be working on feedback given to them during observations made previously during the term and will deliver a lesson aimed at improving particular elements of their EI teaching practice.

Later in the year we plan to hold some ‘master classes’ where we invite parents in to see our fantastic teachers in action.

**Riding bikes safely to school—this Friday 13th is ‘National Ride2School Day**

I have had a number of parents contact me at school about students not abiding by road rules in and around the community. While this is not strictly a school issue, I would hate to see one of our students injured or worse heading to or coming from school. I’d like any parents whose children ride their bikes to school to talk to them about road rules and road safety. If you’re unsure of your child’s understanding of road safety, ride with them. If you model correct behaviour it won’t take them long to understand what is safe and what is not. Please help support your child with road safety, it’s much better to act now, rather than wait until it is too late.

**Attendance 96.1%**

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 96.1% exceeding the target attendance rate considerably. If we can maintain that level of attendance over a semester or even a year, our student achievement will go through the roof! Keep up the good work.
Please remember that it is your legal responsibility to have your child at school every day. If they are away more than three days consecutively, that is a cause for concern and is a trigger for an enquiry from the school. If your child is sick, please let Mayleah or Donna know in the front office.

**Rugby League and netball trial success**

Last Friday Clermont State School sent a strong contingent of netballers and rugby league players to the Peak Downs sub district trials and what a successful venture it was! In rugby league we had 7 students chosen to represent Peak Downs. In the Under 12’s: Dustin Kuene, Eatehan Francis, Cy Knusten-Albert, Julian Turpie and Jackson Cameron were successful. In the under 11’s: Bailey Looker and Luke Callanan earned representative honours. These boys will now attend the Central Highland District Trials. Good luck boys.

In netball students selected in the under 12’s Peak Downs team were: Ella Poulus, Sophie Kuene and Sophie Lyons. In the under 11’s: Evie Poulus, Taleesha Scotney and Holly Goodale were successful. The girls will now compete at the Central Highlands trials on March 31st. Good luck girls!

**Communication and parent/teacher interviews**

If you have a school related issue you’d like to discuss then we’d like to discuss it to! If you have a concern or you would like to say a ‘thankyou’ to your child’s classroom teacher, please contact the school. A great forum for talking about school related issues, particularly those related to your child, is a parent teacher interview.

In week 9 (from March 23rd) we will be holding parent teacher interviews. These are a wonderful opportunity for you to talk about your child’s achievement and any concerns you may have. A letter will be distributed next week for you to nominate times for interviews. Come along and have your say.

**Cross Country training**

Ms Arrowsmith will be running cross country training this term before school at 8am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you’d like your child to be as prepared for the big race as they can, ensure that they are at school by 8am for some expert instruction from Ms Arrowsmith. Thanks Ms Arrowsmith for running the program in your own time, we do appreciate it.

Yours in education

Adam Poulus
Principal
Four Year 5 students are currently involved in an online numeracy course through the Brisbane School of Distance Education. This course is aimed at the higher level questions on NAPLAN tests. Students develop a bank of problem solving strategies as they progress and this further supports their learning in the classroom.

This course runs for an hour each week and the students interact with their course leader and students from other schools in Queensland. The experience is similar to a classroom except their communication is via microphones and typed messages.

The aim of this course is to focus on Naplan numeracy questions at the higher two levels. Students learn and apply Polya’s problem solving process of See, Plan, Do and Check. The Project Team analysed local and national Naplan results to direct their teaching.

This course gives students an opportunity to extend their skills. Later in the year students will be offered a similar online course aimed at achieving in the Upper 2 Bands for literacy.
A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM…

NAPLAN Information

This year, NAPLAN testing will be held from the 12th to the 14th of May. All year 3 and year 5 students will be involved. The timetable is as follows:

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Before the end of the term, students in years 2-6 will be completing NAPLAN practice tests. This is to prepare students for the conditions of the test and to ensure the process is nothing new to them on the real testing dates.

One of the components students will be practising is narrative writing. Although the narrative genre is formally taught at school, throughout all year levels, there are a few things you can do at home to help your child practice their story-telling. For example:
In years Prep-2:

Story-telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story. Story-telling might be about:
1. A favourite character from a book or television program.
2. Another family member.
3. Your child’s favourite toy.
Here are some tips to start your storytelling:
4. Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets, props or a finger play.
5. Start with what interests your child.
6. Create a character and setting.

In years 3-6:

As readers and writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home. It’s important at home that you:
1. Show a genuine interest in your child’s reading and writing and viewing of all different types of texts.
2. Let them see you read and write and tell them why you are reading and writing.
3. Talk to your child about their understanding and encourage their reading and writing efforts.
4. Share family histories and stories through talking and encourage your child to talk to older family members.
5. Discuss television shows or films that you have watched together and talk about characters and settings.
6. Encourage your child to develop their own library of books.
7. Talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the other side of the story.
8. Create a routine for learning and provide materials to motivate writing such as:
- Notebooks to write their ideas and feelings.
- Computers and/or netbooks.
- Markers, pencils, highlighters and pens.
- Dictionaries and thesauruses as references. These can be books or found online.
- Online resources such as online maps, encyclopaedias, weather sites.
A main focus at Clermont State School this term has also been on punctuation. Whenever your child is writing, whether it be for homework, or for enjoyment, check to see if they are starting their sentences with a capital letter and ending with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark. If they are doing these things, then they are on the right track, not just for NAPLAN practice, but also in their daily writing.

