Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Attendance – every day counts
Our attendance over the past 18 months has been great and we have shown great improvement. However, for the first time in the past year and a half our overall attendance rate has dropped below 90%, to 89.9%. It is absolutely imperative that we have every able bodied student at school every day and on time. Statistics suggest that if your child misses a day a month it has an impact on learning. If a child misses a day a week, it has a serious and negative impact on their learning. If a student misses a day a week from prep until year 4, they will have missed an entire school year! This cannot be made up easily, but if you get your child to school every day we can make a difference. While ever kids are at school they are learning and achieving. Please help us to help your child, by getting them to school every day.

New competition
This term we will start a brand new attendance competition. We have drawn a line in the sand and will start taking attendance results purely on a weekly basis. This means a class may have a bad week, for instance a flu may tear through the class. The following week they have the chance to make amends because the competition will start again. At the end of the term, the class which has won the most weekly competitions will be rewarded. Good luck everyone.

Behaviour
Our target behaviour this week is to follow instructions from staff members immediately. This is a behaviour which the absolute vast majority of students at Clermont SS do really well. We talked about the issue on parade and students said following instructions was really important because:

• It keeps us safe. If we are part of something unsafe and a staff member asks us to stop, we should do so immediately to prevent injury or having something damaged.
• It helps us to learn and;
• to make and keep friends

Let’s keep focused on following instructions straight away this week. Good luck.

NAIDOC
Today our school captains helped celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) in Clermont. Our school captains marched with traditional owners who visited from Emerald. NAIDOC is an extremely important event in the school calendar and is a great chance to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture and contributions to society. We are lucky enough to have several Aboriginal staff members here at Clermont and we will hold our own school based celebration later in the year.
Tomorrow traditional owners from community will perform for our students after second break, 2pm in the hall, all are welcome.

**Trivia Night, August Friday 8th**
Attention all geniuses! Clermont P&C has come up with a great means of fund-raising as well as testing your considerable powers of deduction. The trivia night will be held on August 8th and will finally give staff at Clermont SS bragging rights over everyone else! Or so we may think...... Strong opposition is expected from St Josephs, Clermont Coal and even Clermont Junior Rugby League. The dark horse may well prove to be Clermont SHS....... More details to be come.

**Thank-you’s**
While many of us took a break over the holidays we had a few brave volunteers attend the school and complete some much needed work. Our P&C volunteers, Chris Espig and Terry Cook, completed the relocation of the playground equipment from in front of P 1/B to the junior playground. Both Chris and Terry put in a lot of time and effort into the relocation, so on behalf of the Clermont SS community thanks very much fellas, it looks great!

**Before school reading program – year one this term**
Our year one students will be part of our before school reading program next week which will be based in Ms Pott’s class. If you have a child in year one, please make every effort to get them to school by 8.30am so that they can participate in this worthwhile program. Our data has improved markedly in every year level where we have run the program, so do your child a favour and get them there every day. If you like, you can even stay and help out!
AROUND THE SCHOOL

15th July 2014                  Term 3  Week 1

Junior Playground
A big thankyou to the P & C for the great additions to our junior playground of a second fort, new sand for the sandpit and a sandpit cover! The students had a wonderful time today.
More loom bands have been ordered and we will let you know when they are available.
Big thank Judy Smith for helping at tuckshop the first day back we had 61 Flexischool orders (higher than average) and no bagged orders and with the help of Anita packing the boxes all orders were ready by 11am with no food leftover and therefore wasted. Flexischools has really made a big difference to the helpers in tuckshop and ensuring students get their lunch on time.

Huge Thanks
Over the holidays Mr Cook and Mr Espig worked very hard to get the second playground ready for students to play on. They also removed the old sand and replaced it with fresh sand and a new cover. We would like to thank these Dads and we hope if you see them that you could too, it took a number of days out of their holidays to ensure the job was done so the junior students could benefit. Without their hard work it would not have happened and we are truly grateful for their efforts.

Loom bands for sale after school $2 & $3 new stock arriving soon.

**DISCO—CHANGE**

P & C would also like to get your interest in splitting the Disco into junior and senior school students. The lower school students would attend the disco from 5:30 to 6:30 and the upper school from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Please let the office or the P&C know how you feel about this split.
SCHOOL HATS
WE HAVE MANY STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT BRINGING THEIR HATS TO SCHOOL.
PLEASE PARENTS MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR HAT TO SCHOOL.

“JUST TO LET YOU KNOW”

Ringworms: We have had a few reported cases of ‘ringworm’ in a couple of classrooms. Ringworms must be treated with cream, available from the local chemist, and covered during the school day. Parents can you make sure that you cover ringworms at home please.

Treatment as specified by Education Queensland: Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.
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.

SCHOOL BANKING Day is WEDNESDAY please make sure you have your deposit slips filled out. It makes it so much easier and quicker for the banking person.

UNIFORM SHOP: the uniform shop is now open fortnightly on Wednesdays. 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.

REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL Start FOR TERM 3 on Monday 21st 2014

Active After School activities are run on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure that you are here on time (4:15pm) to collect you child/children.
2015 Pre Prep Program

Attending the program is a great way to prepare children for Prep.

www.candk.asn.au

How do I express my interest in attending the 2015 Pre Prep at C&K Clermont Community Kindergarten? (children aged between 31/2 – 41/2 Born between 1 July 2010- 30th June 2011) It as simple as going online to www.candk.asn.au looking up Clermont and filling out the waiting list form.

After the June holidays please come in and talk to the teacher and fill in a hard copy waiting list form if preferred.

Offers for the 2015 program will begin shortly.

Please contact Chris Ph: 49832027 or email: clermont@candk.asn.au if you need more information

CLERMONT STATE SCHOOL

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

If you have a child or know of anyone with a child born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, we are now taking enrolments for 2015. You can come into the office and put their name on our waiting list and we will send you an information pack closer to the 4th term and let you know about our transition days also.
GOLDFEST

The Senior Choir and Senior Concert Band have been invited to perform at Goldfest this year on Friday the 15th of August starting from 7:00pm.

DETAILS:

Your child will be required to meet Mr Sharp beside the stage at 6:30pm on the 15th of August at Centenary Park (the park where the lagoon is). Students can wear their music shirt and jeans for this performance. Students will also need to bring their instrument and music.

We look forward to seeing you at Goldfest this year.

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Saturday 26th July

DANCE

the night away!

★ Live Band ★ Camp Oven Dinner
★ Silent Auction ★ Bar

Where: Kilcummin State School
Time: From 5pm

All are welcome!
2014 School Calendar

There are 186 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holiday or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local closure are not shown due to the number of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 21 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.
Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5.
All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.
In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27.
The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.