Hello Parents and caregivers,

**NAPLAN testing kicked off today!**

NAPLAN testing for 2015 kicked off today with language conventions and writing. Our students have prepared well for the tests, thanks to the efforts of our fantastic teaching staff. I am confident they will do well and of course, try their best in every NAPLAN exam. Tomorrow they will sit the reading test component and numeracy will be on Thursday. Results from the test will be distributed to parents through the school late in third term.

A huge thankyou to Mr Forrest and his group of helpers for putting on a NAPLAN brekky each morning this week. I am sure it will help prepare our students to do their best.

**Target behaviour – hands up to speak**

On parade this week we talked about putting our hands up to speak. There is a process that we go through when we’re in class and would like to contribute to the lesson. We:

- Wait until the speaker finishes talking
- Put our hand up high
- Wait until we’re are asked to speak.

If we are following this procedure everyone in the class gets a fair go, we are being respectful and the class will run smoothly.

**Attendance this week 94.4%**

Our overall attendance rate at the moment is 94.4%. Our top classes last week were:

1\textsuperscript{st} place - 4/5F – 96.4\% – 5 points
2\textsuperscript{nd} place - 5/6J – 96.19\% – 4 points
3\textsuperscript{rd} place - 3/4B – 92\% – 3 points
3\textsuperscript{rd} place - 3/4M – 92\% – 3 points
Our leaders’ board looks like this:

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Remember parents and carers; we can't do our jobs without students attending! Please make sure they are at school on time and in uniform every day.

‘Back to Front’ Maths
Explicit instruction at Clermont SS has helped to lift our maths results significantly. For instance, in NAPLAN last year we had only one student from years 3 to 7 fall below national minimum standards for numeracy, which was a great result. What we would like to see now is an increase in the number of students achieving upper 2 bands, which really means a result in NAPLAN that would see them get an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ at any school in the country.

To help achieve this improvement in numeracy we have taken on a new program aimed at helping our students understand and solve problems just that bit better; ‘Back to Front Maths’. The program was developed by Tierny Kennedy and is spreading throughout education systems the nation over. Just last week Ms Kennedy presented to the South Australian Department of Education with a view to having her work in every classroom in the state!

At Clermont, we will be lucky enough to host Ms Kennedy on Thursday and Friday this week to provide modelled lessons, observations and professional development to teaching staff to enhance their understanding of the program and of course, help our students achieve bigger and better results.

If you have any educational issue you’d like to discuss please come and see us at administration.

Yours in education
Adam Poulus
Principal
MESSAGES FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM – WEEK 4

Classroom Visits

Last week I was able to visit a variety of classrooms while teachers were teaching an Explicit Instruction (EI) lesson. In 3/4B, students were working together as a team to plan a narrative based on a picture of kids at a birthday party. The students formulated some very creative ideas for the problem in the story. My favourite idea: the dog ate all the party food! Well done kids, keep those creative juices flowing! Prep B were working on their handwriting, perfecting the letter ‘e’. It was great to see the Prep students using the correct pencil hold and giving it their best go. 2/3A were working on writing a persuasive paragraph. Their topic was: should animals be kept in cages? It was great to see students using their persuasive sentence starters and attempting to give two–three reasons to back up their opinions. 4/5F were busy completing a Back to Front maths lesson involving money. They all discovered how many cents were in a dollar, looked at different ways they could make up certain amounts using notes and coins, and worked out how much change they would get from $10. Well done students – it was fantastic to see your working out and mathematical reasoning throughout the tasks set by Mr Forrest. Miss Arrowsmith also took 4/5F for a PE lesson, teaching students the correct way to use a shot put. I learnt a new saying during Miss Arrowsmith’s class that day – “dirty neck, clean palm” – if you have a student in 4/5F, ask them what that saying means. Even better, ask them to demonstrate the skill to you using a tennis ball! I was very impressed with the effort students were applying throughout each of the lessons I watched. Well done kids and well done teachers!
NAPLAN Week

This week, students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. The timetable is as follows:

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Below are some tips to help prepare your child for the NAPLAN tests:

1. **Take your cues from your child:** If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2. **Focus on doing their best & trying hard:** Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. **Listen to any concerns they have:** If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.
4. **Give them some relaxation ideas:** Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. **Early to bed, early to rise:** Ensure your child gets to bed at a reasonable hour and eats a healthy breakfast to start their day (Mr Forrest is running a breakfast club this year from 8:15am each NAPLAN day!) It also helps to ensure your child gets to school on time so they have plenty of time to organise themselves before the tests.

