Hello Parents and Caregivers,

**Clermont SS improves against schools across the country**

Every semester Education Queensland analyse data to measure schools performance against other schools as well as against its own past achievements. Semester two, 2014 has seen some exciting developments in school data which I wanted to share with readers in our newsletter. NAPLAN has long been a challenge for schools in Queensland, with the state averages often well down on national averages. But at Clermont SS we are bucking the trend in several NAPLAN testing areas.

For instance, in numeracy in 2014 Clermont was ahead of the majority of schools in the country with 100% of students in year 3 and 7 above national minimum standards (NMS) and 98.57% of students above NMS in year 5.

In reading, Clermont SS had almost half of our students in year 3 achieve in the upper two bands (47.1%) which is statistically greater than national results. Students achieving upper two bands would be achieving ‘A’s and ‘B’s at any other school across the country, they’re some pretty great results!

Another trend across the country is that students may achieve strong results in year 3 and then struggle to maintain that level of achievement in year 5 and 7. In 2012, our year 3 cohort had 32% of students achieving in the U2B in reading. The same cohort in 2014 in year 5 achieved 33.3% in the upper two bands. While that may not seem significant, most other schools across the country were seeing results drop on average by 30%!

Clermont SS students also compared favourably to other schools across the state and country in the Grammar Punctuations and Spelling component of NAPLAN achieving statistically better or similar results in years 3, 5 and 7. It really has been a positive year for the school when compared with other schools around the country. For some time we have focused on reading at Clermont SS and our results suggest this has had an impact on achievement in NAPLAN. Next year we will continue to work on reading, but also focus on numeracy and achieving a greater number of students in the U2B, and writing, which stood out as an area of concern for 2014.

Congratulations students, staff and parents on a great academic year, let’s keep up the good work in 2015.
**Master Teacher 2015**

Part of a brand new and exciting initiative by the state government is to imbed ‘Master Teachers’ in schools across Queensland. These teachers are be part of a school’s admin team, to have demonstrated outstanding teaching practice and leadership in their roles. Last week a panel comprised of myself, Principal of Emerald State School, Rhonda Jones and Principal of Denison State School, Jorgen Neilson shortlisted and interviewed applicants for the role. Out of a strong field of applicants, I am glad to announce that our very own Ms Diana Goodwin was the successful candidate. Many of you would know Mrs Goodwin having been a long term resident in Clermont. She is one of the most hardworking, dedicated and skilful educators I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She will be an invaluable asset to our admin team and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity.

**School Captains speeches Monday**

Next Monday 1st December on parade, our prospective school leaders will present their leadership speeches to Clermont State School community. I’m sure there will be a strong field for 2015. Please come along and listen to our future school leaders in action.

**End of year rewards days**

This year we have a brand new way of rewarding our students for good behaviour choices for term 4, a fun day at Capella Pool! All students demonstrating level one, two and three behaviours will be invited to attend a fun day, with a sausage sizzle provided, at the Capella Pool Complex. Buses will collect staff and students from the school in the morning and have them back to school before the bell in the afternoon. Students on level one for the majority of the term and also students with a high behaviour level and 100% attendance, will have first pick of activities, including the giant inflatable pool toy, putt – putt golf and the slide. There will be a lower year’s rewards day on **Tuesday, December 9th** in the last week of school and an upper year’s rewards day on the **Thursday, December 11th**. Best of all parents it will be FREE!

Make sure you ask your child what level they finished the day on and talk to them about their behaviour choices. After all in regard to behaviour, ultimately, it’s up to them!
**Attendance**

Last week saw many of our classes attendance rates above 90% which was pleasing. Student and parents are clearly taking on board the message about attendance. The results are listed below:

1\textsuperscript{st} – 2F – 95.6%
1\textsuperscript{st} – 1P – 92.3%
3\textsuperscript{rd} – 4/5T – 92.17%

We had a number of classes in the 80% range that we’d dearly love to see achieving in the 90s. This is the time of year when it’s absolutely imperative your child is at school on time of everyday. Let’s continue towards that target of 96%!

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**Swimming carnivals next week**

On Tuesday next week Clermont SS lower school, and on Thursday the upper school, will hold their respective swimming carnivals at Clermont Pool. Events will start at 9am and will finish with novelty events in the afternoon for lower school and relays for the upper school. Parents are welcome to take students directly from the pool or they will be bussed back to school for the normal afternoon ‘home time’ routine.

Please come along and cheer our students on!

Adam Poulos  
Principal  
Yours in Education
**TUCKSHOP**

Reminder please place tuckshop orders through Flexischools.

Triple stacks are now sold out.
New item - Ham and Cheese Mini Quiche - Individual ham and cheese (impossible quiche) $1 made in tuckshop :-)
As the year winds down some items may become out of stock, however every effort will be taken to show this on Flexischools.
Thank you for your continued support. Tuckshop not only delivers students with lunch, profits are used by the P&C to fund projects like additional readers, laptops and replacement of sand for the sand pit.

