Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Broncos ‘tackle’ the big issues

Today we were lucky enough to have a number of high profile players from NRL Club, Brisbane Broncos, attend the school and talk about some of the big issues facing kids in schools. They talked about attendance, nutrition and always trying your best. After the presentation, student had the chance to have personal items signed which was a big hit! Thanks to the Broncos club for coming all the way to Clermont to share some really important information with the kids and for giving up their own time to do so.

Capricornia Regional Swimming Trials

Yesterday, three students from Clermont State School, Ella Poulus, Dylan Eckhardt and Evie Poulus attended the Regional Capricornia Swimming Trials at Rockhampton and did their school and community proud. They were accompanied by a familiar face from yester year, Adam Harvey, formerly a student at Clermont SS, but now attending Clermont SHS. All four students performed extremely well, achieving new personal bests and better still, having the opportunity to ‘mix it’ with the best swimmers in the region. Unfortunately none of our swimmers were successful in being chosen to represent the region at the state titles but represented their schools and indeed the local community, with pride and distinction. Well done!

Cross Country training

Ms Arrowsmith will be running cross country training this term before school at 8am on Tuesday 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 Arrowsmtih. Thanks Ms Arrrowsmtih for running the program in your own time, we do appreciate it.
Attendance 97.1%

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 97.1% 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.

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.

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

Adam Poulus
Principal
Yours in Education

Community Carnival

**NRL**

The NRL and Brisbane Broncos free coaching clinic is on today (TUESDAY).

Everyone aged 6—13 years old is welcome. Starting time is 4pm for 45mins. After the clinic is a meet and greet opportunity with the 2 Broncos players which is open to everyone. We will also be having a sausage sizzle after the clinic. $2 sausage on bread and will also be selling drinks.

See you all at the Clermont Bears Junior Rugby League home grounds.
A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM...

PM / PROBE Testing

Last week, our teachers and students were busily completing their PM / PROBE reading tests. In previous years, we have completed this testing during week 5 of each term, however this year, for term 1, we decided to complete the testing in week 3. We decided to test earlier for term 1 only, to help us get a better idea of student levels as soon as possible, so that we can begin differentiating and adjusting tasks to suit individual needs. Students often go ‘backwards’ in their reading levels from the end of the year, to the beginning of the year, due to the longer Christmas break and lack of teacher guided reading instruction. The sooner we know student levels, the sooner we can begin the goal setting and achievement process.

If you would like to know what level your child achieved on their tests last week, ask them! They should now all know what level they are on, what their goal is and what they need to do to achieve their goal. To help you understand the level system a little better, I have included our school level expectations in the table below:

We aim to have students achieve the following levels by the end of Semester 1.

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This means there are 17 school weeks before students need to be achieving close to these levels. Not every student will meet these levels by the end of Semester 1. Also, there will be some students who exceed these goals before the end of semester 1! This is where their individual goals play such an important role in their reading improvement. Every student starts the year at different levels, therefore, the goal setting process helps them to be the best and achieve the best THEY can. Improvement is what we are looking for in EVERY student, whether they are achieving benchmarks or exceeding benchmarks – the learning never stops!

If you have any further questions about the testing process, or your child’s reading level, please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher.

Below are a few general reading hints for parents when helping children with their reading improvement at home:

*Before Reading*
- Talk about the cover, illustrations and title.
- Ask your child if this reminds them of anything else.
- Ask your child what they can see on the cover.
- What do they think it is going to be about?
- Talk about the reading strategies they can use if they get stuck on a tricky word.

