Hello Parents and Caregivers,

Teaching and learning at Clermont State School

Explicit instruction (EI)

As part of our school improvement agenda we are continuing our focus on explicit instruction. There are many facets to EI but when distilled right down it’s often referred to as the ‘i do, we do and you do’ teaching process. At present we are focusing on adjustments we make for students in the ‘you do’ phase of the EI process. The ‘you do’ phase is when students work independently and it is the time when we can ‘differentiate’ to cater for all students at various developmental levels. This means we aim to have activities aimed at a variety of student levels in the class. Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Freiberg and I have been in classes and have seen some fantastic ‘differentiation’ this term.

As well as our focus on adjustments made during the ‘you do’ phase of the EI teaching process, we will also be engaging a pedagogy coach to come and help staff further refine our EI teaching cycles. There may even be a chance to hold some further parent PD sessions if people are interested. The focus on refining our teaching practice is crucial to our school improvement agenda and one which I’m sure will help our students continue to achieve greater academic results.

Attendance

Our attendance for the beginning of the year has been outstanding. Our top three classes are:

1. 4/5T – 96.53%
2. 5W – 95.93%
3. 1P – 95.8%

Altogether, our overall attendance rate has been great too, at over 94% for compulsory school aged children. We are currently 1% better than where we were last year and a whopping 3% better than 2012! While this doesn’t sound like much 1% per week is about 14 absences. Over a term that is 140 absences! Over a year it is a staggering 560! And if we multiply that by 3 (as we’re three times better off than 2012) we will improve our absence rate by 1600 a year. That is a lot of extra teaching and learning taking place. Thanks for your support, mums and dads, it is really making a huge difference.

Sports

Netball

Yesterday our representative netballers attended Central Highlands Trials at Emerald and faced some tough opposition from teams from around the district. In the under 12s, Tahnee N, Chloe C, Courtney E and Cassandra M., ‘donned’ the Peak Downs maroon and won all but one of their 4 games. In the under 11s, Ella P shot well for her Peak Downs side. At the end of the day, School Captain, Chloe C was the only student to be chosen to represent Central Highlands, but every girl performed strongly, according to Ms Arrowsmith. Chloe will now compete at the Capricornia trials in Gladstone with the CH team. Good luck Chloe and congratulations girls on all your efforts.
Rugby League
On Friday our best rugby league players, Joseph C, Joshua M, Cassandra M and Jake K in the under 12s and Jack A, Bailey L and Luke C in the under 11s attended Central Highlands District Rugby League trials at Blackwater. All the boys performed well on the day, Jack A and Joseph C, making the ‘possibles versus probables’ game at the end of the day. Both boys narrowly missed out on selection but every Clermont student played well and did the community proud. Well done, kids.

Cross Country
Thursday will see all students at Clermont State School compete in the annual cross country event. Ms Arrowsmith has prepared a slightly new course designed to challenge even the hardiest of long distance runners. The course is more in line with the distance required for students to run at the sub district carnival which will be held next Wednesday at Capella. With weather pending, we will get through the program as advertised in previous newsletters. We will include an extra water stop to ensure our runners are well hydrated. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. See you all there!

Peak Down’s Touch Football, next Monday
Clermont students will travel to Tieri on Monday to compete in the Peak Downs Touch trials. The newsletter went to print before players were selected, but we’ll make sure they get a mention in next week’s newsletter. Good luck in advance kids!

Central Highlands Soccer trials next term
Good luck to the students who will compete in the CH trials next term. Clermont SS boys selected in the Peak Downs sub district team include: Adam H, Jake O, Jesse B, Liam G, Luke K, Theo C, Sam C, Eeathen F and Jayden L. In the girls: Georgie S, Aleisa G, Macey V, Kalani B and Ella A were selected. Congratulations kids, let’s show them how ‘the beautiful game’ is played in Clermont! Thanks to Mrs Shannon Lawrence who has given up a lot of her time to coach our kids. Good luck everyone.

