Clermont State School

29th July Term 3 Week 3
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Attendance – top class hits 97.9%!
We had a strong week last week with six classes achieving an attendance rate above 94%. In 5th place, 1P achieved a rate of 94.6%, Prep R managed 94.8% for fourth place, in third place on 95% was 3/4B, on a massive 96.4% was 4/5T which gave them 2nd place and in 1st place, on a record 97.9% was 5/6W! Great work to students and staff in those classes. Other than those mentioned, we also had several classes achieve upwards of 93% too, which is a solid effort, particularly given how cold it has been recently. I fully expect that our attendance is only going to get better as the weather warms up.

Also, while still on attendance, I have spoken with our students on parade and they agree that we need a point system to help determine which class takes out top position for class attendance at the end of the term. If a class takes first place for the week they earn five points, if they come second, four points all the way down to the class which comes fifth, earning them one point. Below is a table of how the points will be distributed and also how classes are going so far this term.

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After two weeks, here are the standings for the attendance competition for the term.

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Don’t forget, the attendance competition has changed this term to be a weekly battle between every class. This way, if a class has an ‘off’ week, say due to illness, they can still earn points the following week and every week right up until the end of term. The class with highest number of points at the end of the term will win a magnificent prize from Mr P. Good luck, boys and girls!
Bookwork winner – Lydia Murray
This week’s bookwork competition was taken out by Lydia Murray, congratulations Lydia! She has made a huge effort since the beginning of the year to improve her handwriting and bookwork, it has really paid off. Keep up the good work. I wonder who next week’s recipient will be …….

Before school reading program – year one this term
Our year one students are part of our before school reading program which is based in Ms Pott’s class. If you have a child in year one, please make every effort to ensure they are at school by 8.30am so that they can participate in this worthwhile program. Our data has improved markedly in every year level where we have run the program, so do your child a favour and get them there every day. If you like, you can even stay and help out!

Lost property
This week, rather than focus on a particular behaviour at school, I’d focus on the ‘elephant in the room’ (or the huge pile of lost property sitting outside admin anyway!) It’s that time of year when we have cool mornings, followed by warm afternoons and lots of students attend class in tracksuit pants and jumpers and take them off at play time because they get too hot. That is fine as long as they are collected when they leave, but that’s just not happening! Please have your child look through lost property and take home anything that belongs to them. Also, it would be helpful if parents could write names in items of clothing that come to school so that we can return the items to their owner much easier. There is a large pile of unclaimed lost property – growing every day! – and I hate to think that someone is going cold because they haven’t collected their warm gear from lost property. Later in the term we will either send the left over clothing to an ‘op shop’ in town or sell the school uniform items second hand.

Trivia Night, August 8th
Attention all geniuses! Clermont P&C has come up with a great means of fundraising as well as testing your considerable powers of deduction. The trivia night will be held on August 8th and will finally give staff at Clermont SS bragging rights over everyone else! Or so we may think …… should be strong opposition is expected from St Josephs, Clermont Coal and even Clermont Junior Rugby League. The dark horse may well prove to be Clermont SHS …… More details to come.

Adam Poulos
Principal
Yours in Education
Hello Parents and Caregivers,

This week’s article is on transitioning to high school:

With our year sixes and sevens moving to high school next year, a view to the future is relevant around this time of year, as all the potential options are being advertised and promoted through open days & information evenings. I’m going to briefly discuss a few of the obvious, and perhaps less obvious aspects to consider to lessen the impact that this can have on kids.

Firstly, we don’t want to over-parent and undermine the ‘young adults’ ability to cope with this change, but instead we should foster a sense of resilience, optimism, and reassurance that they are capable.

It’s a good idea to start early on the transition process with your child as some children feel overwhelmed with the amount of information they are having to process, particularly if it’s left to last minute and parents appear stressed; remember kids feed off this stress and your anxiety. If you are confident, organised and keen, they will be too.

Travel: Many students will be new to using buses. Take the time to discuss what happens and how they function. When and where they’ll be picked up and dropped off, and don’t forget to discuss what happens if they miss the bus for some reason, that it’ll be ok, and the office remains open to help in these situations. Does your child know how to contact you during the day? They might ask you why we are talking about this, and you could say that sometimes it helps to talk about these things before they happen so we don’t have to think about it all on the first day of school. Don’t be afraid to talk about the finer details of this transition process, as this will give the child the opportunity to create a picture in their mind.
Uniform: It’s a good idea to have your child prepare it a couple of days before the first day of school, with the appropriate shoes, socks, bags packed with books. Go through the subject list and booklist and pack the bag appropriately with your child, but don’t overload it with absolutely everything. The first day is when they find out exactly what they’ll need to bring for each subject area.

Daily schedule: Many schools run a 9 till 3 timetable with 4 x 70 minute periods, as well as differently spaced lunch times. Check it out with your child and go through their timetable (if you get one early), identify lunch times and how the school day is a bit different, but not by much. Morning tea at Capella SHS is 10:15 to 10:40, and lunch is 1:10 till 1:50. Period one is 9:05 till 10:15, there are two periods after morning tea, with one period in the afternoon. Morning tea at Clermont SHS is 11:20 till 12:00, with two periods before morning tea. Lunch is at 1:10 till 1:50.