*During Reading*
- Read aloud to your child with expression and enthusiasm. Model what good readers do and how reading can be fun!
- Encourage your child to join in with any rhyme or repetition.
- When they are ready, ask your child to have a go at reading by themselves.
- Ask your child what they think might happen next.
- Talk about what is happening in the illustrations.
- Did they like the book? Why / why not?
After Reading (ask your child one or two of these or something similar)
- Ask your child to retell the story.
- What was his / her favourite part of the story and / or character and why?
- Does the story remind him / her of anything else?
- Is there anything they would like to do as a result of their reading?
- Did anything happen that they did not expect?
- What could have happened differently and why?
- If your child could be one of the characters, who would they be and why?
- Did they learn anything new from reading?
- Did they like the book? Why / why not?

Stay tuned next week for some NAPLAN hints and tips.

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum
Parents please note that there will be **NO After School Writing on Wednesday 18th February 2015**. All Teaching staff will be involved in a Speech and Language Professional Development session.

**Recyclers of the Month**

The students of Year 3/4B have the honour of being the first class to receive this award for their class-room recycling. Received on behalf of the class by Stacey A. and Cooper S. This award was created by Schools Officer Mrs McLaughlin, and will be awarded each month.
## Student of the Week

### 17th February 2015  
**Term 1 Week 4**

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<td>Tahnee G.</td>
<td>For your lovely manners and always trying to do her best.</td>
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<td>Judah C.</td>
<td>For always having a go and trying his best in all areas of learning.</td>
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<td>Aiden E.</td>
<td>For always trying his best in all areas of learning and during transitions. Well done!</td>
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<td>Ashleigh S.</td>
<td>For always taking a leadership role in our classroom. Well done.</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Annabel A.</td>
<td>For making impressive progress with your reading and spelling. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Drew L.</td>
<td>For working on tasks and being a helpful classmate.</td>
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<td>5/6J</td>
<td>Ally S.</td>
<td>The thought and effort that you have put into your paragraphing and stories is amazing. Well done!</td>
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<td>Sam C.</td>
<td>Always being an active learner.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Liam G.</td>
<td>A great effort for introducing yourself in Japanese.</td>
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<td>Max S.</td>
<td>For the extra effort you have been putting in during LOTE.</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.

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

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day

Keep smiling!!!

If your child is one of our 2015 School Leaders, they will be required to come in for their Leader Group photos a little bit earlier than the usual school start time on Friday 20th February.

School Captains, Sports Captains, Music Captains and Student Council Representatives are required at 8:15am in the Hall.
Hello everyone,

Winner from Scary v Valentines was the love shaped pikelets.
New Ice creams to tuckshop!
Funny fingers $1.10
More to come keep your eye on Flexischools to find out first.
Friday saw a huge day at tuckshop with the largest number of orders so far this year. Ordering tuckshop is a great way to support the P&C.

We still require helpers especially on Fridays. Last Friday we had only one helper. Annette did an awesome job!
There are a number of misconceptions around what helping at tuckshop is about. Remarks of "this was fun" and "I expected it to be harder than this" are often heard from our first time helpers. Also there is misconception that you need to help for long periods or every week. We all have busy lives and we understand that things come up. If you can help one morning pop in! 10 -15 minutes to bag nuggets, make toasted sandwiches or pack drinks, makes a big difference and is always appreciated.

Last week saw our first meeting for the year. It was great to see such a great roll up and also interest from those who were unable to attend.

Fundraising was discussed with some awesome new ideas and events that have been popular previously.
If you would like to contribute to any of the following events please contact the P&C.
   Quiz night
   Easter raffle
   Mother's Day and/or Father's Day stall
   Discos (please note DISCOS will NOT happen this year without helpers who are willing to organise).

Kristy Espig
P&C President
The Greatest Game of All

2015 Community Carnival

Some photos from our time with the NRL today. The Bronco boys were a big hit with the kids and staff.
### WEEK CLAIMERS

**DATE CLAIMERS**  
17th February 2015  
Term 1 Week 4

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### MUSIC BOOKS

This year music books will be available from Portals Entertainment at the big IGA. Cost will be approximately $22 a book. Please make all enquiries regarding purchase of books through Portals on 49833799
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 25th February 2015 8:30 to 9:00

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.