‘Encourage others to reach their full potential—sometimes all it takes is a few inspired words’
CURRICULUM NEWS

Reading at Home
Over the Easter break it is important for students to continue reading and practising their reading skills at home. When students are not reading over the holiday breaks, we often see a drop in their reading abilities and levels when they return to school, and this can be quite frustrating to both the teacher and the student when planning to work towards their individual reading goals.

During parent-teacher interviews this week, teachers will be able to discuss with you where your child is at with their reading and what level they have achieved as well as what their next goal is and how they can go about achieving that goal. Any hints and tips the teacher gives to you during the interview can be worked on during the holidays to give your child the best chance at achieving during term 2.

Below are a few general reading hints for parents when reading with their children 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.
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?

Classroom Visits
I have had the opportunity to visit many classrooms over the past few weeks and both teachers and students have been doing a fantastic job.

In Prep R, students have been learning their letters and sounds and have been busily working in their Soundwaves books and creating a ‘letter of the week’ board. It was great to see students stretching out the sounds they can hear in words and correctly identifying beginning and end sounds within words. Fantastic job Prep R and Miss Reynolds!

In 2F, students were learning about noun groups and identifying particular vocab within sentences. Mr Forrest set some pretty tricky tasks for students to complete, and it was great to see most students could not only identify words within noun groups, but were able to write their own sentences and apply their knowledge of noun groups to their sentences. Great job 2F!

In 3R, students were learning new vocab words and writing these words into creative sentences. Miss Rector challenged the students to add more than one vocab word to their sentences and many students took her up on this challenge! It was great to see the students look straight towards their vocab word wall for inspiration and some students managed to add 3 or more vocab words in their sentences – and they used them correctly and creatively! Keep up the good work 3R!

In 3/4B, students were working on writing their own narrative. I was impressed by how much the students knew about narrative structure and how enthusiastic they were to apply their knowledge and start writing their own story. As I walked around the 3/4B classroom, I could have heard a pin drop – each and every student had their head down with their pencil to paper, enthusiastically writing their ideas and stories. Ms Broderick had nothing but praise for the students and their work ethic during writing time and I can’t wait to see some of their final products!
Library

Reading Star Strategies - At Clermont State School, we use the ‘reading star’ strategies to help students with their reading when they are stuck at tricky words. During library classes last week, I decided to test the students on their knowledge of the reading star strategies, just to see how well they have been listening to their teachers in class and to check how often they are using their strategies when it comes to them reading their library books independently at home or during silent reading times at school.

To test the students, I covered up a reading star so they couldn’t see the strategies, and asked them if they could remember what the strategies were. Well, I was absolutely blown away by their responses! Not only could every class tell me what each of the reading strategies were, but they could also explain and demonstrate what that reading strategy would look like during their own reading. Great job kids and also great job parents and teachers! It’s very obvious that we have a common and consistent approach to reading across the school and this is helping us to achieve our goals and set high expectations.

My Favourite Stories - I have also been sharing some of my favourite stories with the students over the term. Two of these have included Possum Magic, written by Mem Fox and Little White Dogs Can’t Jump written by Bruce Whatley. I will apologise to parents now - from what I have heard from a few of you, some of the students won’t stop talking about Possum Magic, are borrowing the book out of the library each week and want their very own copy for Christmas! I have also noticed some of our year 2 students have started writing their own version of Little White Dogs Can’t Jump, using their own dogs as inspiration for the story line! This love of story books and reading makes me very happy, and I am glad students are enjoying the books we are reading during library lessons just as much as I do!

Borrowing Over the Holidays – Students are encouraged to borrow books during the last week of school and take them home to read over the holidays. Please help your child to take good care of these books over the holidays and also help them to return the books when school starts back.

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum
From the Guidance Officer’s desk:

This week I’d like to focus on mental health, particularly the indicators that may help identify if there are concerns with your child or anyone else in your family.

Why is this important? According to the Australian Government Department of Health:

Approximately 14% of 12-17 year olds and 27% of 18-25 year olds experience mental health problems each year

75% of mental health problems emerge before the age of 25

Up to 50% of substance use problems are preceded by mental health issues in young people

Currently only one in four young people experiencing mental health problems actually receives professional help

Even among young people with the most severe mental health problems only 50% receive professional help

It’s important to note that feeling down, tense, angry and anxious are all very normal emotions, but when these feelings persist for long periods of time, or if they begin to interfere with daily life, they may become mental health problems.

