Hello everyone,

Classroom Visits

Last week I was able to visit a variety of classrooms while teachers were teaching an Explicit Instruction (EI) lesson. In 5/6J, students were applying their punctuation knowledge to their paragraph writing. In 6C, students were learning about decimals and place value to thousandths. In 3/4M, students were also learning about decimals and place value to hundredths. In LOTE, students were learning about the Japanese writing system. In P/1W, students were engaged in a History lesson about an event that was significant to them. I was very impressed with the effort students were applying throughout each of the lessons I watched. Well done kids!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next week teachers will be holding parent-teacher interviews. Notes have already gone home for you to choose a suitable time for your interview. If you have not received a note, please call the school or see your child's teacher.

If you can, it's great if both parents can go along. If this isn't possible, it's still great to just have one parent attend. Interview times are usually held before school and after school during the week. If you can't manage any of those times, speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Parent-teacher interviews are a great way to find out how your child is going and show your interest in your child's learning and school life. These interviews are short meetings, about 10-15 minutes, between you and your child's teacher or teachers. Every parent is invited to attend these meetings twice a year. It does not necessarily mean there is a problem with how your child is learning or behaving, it's just a time for teachers to touch base with you about your child's progress and future goals.

To get the most out of parent-teacher interviews, it helps to be well prepared. It can help to take a list of questions with you so you remember what you want to talk about. The interview time tends to pass quickly, so it's best to stick to 2 or 3 questions. Some questions you might like to ask during the interview are:
- What are my child’s strengths?
- What does my child struggle with?
- How much homework should my child be doing every night?
- What can I do at home to help my child with schoolwork?
- What can you tell me about my child’s behaviour in class?
- How is my child getting along with other students?
- What support services are available for my child at this school?

If you don’t get through everything you would like to discuss, you might need to arrange a further meeting time. Generally, these meetings are held back to back – don’t be upset if the teacher has to cut you off, as there is normally another parent waiting in line for their meeting!

Other important things to remember:

*Be on time, but also be aware that teachers might be running late because previous interviews have run over time.
*Being open and friendly will set you up for positive communication with the teacher. You can show that you respect what the teacher is saying by listening carefully and trying not to become too defensive, even if you disagree with feedback.
*It’s OK to be direct when required. For example, ask the teacher to explain to clarify or expand on a point if you don’t understand or fully grasp what is being said.
*If you have a concern about something, try to be specific and avoid blame. Combining a request with understanding will usually help. For example, ‘John says that when you explain things it makes it clearer to him. Would you mind if he asked you to take a bit more time to explain things when he’s learning something new?’ It can also help if you can mention something positive about what is happening at the same time.
*If you have to discuss any problems with the teacher, it helps to come ready with some possible solutions, or at least some positive and practical suggestions. Be willing to listen to the teacher’s ideas too. The aim is for you and your child’s teacher to work on problems in partnership with each other. After all, you both share the same goal of wanting your child to learn and feel successful.

*If you make any decisions, it’s good to agree on who will follow up and when.

Should your child go to the interview?

**Whether your child goes to the parent-teacher interview with you is often up for negotiation and needs to be decided before the meeting. You could ask the classroom teacher what is preferred. If the teacher wants to keep the meeting strictly between the parent and the teacher, you could always discuss the meeting with your child in a positive way afterwards.**

Danielle Freiberg

Head of Curriculum

*We are all responsible for the love and protection of children—if we aren’t, who is?*
Hello Parents,

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.

New on the Menu

Sliders with a side serving of wedges.
$4.00

Add Sour Cream & Chilli Sauce
.50c

Add Chocolate Frappe to the burger & wedges $1.50

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

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<td>Owen R.</td>
<td>For your active participation and helpful manner during reading groups. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>Tom L.</td>
<td>For working hard to communicate through the use of sign language.</td>
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<td>Tyler A.</td>
<td>For trying his best, and aiming for success in all English lessons the week.</td>
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<td>Ryan M.</td>
<td>For trying his best and being the maths superstar all week. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Zeb B.</td>
<td>Great maths work and always trying his best.</td>
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<td>Tristan A.</td>
<td>For great use of strategies to solve maths problems.</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Bradley S.</td>
<td>Fantastic improvements on your spelling and number facts. Keep up the hard work.</td>
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<td>4/5F</td>
<td>Emily T.</td>
<td>For writing sensational sizzling starts in different context. Well done Emily!</td>
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<td>5/6J</td>
<td>Angel M.</td>
<td>Working hard at learning how to do common fractions. Well done!</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Konor Winkler</td>
<td>For showing creativity in his writing and always working hard.</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Heidi K. (3/4M)</td>
<td>For her excellent effort and completing all set work. Well done!</td>
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<td>Tyler S. (5/6J)</td>
<td>A great attitude in class and doing his best with all tasks.</td>
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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians

On Friday 27th of March 2015 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm, Clermont State School and the Student Council will be hosting a MOVIE NIGHT on our school oval in order to raise funds to help our school grow. On this fantastic night we will be screening the movie Big Hero 6 and we will have food and drink for purchase including hotdogs, sausage sizzle, slurpies, iceblocks and popcorn. It would be great if you can help support our school in coming along and dropping in a gold coin donation for our movie night. Parents, family members are all welcome to attend and watch a fantastic movie under the stars. Don't forget to bring a chair, picnic rug, bean bag or a pillow to chill on.

Please note that you can drop your children off but they must be signed in by a parent/guardian, however we encourage parents to stay and enjoy a night out with their children.

If you can have numbers attending and orders, made and paid before Monday 23rd that would be a great help? Forms/money to the school office please.

See flyer and order form in today’s newsletter
STUDENT COUNCIL

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Who is coming?

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Please note that you may wish to pay your money before at the office or by paying on the night. Ordering and paying before the night would be a great help for catering purposes.

Thanks Student Council
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.
## DATE CLAIMERS

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SKATE PARK

GRAFFITI ART

Featuring Artist Mark Paddick

FREE EVENT!

COME AND PAINT THE SKATE PARKS!

MIDDLEMOUNT: Monday 13 April 9am - 5pm
CLERMONT: Tuesday 14 April 9am - 5pm
Wednesday 15 April 9am - 3pm
MORANBAH: Thursday 16 April 9am - 5pm
Friday 17 April 9am - 3pm

Open to students aged 13 years and over
Please bring - water, lunch, snacks and sunsmart clothing
For more information contact:
jessica.blackburn@isaac.qld.gov.au
AROUND CLERMONT

17th March 2015

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

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