If you do notice your child is particularly anxious about sitting the NAPLAN test, please see your child’s teacher.
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**12th May 2015**

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<td>Shane McK.</td>
<td>For settling well into your new school and always having a go at difficult tasks.</td>
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<td>Bridgit F.</td>
<td>For making excellent behaviour choices and trying her best in learning. Well done Bridgit!</td>
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<td>Justin S.</td>
<td>For always being a kind helpful and hard working students at all times.</td>
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<td>Max S.</td>
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<td>For a great effort in writing a persuasive text.</td>
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<td>For an excellent effort applied to all tasks this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jacob H.</td>
<td>For an excellent attitude towards all set tasks. Great job!</td>
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<td>Bailey L.</td>
<td>Your exceptional persuasive text on the topic ‘Cat v Dogs’ which is the better pet.</td>
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<td>Robert W.</td>
<td>Showing an amazing effort in his persuasive writing.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Joshua L. (5/6J)</td>
<td>For your great participation with learning the Japanese alphabet.</td>
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<td>Paige W. (6C)</td>
<td>For working hard at learning how to tell “time” in Japanese. Well done!</td>
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Hello Parents,

First of all, a great big thanks to our Tuckshop Helpers; for Friday - Annette H, Ruth B & Janeen T for popping in for an hour to give us a helping hand and for Monday - Louise D & Marcia B. Your efforts really do make such a difference! Not only to ensure students receive tuckshop but also in making tuckshop a great fundraiser for our school.

At the moment the P&C is raising money to purchase desks for a number of classrooms. As you can imagine this requires a large sum of money (we are currently working on an estimate of approximately $16 000. Volunteer help in the running of our tuckshop and elsewhere in the P&C ensures that fundraising goals are achieved sooner and much needed items can make it to students faster!

Tuckshop menu update:

- Flavoured Water - we have been able to source another brand called AQUA HERO. Varieties available are - Apple (Hiro & Baymax), Peach (Olaf & Anna/Elsa) and Blackcurrant (Captain America & Hulk). They are $ 2 each. These items have been ordered this week and will be available to order from Friday.

- Banana Bread is currently off the menu, please keep an eye on Flexischools for when this item is available to order again.

When ordering tuckshop please check:

1. **That you are ordering tuckshop for the correct day.** The day and date are displayed above where you click “Order lunch” on the web (on the button you click to order when ordering from a mobile). It’s also on your “Order pad” on the side of screen (bottom of mobile screen), when you confirm your order and also with your confirmation email. If you do order for the wrong day please cancel your order. (We always work to provide students with the lunch that they have ordered but if the order is placed for the incorrect day this may mean a student will have to wait while their order is being prepared.

2. **That you have confirmed you order.** Flexischools offers the option of an email confirmation and we recommend that you select this option. This simply provides an extra check that your order has been placed.

3. **If circumstances change and your child no longer requires tuckshop, please cancel your order.** You can cancel orders up until cut off time. After cut off time, please ring the school ASAP so your child’s order does not get prepared.
Other notes regarding Tuckshop:

* If a student thinks that they have an order for tuckshop but there is no order present on Flexischools they will be sent to the office to call their parents for further information (even if there is another order on Flexischools for another day). We have had an increasing number of students coming to the tuckshop asking for orders that they think have been placed. We feel it is important that parents be contacted so that no one misses out or doubles up!

* If you cannot order through Flexischools and you use the paper bag system, we ask that you please include the correct money as we don’t have change until after the ‘over-the-counter’ items have been purchased. Please also remind your child to bring their bagged order to the tuckshop before school to ensure that all students receive their orders without delay.

* For the ‘over-the-counter’ items we have now set up 2 lines; a line for pre-ordered items and a line for students bringing cash to purchase their items. We hope this will reduce student wait times.

* Finally, please remember the tuckshop usually produces anywhere from 60 - 110 orders a day in just over 2 hours by only a handful of volunteers. We are constantly working to improve the tuckshop processes however, we are human and mistakes may be made. We always do our best to quickly resolve any issues that arise.

P&C Meeting: Please remember that we have a P&C meeting tomorrow Wednesday 13th May at 3:30 pm, in the Library.