Most mental health problems are not very severe or long-lasting. However, it is important to get support from your friends and family, and to ask for help early, for example by visiting your local doctor (general practitioner - GP), or referring your child to the guidance officer.
From the Guidance Officer’s desk:

Some of the signs of mental health problems include:

• Not enjoying, or not wanting to be involved in, things that you would normally enjoy
• Not sleeping as well as usual, or sleeping more than usual
• Not eating as much as usual, or eating more than usual
• Being easily irritated, or being angry with friends and family for no reason
• Finding your grades at school, college or university are not as good as they should be
• Being involved in risky behaviour that you would usually avoid, like taking drugs or drinking too much alcohol
• Feeling tense or restless
• Crying for no apparent reason
• Feeling sad or 'down'
• Having trouble concentrating or remembering things
• Having lots of negative thoughts

Feeling unusually stressed or worried
Adapted from headspace.org.au

Until next time, take care of yourself and your family.

Rick Masters
Guidance Officer
Cross Country/ Fun Run

The cross country is being held in conjunction with our fun run on **Thursday 27th March**. The junior school (students born in 2009 to 2006) will run from 9:30am and expected to finish around 11:00am.

Students born 2005 or earlier their cross country will start at 12:00pm and is expected to finish around 2:30pm.

Parents are encouraged to attend and are able to run with your child if they are in the junior school.

**Timetable (Estimate only)**

9:30am Welcome - Miss Arrowsmith
9:45am Students born 2009 – 1 KM
10:05am Students born 2008 – 1KM
10:20am Students born 2007 – 1KM
10:35am Students born 2006 – 1KM

**11:00am All students to have normal lunch break**

11:45am Junior school back to normal class, Upper school come out to oval.

12:00pm Welcome – Miss Arrowsmith
12:15pm Students born 2005 – 2KM
12:40pm Students born 2004 – 2KM
1:00pm Students born 2003 – 3KM
1:30pm Students born 2002 – 3KM
1:50pm Students born 2001 – 3KM

**2:15 Presentations**
Hello everyone,

P&C AGM was held last night. I would like to thank those who turned up for without you volunteering your time the P&C would not be able to continue. P&C Executive positions are as follows

President – Kristy Espig
Treasurer – Elise Lawrence
Secretary – Paula Bates
Vice President – Donna Cook
Tuckshop Conveyor – Kristy Espig
Uniform Conveyer – Lisa Holland

If you see any of these Ladies around please say hello. We understand that not everyone can make the commitment to an executive role but if you would like to help but not sure how please see one of these ladies and they will be able to steer you in the right direction. Volunteering as little as ½ an hour of your time, at school or at home will make a difference to what the P&C can achieve. The donation of items is also appreciated.

The general meeting saw a few exciting fundraising ideas and information from the surveys returned saw two events move to the planning calendar. More details will be made available as coordinators have more information. If you have a fundraiser that you would like to see the P&C run and would like to organise or help out with please see one of the P&C executives. We cannot deliver the events you want without your input and help.

The fundraising thermometer is still moving however to ensure the goals are reached sooner the decision has been made that for 2014 starting from this month 20% of tuckshop takings will go towards the thermometer goals. This means for every dollar spent in tuckshop 20cents will go towards the goals that have been set, this is currently PM Readers.
The Clermont Rodeo committee has asked the P&C to do doughnuts, slushies and snow cones on the 12th April if you can help please contact Kristy on 0448523200 or pandc@clermontss.eq.edu.au.

Mother’s Day stall was a great success last year and we hope it will be just as successful this year. If you are able to help, please contact Kristy 044523200. Items have arrived with nothing over $10. There are also items for Grandmothers/Nana’s. Cards and gift bags available to purchase.