It might be good to start sharing your experiences of high school with your kids around the dinner table or during drives to school, focus on all the great things that happened and the good experiences you took away, and acknowledge the fact your kids are getting older, that they are far more capable than you were at their age to build their confidence (even if you have to tell a white lie). Conversation starters: You could talk about memories of school camps? What were the best subjects, or best teachers? Greater freedom?

Take your child to the school on the information evenings/afternoons as this is a great opportunity to walk around the buildings and familiarise them with the facilities, such as toilets, building letters and numbers, tuckshop, office and first aid, eating areas, drink fountains, and some of the dedicated teaching areas for subjects like Manual Arts, Science, Resource Centre, and Art rooms. Visiting the school with your child cannot be underestimated as a means to make the child feel supported and comfortable in their new environment. Another way to make your child feel more secure is to have your child with you when you have a friendly chat to their new teachers.

All the best,

Rick Masters

Guidance Officer
HEAD OF CURRICULUM REVIEW

Transitions

Over the past couple of weeks we have been working closely with the staff at Clermont State High School to assist with the transition of our current year 6 and 7 students when moving over to the high school next year. I have been discussing curriculum plans, timetables and current student data with the high-school’s Head of Department, Josh Grant, and the high school are busily preparing themselves for the change.

Last week, we had one of the many fantastic high school teachers, Casey Kingston, visit our school and discuss transitions with our year 6 and year 7 students. It was a great session where students got to learn a little about high-school expectations, while Mrs Kingston got to learn a little about the students and what they were looking forward to most and also what they were most scared of about transitioning to high school. The students are looking forward to further transition sessions coming up this term.

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum
### Student of the Week

**7th July 2014**

**Term 3 Week 3**

**Class** | **Student** | **Achievement for Week Ending 25th July 2014**
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P/1B | Ella B. | For always following instructions and completing tasks on time.
PR | Henry L. | For his amazing work with maths this week and his awesome behaviour.
Piper S. | | For excellent behaviour all week. Keep it up.
1P | Willem P. | For fantastic behaviour and effort all week!
2F | Abigail C. | For excellent improvement in her behaviour and work ethics. Keep up the hard work!
2/3V | Yazmin R. | For being a helpful and considerate class member.
3R | Seth M. | For putting in a greater effort to produce work of a higher standard. Keep up the great work!!!
3/4B | Hayley P. | For showing that if you try hard enough, success will come.
4/5T | Macey V. | Outstanding visualisation in reading groups.
5W | Bridgette Mc | The amazing effort and enthusiasm you are displaying in maths.
6E | Amber S. | Outstanding behaviour.
6/7B | Courtney E. | Putting in extra effort with her homework and for being a consistent hard worker.
HPE | Lenix K-T. | For outstanding effort in PE this week.
Ainsley W. | | For outstanding effort in touch this week.
Music | Alexis M. | Excellent work & co-operation in music
Clermont's Got Talent!

2014

Nominations due to Mr Sharp: 4th August 2014

Heats will begin on the 11th August 2014
(Week 5 Term 3)

Prizes for the best performances!
GOLDFEST PERFORMANCE

Senior Concert Band & Senior Choir

**Where:** Centenary Park

**When:** Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} August
Meet at 6:30 pm
Performance times:
Band – 6:45 pm
Choir – 7:15 pm

**Other:** Music polo shirt and jeans
Hello parents and caregivers,

We would like to encourage all students, parents and carers to nominate a teacher or member of staff that helps make Clermont State school great. Please send your nominations to pandc@clermontss.eq.edu.au or drop them to the office or tuckshop. Please note you can nominate any teacher or member of staff for any reason; in the classroom, in the school grounds or in the wider community.

Quiz night is fast approaching have you nominated your team? We will require helpers on the night for bar service, selling raffle tickets etc if you can help it will make our night that much more successful.

If you would like to help out but can't be there on the night there are a number of jobs available and we would appreciate the help or if you prefer a donation of goods or cash would also help us out and ensure we will be reach our goal and purchase 2 new smart boards.

Helping set up hall, making food for the platters (recipes can be provided if necessary) or donations of any sort from raffle prizes to cooking ingredients any help you can give will ensure this will be a great fundraiser. Please phone Leah 0457526627 or Bernie 0420844139

**Clermont Gold and Coal Festival**
The P&C have been asked to have a stall at the upcoming festival it will be a great opportunity to raise additional funds for our current goal. It looks like it is going to be a great event with students and locals singing on Friday night and Sophie Phillis from The Voice and local poets on Saturday morning. The more helpers we have the better our stall will be and more funds that can go to our school. Older students who would like to help out are also welcome. Contact Kristy on 0448523200

Disco will be on Wednesday week 5 and we will be running two sessions, 5.30 - 6.30 Prep - 3 and 6.30 - 7.30 4 - 7. We are welcoming older students who would like to help at the junior disco and younger students are welcome to stay at the senior disco with parent supervision. Entry will be $5 including a sausage on bread and popper. Additional food and drink will be for sale on the night.
Tuckshop gardening

Over the last few weeks students have been making various items that have been sold to the community. The money raised is going towards purchasing fruit trees to make tuckshop gardening even bigger and better. I am pleased to announce that we have been able to purchase our first tree a 'Tahitian Lime' that we are planning to plant this Friday. In additional news we have been asked if we can make 20 more lemon or passion-fruit butter for a lady in Mackay. If any one is going to Mackay that could help deliver or have any lemons or passion-fruit they can donate please contact Kristy on 0448523200. We are quite close to having enough money to purchase another tree and with this order we may be able to purchase two.

