Hello everyone,

**NAPLAN practise tests this week**
This week our year 2 – 6 students are completing NAPLAN practise tests. These are a great opportunity for students to demonstrate what they know and can do. It is also really good practise for students to sit a test in exam like conditions. For teachers, they are extremely valuable because they show us where a student is at and what they need help with. It also helps us to understand how they go under test conditions, which can be daunting for some students.
The official NAPLAN tests are to be held from the 11th of May through to the 13th of May. These tests will give our students the platform they need to demonstrate how they compare with other students around the region, state and even country. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please don’t hesitate to contact the school. If there is enough interest we will consider hosting a parent information session.

**Target behaviour – before school routines**
This week we are focusing on before school routines. On parade we talked about:

1. Waiting quietly in the undercover area until the bell goes
2. Once the 8.30am bell sounds, heading to class to drop off our bag and lunchbox
3. Heading to outdoor games for upper school
4. Participating in an activity determined by the classroom teacher for lower years, such as year 3 before school reading.
5. Lining up quietly outside our classroom after the bell at 8.55am

If we follow these before school routines we will be safe and ready to learn. Good luck boys and girls!
Attendance 95.3%
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 95.3% exceeding the target attendance rate. 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, 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.

Communication and parent/ teacher interviews
If you have a school related issue you’d like to discuss then we’d like to discuss it too! 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. This week we are holding parent teacher interviews. These are a wonderful opportunity for you to talk about your child’s achievement and any concerns you may have. If you have not received any information about parent teacher interviews please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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
Hello everyone,

NAPLAN Practice Tests
This week students in years 2 through to 6 will be completing NAPLAN practice tests. This is to ensure all students are prepared for working under testing conditions when it comes to the real NAPLAN testing dates.

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.

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

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum
During the Year 5 After School Writing Program we have been learning to improve and enhance our writing by using:

**Similes:**
- The dancing flames were exploding like fireworks in the night sky. **Georgia**
- The horrific flames were spreading like a dragon’s breath. **Evie**
- The furious flames were like a deodorant can exploding in the distance. **Deon**
- The ground was as black as coal. **Emre**
- The flickering flames were a golden honey joy exploding. **Shelby**

**Metaphors:**
- The exploding, flammable fire was a blown up deodorant can. **Hayden**
- The simmering ground was the top of a burnt marshmallow. **Ally**

**Alliteration:**
- The ground was brown, dark, dry wood. **Connor**

**The flashing flames were flying through the fine skies.** **Makayla**
Hello Parents,

Huge thanks to Judy S. for her help in the Tuck-shop on Friday and also to Lisa H. who came in at short notice. We would also like to thank the teachers who came into help on Friday as well. We had over 110 orders and our new ‘slider and wedges combo’ is proving very popular with 31 burgers ordered on Friday and 7 on Monday. Thanks to Tania G, Louise D, and Julie W for their help in Monday in Tuck-shop.
The last week has seen a few Birthday Celebrations being ordered and we would like to wish Katelyn H, Jayton F, and Sequoia G, a happy birthday and hope your all enjoyed your day. Birthday Celebrations can be ordered for any day not just tuckshop days, cut off time is 4:50 the day before. A number of ice creams are available to order with our most popular being vanilla ice cream cups with sprinkles and sour zings.

Kristy
P&C President.

New on the Menu
Sliders with a side serving of wedges. $4.00
Add Sour Cream & Chilli Sauce

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 next open - Wednesday 25th March 2015 8:30 to 9:00
100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day

We are aiming to make this 100th year commemoration of ANZAC day memorable, but we need your help.

We are hoping to make a War Hero’s Wall of Remembrance. To be displayed in the library on ANZAC week.

Send in COPY of a photo of relative, a friend. Drop it to the office or email it to btutt7@eq.edu.au

Please provide the following detail with the photo:

full name of the person in the photo,
what regiment or battalion they served in
years of service
Name of the student or staff providing the photo.

Example only

Send them in as soon as possible.

Thanks you

Barb and Lyndal Tuttle
The P&C are holding a Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April at the Easter Bonnet Parade. Thank-you to the parents who have sent in items for the raffle.

If you are able to donate any items, (does not just have to be Easter eggs), please send item along to the office.
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<td>Maddie H.</td>
<td>For constructing a great sentence in writing. Well done.</td>
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<td>For being an active listener and always doing her best work.</td>
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<td>For great behaviour and trying his best in all class activities.</td>
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<td>For always putting in a fantastic effort in class.</td>
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<td>For a well-presented ‘Twit’s’ chapter and creative illustration.</td>
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<td>For using excellent Tier 2 vocabulary works in your narrative writing. Great job Kalaiyah!</td>
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<td>Fantastic effort you have been putting into your sizzling starts. Your stories sound amazing.</td>
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<td>For an amazing effort and great teamwork towards your Japanese performance.</td>
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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians

This Friday night 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.
Early Years Activities Day Tuesday 31st March

Parents and Caregivers, we would like to invite you to join us for our Early Years Activities Day on Tuesday 31st March. Staff will be running activities on the senior oval from 9-11am and the students will be able to choose which activities they would like to participate in. All students will need a hat. Non-school age children must be accompanied by an adult. Come along and join in the fun with your child/children; all the community is welcome!

BANKING CO-ORDINATOR

Clermont State School is looking for a school Banking Co-ordinator. The perfect banking co-ordinator would need to have 1-2 hours a week to spare. Banking is offered to our students one day per week, currently Wednesday—but can be changed for your convenience. The deposits are submitted online and then the monies are deposited at Australia Post.

If you think you might be able to spare some time and are interested in helping out please contact Kelly Wilkins on 0414452358 for further information.
Fun Run

Cross Country Fun Run!

It’s that time of year again where we are fundraising for much needed sports equipment for our school. This year we also have an online account, where families and friends can donate online to this worthy cause. You can create your own page so that your friends and family can donate directly to your account. Remember there are great individual prizes to earn this year and even greater rewards for our school. To get online and donate, give the following website to your friends and family to start donating. Remember to get online and create your own page.

The link is [https://www.mycase.com.au/](https://www.mycase.com.au/) Once you are in the website click in the search box and type ‘Clermont’. Click on the Clermont State School symbol and you can start donating.
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.

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.  NO BANKING THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

If you would like your child to participate in this competition you can obtain more details from the school office. There are 6 key subject areas. Each participating student receives a certificate and an individual diagnostic report.

**All payments can be made at the office via EFTPOS.**

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Congratulations to the final TOP 10 of the 'Australian Regional Community Competition'. Each of these towns will be posted separately on the Small Town Culture Facebook Page at 8:00am on Monday morning starting with the MOST nominated town at the top (as seen below). The towns post with the most 'Likes' WINS!! Voting ends at Midday the 30th March. Please DO NOT share the town's post as 'Likes' on a shared post DO NOT count. Good luck!!

CLERMONT
YARRABAH
KILKIVAN
KOORALBYN
CHARLEVILLE
WANAARING
BIRDSTOWN
DIRRANBANDI
AUGATHELLA
TEXAS

The winning town will receive a song and music video created for their town with the Small Town Culture team. Thanks to CRS Publicity the song will also be distributed to 400 radio stations.
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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

Isaac... the region of first choice