Kristy
P&C Vice President.

**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. **Winter stock now available.**

Sizes to suit older students, a new shipment now in stock.

**Shop open - Wednesday 20th May 2015 8:30 to 9:00**
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C & K Clermont Community Kindergarten

We currently have vacancies in both of our kindergarten groups and welcome any early entries (children aged from 3 years) who wish to start kindergarten early this year. We are also able to have children enrolled in both groups (attend 5 days) at present.

We are holding our Open Day afternoon on Wednesday 17th June from 3.30pm-5.30pm for 2016 enrolments. Afternoon tea will be provided and we will have some fun activities ready for the children. Any enrolments received during the open day will waive our enrolment fee. Children born from 1 July 2011-31 July 2012 are the priority age for children enrolling for kindergarten in 2016.

If your family is interested and cannot attend on our open day please contact us to arrange an alternate time to meet.

Ph: 0749832027
clermont@candk.asn.au

Clermont Skate Park toilet block, new opening hours

Isaac Regional Council would like to advise that the skate park toilet block will now be open:

Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 3.15pm
Friday 7.30am to 12.45pm

Council is currently reviewing options to extend the opening hours and will inform the community of the outcome in the coming weeks.

If you require further information please contact 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227).
GRAHAM WEBB
Acting Chief Executive Officer
POSITION VACANT!

On the 1st of April, 2015, the Clermont State School P&C held our Annual AGM. We would like to say a very big thank you to Kristy Espig, for the time and awesome effort that she has put in as our P&C President for the past few years, as she steps down from the position and into the Vice-President role. The Secretary position has been taken up by Donna Cook, our Treasurer again this year is Elise Lawrence and our Uniform Co-Ordinator and Tuck Shop Convener positions also remaining the same with Lisa Holland and Kristy Espig continuing on. Thank you to all mentioned for your ongoing support and commitment to our wonderful school.

The exciting news is that we are seeking a new President! If you are willing or know of someone else who is willing to fill this role and bring your/their unique skills and abilities to lead the P&C into 2015 please be sure to let the ladies in the School Office know. We look forward to seeing the nominations for the 2015 P&C President.

It’s been fantastic to have a few new faces at this year’s P&C meetings so far! As you know, P&C’s are essential parts of schools, with dedicated parents and community members volunteering to contribute to their management and improvements. P&C Membership is free and even if you are not able to be at every regular meeting, being a P&C member is a fantastic way to learn what’s happening around the school and to have your say.

**Donna Cook**

Clermont State School P&C Secretary.
Don’t Miss the 2015...

Featuring...
The Rooftop Express
Arena Spectacular

Plus...
Licenced Bar
Sideshow Alley
Family Entertainment

Clermont Show
The Isaac Region’s Show

Admission
Adults $5
Pensioners/High School Students $3
Kids Under 12 FREE

Use Tuesday’s ticket for free entry on Wednesday!

25, 26, 27 May 2015
EH Faint Memorial Showgrounds, Clermont

Fireworks – Tuesday night, 8pm
Public Holiday – Wednesday

E: admin@clermontshow.com
Community News

12th May 2015          Term 2  Week 4

Drought Angels
Helping Aussie Farmers

Gala Auction
in aid of
Drought Angels
Helping Aussie Farmers
23/05/2015
Champagne & Canapes
Live Entertainment with
Chloe Tully-Wilson
on arrival
$20 pre bookings $25 on the door
6pm - Late
at the Commercial Hotel

To book Call:
07 4983 3884 or 0412 583 555
SCHOOL BANKING is WEDNESDAY :- If parents have any inquiries about school banking contact the office we have leaflets we can send home with your child.

**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.

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**1080 Wild Dog and Feral Pig Baiting Program 2015**

Isaac Regional Council is holding two free rounds of 1080 wild dog and feral pig baiting programs for rural landowners in the Isaac region.

**Round One**       Monday March 2 to Thursday April 16, 2015

**Round Two**       Monday October 12 to Thursday November 19, 2015

Landowners must confirm a booking to participate. Pre-prepared factory produced baits can be supplied by Council to landowners at cost price. Please contact Environmental Services Administration Officer for bookings or ordering baits on 1300 472 227.

Visit [www.isaac.qld.gov.au](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au) or call 1300 ISAACS 1300 47 22 27 to find out more.
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