Big thanks
Monday tuckshop helpers- Angela Grech, Meg Brill and Bec Wardle
Friday tuckshop helpers Errol Ruth Brown and Leah Archibald
Mondays helpers Judy Smith and Elise Lawrence

Thanks Kristy

Free Dress Day

The student council is holding a free dress day on Friday 22nd August in support of two worthy causes—breast cancer and prostate cancer. Students can dress in yellow or pink and make a gold coin donating to support these causes.
Teacher ‘Gotcha Award’ goes to Mrs Turner

Mrs Turner was nominated by students this week for
- Being funny and telling great jokes
- Making learning fun by turning lessons into games
- Delivering great science lesson with lots of experiments for the students to do
- Making gardening fun
Trivia Night Helpers needed!

If you can help out at trivia night we would love your assistance.

We need helpers for: Setting up
    Food preparation (prior)
    Raffles
    Officials /markers

Phone: Leah 0457526627 or Bernie 0420844139

Friday 8th August 2014
    Start Time: 7:00

Supporting Clermont State School.
Thanks again to the wonderful volunteers that take their time to do tuckshop for our children each week.

Please find following the term 3 Roster. If you are able to be on call for tuckshop in case someone is unavailable to do their shift please text Janelle on 0428831750.

Thanks!

**Tuckshop Term 3 2014**

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Voluntary Contributions

Parents, a reminder that voluntary contributions need to be paid for terms 1, 2 and 3 for your child/children to attend the next Art Council performance due in week 6. We do have a number of parents who are making payment by the term and term three is now due. If you need to find out if you owe for term 3 please phone the office girls and they will let you know.

The C&K kindergarten staff and parents have noticed an increase in the number of people parking in the C&K carpark who are not parents or carers of C&K students. Please remember, the carpark is for the parents of C&K students only. Any increase in traffic volume constitutes a safety risk to kindy parents and their children.

If you are a Clermont SS parent, please respect this space and drop-off and pick-up at the designated areas of the school, this also applies during the school day.

Adam Poulus
Principal
SCHOOL BANKING Day is WEDNESDAY please make sure you have your de-
posit slips filled out. It makes it so much easier and quicker for the banking
person.

UNIFORM SHOP: the uniform shop is now open fortnightly on
Wednesdays. The best way to order uniforms is to complete your or-
der online using Flexischool. Sizes to suit older students, a new ship-
ment 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. Please bring a ‘nut free’ snack/plate to
share.

REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL STARTS 21ST JULY
Active After School activities are run on Mondays and Wednesdays.

   Monday—Gym   Wednesday –Golf

Please make sure that you are here on time (4:15pm) to collect you
child/children.
2015 Pre Prep Program

Attending the program is a great way to prepare children for Prep.

www.candk.asn.au

How do I express my interest in attending the 2015 Pre Prep at C&K Clermont Community Kindergarten? (children aged between 31/2 – 41/2 Born between 1 July 2010- 30th June 2011) It is simple as going online to www.candk.asn.au looking up Clermont and filling out the waiting list form.

After the June holidays please come in and talk to the teacher and fill in a hard copy waiting list form if preferred.

Offers for the 2015 program will begin shortly.

Please contact Chris Ph: 49832027 or email: clermont@candk.asn.au if you need more information

CLERMONT STATE SCHOOL

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

If you have a child or know of anyone with a child born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, we are now taking enrolments for 2015. You can come into the office and put their name on our waiting list and we will send you an information pack closer to the 4th term and let you know about our transition days also.
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Please help us to celebrate the Grand Opening of the St Joseph’s School Playground.

Please join us for Sunday Brunch on Sunday 3rd August 10am-1pm at St Joseph’s School. Delicious baked goods, jumping castle, face painting, stalls and lots of FUN! See you there :)

@LITTLEJEWELSDECOR
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2015
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2015 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe (Germany, Italy, Denmark, Finland and France), South America (Argentina) and Japan. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would again be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in Word format or as a PDF.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

“It’s been a fantastic experience so far...It’s been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model...Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that.” Victoria, Host Mum

“Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures.” Sharon, Host Mum

“Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop...” Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.
2014 School Calendar

There are 184 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when these three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holiday or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local school are not shown due to the many dates across the state.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.

Department of Education, Training and Employment

School holidays
Public holidays
Staff professional development days (student free days)
Flexible staff professional development days
School terms

2014 School Calendar

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Final dates for student attendance

November 21 is the final date for Year 5 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on December 5.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.

In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27.

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