Christmas Concert - If you can help in any way please contact Kristy on 0448523200 or email pandc@clermontss.eq.edu.au

**Gotcha Awards**

These teachers and staff will each receive a $5 tuckshop voucher as a small thanks.
Mr Sharp - You have been caught giving up so much of your time to organize the “Gone Troppo” tour, fostering a love of music and running awesome raffles.
Mr Poulus – You have been caught - making the “Gone Troppo” tour lots of fun. – starting great programs like “Fun Friday, before school reading and book work competition to make our school better.
Mrs Tuttle - You have been caught making the “Gone Troppo” tour lots of fun and showing students how good you are at singing at the talent show.
Mrs Priestly – You have been caught - making the “Gone Troppo” tour lots of fun. – doing an awesome job at after school sports and in Prep R.
Mrs Watson - You have been caught doing an awesome job organizing after school sports and always being helpful in Prep 1/B
Mrs Munro – You have been caught doing a fantastic job organizing and decorating the book fair and being super helpful finding books in the library.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Week ending 21st November 2014

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<td>For his excellent work with addition and subtraction sums. Keep it up Tyler!</td>
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<td>Willem P.</td>
<td>For his fantastic effort with persuasive writing this week!</td>
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<td>Eva A.</td>
<td>For staying focussed and completing all set tasks this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Isabel O.</td>
<td>For being a helpful and considerate class member.</td>
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<td>Sasha B.</td>
<td>For reading with great expression and fluency during your reading test, way to go.</td>
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<td>Makayla L.</td>
<td>For moving ahead 5 levels on her Probe Reading scale.</td>
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<td>Scott B.</td>
<td>For writing great tongue twisters!</td>
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<td>Tiarny B.</td>
<td>For excellent work on your house plan!</td>
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<td>Konor W.</td>
<td>Creating interesting poems with amazing illustrations.</td>
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<td>6E</td>
<td>Ella A.</td>
<td>For being a fabulous role model!</td>
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<td>Ainsley W.</td>
<td>For fantastic improvement in your subtraction work!</td>
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<td>Courtney E.</td>
<td>Congratulations on your excellent results with your assessments.</td>
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<td>For your beautiful singing in Japanese. Well done class 3/4B.</td>
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

25th November 2014         Term 4 Week 8

Christmas Spectacular!

Come along and join the fun, listening to some Christmas favourites!!!

DATE: Wednesday 10th December

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

VENUE: Clermont Civic Centre
2015 Year 5/6 Camp update:

The school has made the following changes to payment procedures:

The due date for monthly instalments will now be the last school day of every month. The next due date will be November 28th.

*If you would like to pay by ‘direct deposit’ into the school account, details are: Commonwealth Bank BSB 064-703 Account No: 00090071 Identify with your child’s name*

If you and your family have any issues or questions in regard to finance, please don’t hesitate to contact Adam Poulus to discuss the issue further.

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School Medical Alert

The school has had a several reported cases of ‘Chicken Pox’.

*Queensland Government requirement:*

Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised people and less in immunised people.
No Banking this week

Parents there will be no banking tomorrow Wednesday due to other commitments by our banking volunteer.

P & C have purchased some locally produced hair accessories that co-ordinate with our uniforms.

Available are some head-bands, hair-ties and clips ranging in price from $3 - $7.

These can be viewed and purchased at the School Office.

*Correct money required – no change available
OTHER NEWS

25th November 2014                     Term 4  Week 8

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.

Call Sheridan for more information 49836039.

UNIFORM SHOP: the uniform shop is now open on Mondays. 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

Last day, Wednesday 26th November 2014

Bring clothes/towel for wet play!

REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday – Badminton
3:00 to 4:15
Clermont Community Round Table

Join us to have a say on your community’s future:

Isaac Regional Council would like to invite you to attend the Clermont Community Round Table meeting.

When:
9.30am – 3pm
Tuesday, December 2

Where:
Clermont Civic Centre
Daintree Street
Clermont

Round Table meetings are your chance to discuss opportunities and challenges in your town and surrounding region with Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and Council staff. As an individual, community group or organisation you are invited to bring your voice to the table to discuss:

- Community opportunities
- Community challenges
- Local government
- Advocacy
- Assistance/advice
- Information share

Visit:

Email: roundtables@isaac.qld.gov.au

Phone: 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227)
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At C&K Clermont Community Kindergarten, a unique position has become available for an experienced Early Childhood Professional to join the centre in a dual role of Director and Teacher. As the Director and Teacher, you will be responsible for managing the day to day operation of a branch Kindergarten service in accordance with C&K standards and policies as well as developing and implementing a suitable Kindergarten Programme for the children following the C&K Building Waterfalls curriculum.

Ideal candidates will hold:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood or equivalent (recognized by ACECQA as an early childhood teaching qualification).
- Registration with the Queensland College of Teachers prior to appointment. This registration must be renewed annually.
- Previous experience in a Teaching and/or Director role within and Early Childhood environment.

Apply online www.candk.asn.au

click on current job opportunities/careers
Expressions of Interest are called for people interested in Casual Teacher Aide employment at Clermont State School in 2015

Expressions of Interest due by: 12pm Friday the 28th November, 2014

Key Duties: To contribute to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of educational support.

Additional Information: Successful applicants will be required to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People.

Role Description: Role Descriptions & Work Profiles can be collected from the school office or can be sent out by request.

Applicants are to provide a Covering Letter of no more than two (2) pages and a detailed resume outlining key responsibilities and achievements. It should include contact details for 2 referees and be forwarded to the school by the closing date.

Phone: 49 834 222 OR

Email: aandr107@eq.edu.au for more information.

Address Applications to:

Private and Confidential
Clermont State School
PO Box 517
CLERMONT QLD 4721
Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but....... 

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If you want your child to be successful at school then YES,

"Every Day Counts!!"