Last week I included a sample NAPLAN reading test in the newsletter. If you would like to see more samples, visit the following website: http://www.nap.edu.au/nap-sample-assessments/nap-sample-assessments.html

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum

Never miss an opportunity to encourage and nurture a child - Help them to become the best person they can be.
Student Resource Scheme—Instrumental Music

Invoices will be mailed out this week to all parents of student, payments can be made at the office via Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS. This is made up of participation fee and hire fee.
Hello Parents,

The AGM for the P&C will **NOT** be held this Wednesday 11th March, due to unforeseen circumstances. Please watch the ‘date claimers’ in this newsletter for a new date to be advised. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER RAFFLE**

P&C are planning on running an Easter Raffle this term to be drawn at the Easter Bonnet Parade. If you have any items you can donate we would appreciate it. Items do not have to be Easter eggs, last year we had movie themed prize and also games, activities and gift vouchers from local businesses. Please drop any donations to the office. Thank you!

Kristy
P&C President.

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**MUSIC BOOKS**

This year music books will be available from Portal Entertainment at the big IGA. Cost will be approximately $22 a book. Please make all enquiries regarding purchase of books through Portals on 49833799

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**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 18th March 2015 8:30 to 9:00
### Student of the Week

**10th March 2015**  
**Term 1 Week 7**

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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Xhakhania H-S</td>
<td>For your fantastic improvement in writing your name!</td>
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<td>P/1W</td>
<td>Tom L.</td>
<td>For working hard to communicate through the use of sign language.</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Kelly W.</td>
<td>For always trying her hardest in all areas of learning. Fantastic work!</td>
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<td>Riley S.</td>
<td>For huge improvements in his handwriting. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Bryson C.</td>
<td>For a fantastic attitude and clever class work.</td>
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<td>Rachel P.</td>
<td>For great use of reading strategies in your reading.</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Isabelle O.</td>
<td>Clever work on getting 100% on your proper noun pre test.</td>
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<td>4/5F</td>
<td>Makayla L.</td>
<td>For your excellent improvement in writing and maths. Well done!</td>
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<td>Hayley P.</td>
<td>Always putting in 100% effort in our class. Keep us the great work.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Emily S. (4/5F)</td>
<td>For being a considerate and respectful member in LOTE.</td>
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<td>Sophie K. (6C)</td>
<td>For always trying her best and putting in great effort into her learning.</td>
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Mrs Johnstone  5/6J

My name is Wendy Johnstone and this is my first year of teaching. I graduated from CQU last year after completing my Bachelor of Learning Management. I have been involved in the education of children for the past 21 years being employed at various kindergartens and daycare centres both here in Clermont as well as in Townsville. I moved out here with my husband and 2 children 5 years ago from Townsville and have enjoyed every moment of it. I love being involved in the small community having taking on several committee roles with the Clermont Junior Rugby League.

I aim to create a classroom environment that is inviting with various learning areas and opportunities where students can learn and grow in a comfortable environment. I have high expectations for the students in our class and feel that with a gentle nudge in the right direction they are certainly able to reach beyond their full potential. I am honoured to have gained employment with Clermont State School and feel proud to belong to such a rewarding and successful school.
AROUND CLERMONT

Collect the tokens and bring to the school office.

Ends Monday 16th March.

PARENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS,
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AROUND CLERMONT

10th March 2015                                                    Term 1 Week 7

WEEK DATE WHAT WHERE

4 Friday 20th Feb School Photos School Hall

10 Thursday 2nd April Easter Bonnet Parade School Hall

10 Thursday 2nd April Cross Country School Oval

Working with Young People
Moranbah Educational Health & Wellbeing Forums

Forum 1 - Medical Staff
Thursday March 12th
7pm - 8pm

- Where NSSI fits within the DSWV (diagnosis)
- Risk Factors
- Therapies, what works, what doesn’t

Venue
Moranbah Miners Rugby Leagues Club

Forum 2 - Psychologists,
Counsellors, Teachers, School Chaplains, Youth Workers
Friday March 13th
9am - 12.30pm

- Definition and risk factors
- Protective factors
- Prevalence
- Reasons for NSSI
- What to do, what not to do
- Intervention/Prevention strategies
- Using iPods, iPhones to address NSSI

Forum 3 - Parents
Friday March 13th
1.30pm - 4pm

- Building resilience in young people
- What is resilience & why is it important
- How to increase resilience
- What is self harm
- Why does it happen

Garry King

Garry King has extensive experience working with young people encountering the issues of self harm and suicidal behaviour. This experience is the result of having worked as a teacher, youth worker, counsellor and complemented by degrees in welfare and education as well as master degrees in counselling and suicidology.

Garry has worked previously as the Youth Welfare Consultant for the Australian Institute of Suicide Research and Prevention. He was appointed an adjunct lecturer, youth welfare at the Central Qld University and is a previous recipient of a Churchill Fellowship to the United States of America to further research youth suicide.

Garry is a clinical and research member of the International Society for the Study of Self Injury.

For Bookings
(07) 4941 6451
Moranbah Community Workers Club
Isaac Room, Mills Ave

Supported by our major sponsor BMA Co-ordinated by Moranbah & District Support Assoc Inc.
Hoods Lagoon, Clermont
Date: Saturday March 21, 2015
When: 8.30am – 1.30pm
Where: Hoods Lagoon Area
What: Rubbish Clean-up; Marine Turtle and littering presentation; free BBQ lunch and drinks for volunteers; judging the colouring in competition

Thank you to our sponsors: SITA
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### Foster Carers

**Foster carers are as different as the young lives they transform**

Churches of Christ Care Pathways support their carers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.

**Contact us for a foster care information pack.**

Churches of Christ Care Pathways
4953 5097
carepathwaysqld.com.au
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.