EASTER RAFFLE Tickets are due back this week

The winners will be drawn at the Easter Bonnet Parade. If you have not received your tickets or have lost them please see the office. We have some great prizes 1st prize is a holiday pack with activities, a bottle of sparkling wine and a $60 voucher, 2nd prize has a voucher, donated by ‘Clermont Club Café. The Sleepy Monkey and some lovely treats including a bottle of local ‘Knoble Honey’ and 3rd prize is a movie pack with snacks and a $20 voucher. Remember every complete ticket book sold will entitle you to go into the draw for a $20 Tuckshop voucher.

Big thanks

The hall fence has been finished thanks to Chris Espig and Estelle and Doug Wellington for bringing the fence in from Mackay and Chris Espig, Doug Wellington and Craig Klosterman for erecting it.

Tuckshop Friday – Cindy Ladmore, Janelle Otto, Jody Swaffer, Leah Archibald for popping in, giving a hand and making sure we were right and new helper Angela G.

Tuckshop Monday - Carolynn Smith, Judy Smith and Meg Brill.
TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN FOR Cross Country/ Fun Run DAY

Thursday 27th March

Tuckshop will be running for the Fun Run/Cross Country day with a limited menu. Orders will still be through FLEXISCHOOLS and cut off time for orders will be 9am Thursday 27th. If you wish to order through the bag system orders will need to be in Wednesday afternoon. There will be a few items that will be available to purchase over the counter from this reduced menu, however we encourage you to order to ensure you do not miss out.

PHOTO’S OF RAFFLE PRIZES

3rd Prize

1st Prize

Items for the Mothers Day stall
Year 6/7 T-shirts' Fundraising

The car wash held as part of Fun Friday raised $120 towards the year 6/7 t’shirts.
The students and Miss Evans managed to wash 9 cars during the time.

MONEY RAISED ~ FREE DRESS DAY
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH
STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISING

Thanks you to all students in helping raise $274 for the Royal Flying Doctors.
Paper Aero Plane Competition Winners:

1ST—SETH MCLAUGHLIN
2ND—KIAL ROBINSON
3RD—GEORGIA SHANNON
P & C NEWS

25th March 2014  Term 1  Week 9

Name………………………………………………………………………………………….

P&C would like to know what you would like to see us do for fundraising this year. 2014 Projects include - Replacement of sand in sandpit in jnr playground, reading PMs, class set of tablets, class set of laptops, new play structure in jnr playground.

Students please complete

I would like to see (please tick any that you like)

1. Fete  2. Fun Run (eg Colour Run)  3. Family Fun Day (eg Lawn Bowls day)

My ideas

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Parents/caregivers please complete

I would like to see (please tick any that you like including those listed above)


My ideas

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Raffles and drives (eg pie)

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Are there times/days/months that suit you better?

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Thank you for your help. Clermont State School P & C

PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE—asap

Easter Raffle

Items to make up the Easter Raffle Basket ie anything you would like to donate can become a part of this raffle, not just EASTER EGGS. What would you appreciate winning in our school Easter raffle? Tickets will be sent home to each family who have nominated via their enrolment form.
### CLASS | STUDENT | ACHIEVEMENT FOR WEEK ENDING 21st March 2014
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P/1B | Storm F. | For always working hard on his writing and maths tasks. Good work!%
PR | Jasper L. | For trying your hardest in maths and succeeding with patterns.
1P | Max S. | For providing thoughtful and interesting answers.
2F | Montessa K-A. | For outstanding work with her homework. Well done!
3R | George C. | For working hard during reading groups and making great inferences.
3/4B | Hayley P. | For always using the skills of chunking to sound out difficult words.
4/5T | Tristen C. Heer P. | For excellent mental calculations in Maths. For always having a positive attitude to all tasks.
5W | Jackson C. Bridgette McK | For working hard in groups to create an historical narrative. Always showing kindness and patience when assisting others.
6E | Graham O. | For great work in buddy reading. Keep it up.
6/7B | Chloe C. | For consistently neat and tidy bookwork!
Music Books: now available at the office

Music book payments will need to be made by cash or cheque made out to Clermont SS P&C.

EFTPOS transactions are not available for this payment at the school.

$14 for all books except for percussion books which are $20.

C&K Clermont Kindergarten

The Kindy has 5 openings available for children born between 1 July 2009—30 June 2010. Call Chris on Ph: 49832027

This year’s Fun Run will be run in conjunction with AUSTRALIAN FUND-RAISING Specialists.

All students will be receiving Fun Run forms, so keep an eye out for them to arrive home in the next couple of day.

Training for ‘Fun Run’ is Tuesday and Thursdays at 8am

Moneys' raised from this years Fun Run will support our 'Fun Friday' afternoon class activities.
Congratulations to Kalani B. for being selected as part of the Scholastic Reading Review Panel!

Members of the Review Panel have been selected from schools from all around Australia.

As part of her position she will be sent advanced copies of books from Book Club for her review and share her thoughts on which may be published in future Book Clubs, on the Scholastic website, or used on Book Club TV!

Good work Kalani - we're very proud of you!

Kalani 4/5T

Under 8’s Day Tuesday 1st April for Prep – Year 2 students

Parents and Caregivers, we would like to invite you to join us for our Under 8’s Day on Tuesday 1st April. 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 from Prep – Year 2 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!
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Please be advised that if your child has just started playing an instrument this year that they will be involved in the Beginner Band.

Where: Clermont SS Music Room
When: Monday morning
Time: 8:00 – 8:30

ALL MUSIC PROGRAM REHEARSAL TIMETABLE

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES ARE DUE NOW!

Please make sure you pay your child’s Instrumental Music Fees for this year. Fees are as follows:

$30 instrumental Music Levy (all students pay)

$30 Instrument Hire (only pay if hiring an instrument)
MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Music Department at Clermont State School will be holding a Mother’s Day Raffle which will start before the holidays.

All money raised will go towards the school music program.

Prizes:

1\text{st} Prize – Lady’s watch valued at $275
2\text{nd} Prize – Meal for 2
3\text{rd} Prize – Jeans West voucher and perfume

Tickets $1.00 each

Thanks for supporting our music department!
Kya HH-W.—2/3V

Kya has placed an outstanding level of effort to participate in the Year 3 Morning Reading Program. She has attended the Morning Reading Program every morning to practise her reading skills and build her fluency with reading. Well done!
CLERMONT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Administrative Officer (AO2/AAEP)
Temporary Part-Time – 6.5 hours/week
Commencing 23rd April 2014 to 13th July 2014

The position is a part-time temporary appointment and is anticipated to start on the 23rd April 2014 to 13th July 2014 with possible extension and permanency. The Role Description contains a list of duties and selection criteria, and it can be emailed, posted from or collected from the school by phoning (07) 4983 4333. A resume template is available upon request from the school. Training will be provided.

Applications close on 12pm Friday 28th March 2014.

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:-
The CLERMONT STATE HIGH SCHOOL,
PO BOX 590, CLERMONT 4721
Or Email – aandr107@eq.edu.au

Applicants are to provide a covering letter of no more than 2 pages and a detailed resume outlining key responsibilities and achievements including contact details for 2 referees. Applications will remain current for a 12 month period.

“The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.”

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

FOUND

A silver necklace has been found on the school grounds if your child has lost this necklace please contact the office.

Time Out

Student must be excluded from school for 24hrs after vomiting or diar-rhoea.
SCHOOL BANKING: Larissa will be in the Hall on Mondays from 8:40am to 9:30 to help parents with any inquiries they may have about School Banking. This is a great chance to catch up with Larissa.

UNIFORM SHOP: from this week the uniform shop will be open fortightly on Wednesdays only. The best way to order uniforms is to complete your order online using Flexischool. The next date the uniform shop will open is **Wednesday 26th March** 2014 in the school hall between 8:30-9:30am. Sizes to suit older students, a new shipment now in stock.

**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.

**REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Active After School activities is run on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure that you are here on time (4:15pm) to collect your child/children.
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**YEAR 6/7 ICY CUPS**

ICY CUPS WILL BE FOR SALE ON **WEDNESDAYS** 1ST LUNCH, FOR 50c each.