CLINTON SS NEWSLETTER
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SCHOOL ETHOS
OUR VISION: Every Day, Every Child, Safe Respectful Learners
OUR MISSION: CLINT - Champion, Literacy, Improvement, Numeracy, Teaching
OUR MOTTO: Continually Striving to Succeed

PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

LOVE OF LEARNING CELEBRATIONS
The End of Year Love of Learning Celebrations will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 3 December in the School Hall commencing at 9 am for the P-2s and at 11.30 am for the 3-6s. All parents, friends and relatives are welcome to attend.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
It is World Teachers’ Day on Friday 30th October. It is a day when we recognise and express our appreciation to our teachers for their wonderful work at our school.

YEAR 5 CAMP
In two week’s time, the Year 5 students will be attending their 3 day camp at Chaverim, Outdoor Activities and Environment Centre in Bundaberg. Activities will include Canoeing, Low Ropes Courses, Orienteering, Bouldering, Flying Possum, Tree Climbs and Archery. We can’t wait to hear the stories when they return from camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Tuesday 13th October
Lisa Plumridge Resilience Seminar for parents at 5pm in the Library

Friday 16th October
Yr 4 Sleep-over in the Hall

Monday 19th October
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 20th October
P&C Meeting at 6pm

Thursday 22nd October
9.30-10.45am
PREP Orientation Session One

Thursday 22nd October
9.45-10.30am
Information Session One

Thursday 22nd October
6.00-6.45pm
Information Session Two (Repeat of Session One)

Friday 23rd October
Grandparents Day

Monday 26th October
Cohort Parades
2/3 in the Hall at 1.30pm
P/1 in the Hall at 2.15pm
4/5/6 in the UCA at 2.15pm

Monday – Wednesday 26-28 October
Year 5 Camp
NEW PICNIC TABLES
A big thanks to Mrs Shannon and the Student Council for purchasing and installing four new table picnic sets on the main oval. They look fantastic!

PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Now is the time to enrol in Prep for 2015. All Queensland children are eligible to attend full-time Prep when they attain the age of 5 years by 30 June in the year they enrol.

Our Prep Teachers have planned a number of information sessions at our school. The meetings will be held in the Prep Buildings located on Harvey Road and the children are welcome to attend.

What to bring: ☐ A water bottle ☐ Closed in shoes
☐ Morning Tea/Snack ☐ A wide brimmed hat

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 19 October is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no school on this day as the staff are engaging in Professional Development activities. You are welcome to use the after-school care services of ‘Helping Hands’ who will be operating a program through-out the day.

P&C MEETING
The next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 20 October at 6pm in the Library. All parents are warmly welcome to attend. Please come along even if you have never been before. Your input is vital.

2016 CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENTS
Our current school enrolment stands at 831 students, including 32 general classrooms and 42 students enrolled in the SEU. We plan to have 32 classrooms across the school in 2016. Some of our classes will be multi-age classes to accommodate the different enrolments across the various cohorts.

We are encouraging parents send our Admin Team an email at principal@clintonss.eq.edu.au, if you wish to give us advice about the best placement for your child in 2016. Details that you can include could be friendship groups, concerns about other children interacting with your child or other information that you think will assist us as we start to formulate class groupings for next year.

At this stage we are unable to give specific information around which teachers will be teaching each year level.

ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN
Due to enrolment capacity, high demand and growth, Clinton State School needs to manage enrolments and we operate on a School EMP.

As a result, Clinton State School has limited ability to accept enrolments from outside the catchment area. A school’s local catchment area is the geographical area from which the school is to have its core intake of students. A catchment map defines the catchment area for Clinton State School (as on the website at http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/).

Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at the school will need to demonstrate that the student’s principal place of residence is within the catchment area. Current proof of residency at the address indicated can be provided by way of one of each of the following:
• One primary source – a current lease agreement, or driver’s licence, or unconditional sale agreement, and
• One secondary source – a utility bill (e.g. electricity, gas), or rates notice showing this same address and parent’s/legal guardian’s name.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal
On 18 September two groups of Year 5 Clinton students participated in Gladstone Cluster Extended Learning Programs.

James, Ethan and Ismari participated in “The Science of Vitamin C Testing” at Toolooa SHS. They enjoyed working in a high school science lab.

Kellie, Taneal and Kurtis used their knowledge of design, colour and shape to create artworks in the program “Visual Arts” at Kin Kora SS.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

This year Grandparents Day is officially celebrated on 25th October. However we would like to invite all grandparents of our students to attend the Clinton SS special celebration to be held here at school on Friday 23 October from 8.50 - 10.30 am.

For the agenda for the morning, all grandparents will meet in the Undercovered area at 8.50 am for a welcome from the Principal. Students will then come down from their classes to collect their own grandparent/s to visit with them in the classrooms. The Principal will then meet with all Grandparents at 9.30 in the Library for ‘A Trip Down Memory Lane’ and then move to a morning tea with Admin at 10.00 am until 10.30 am.

KID’S CAFÉ

Wednesday 14 October: Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Sherine Maitland
Thursday 15 October: Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor

Friday 16 October: Ruth Williams, Shirley Wright, Nicole Hughes, Raelene Webb
Pikelets: Connie Fredericks.

The Kids Café is desperate for a few helpers either on a Wednesday or Friday. If you can spare a few hours please drop in and see either Gail or Mel. Tuckshop would be grateful for donations of pancake shake to make pikelets.

GREEN CARDS

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Book Club catalogues have been sent home. Please remember that we do not accept orders here at school. All orders need to be done using the LOOP system at www.scholastics.com.au/LOOP or by using the app.

Orders close 26th October. If you would like to order some secret Book Club and put it away for Christmas, you are able to do this by selecting "not applicable" when searching classes and then selecting Christmas Christmas.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page to see when these orders arrive.

These orders can be collected from Mrs Duggan’s Prep room when they arrive. Bring a bag with you if you would like small eyes not to see!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Helping Hands Clinton

19th October 2015
Pupil Free Day booking forms are out now!
Fun with Outdoor Sports and Water Play Day
Let’s play soccer, soft ball, cricket, water balloons and art and craft activities.
Cost - $48.00
We are open from 6:30am – 6:00pm.
It’s FREE to enrol.
Helping Hands is registered for CCB & CCR rebates.
Email: clinton@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Ph: 0448 138 438
This week at Clinton, our SWPBS focus lesson is on WALKING SAFELY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS. Students will be reminded that they need to walk on the left side of the path when they are walking either by themselves or in groups. They will discuss the importance of:

- Walking quietly and calmly
- Walking sensibly
- Staying on the left side the path

**ATTENDANCE**

- Last week’s (Week 1- Term 4, 2015) Student Attendance averages were:
  - Whole School – 94.8%
  - Prep – 93.9%
  - Yr 1 – 95.2% - Well done on reaching the school target
  - Yr 2 – 94.3%
  - Yr 3 – 93.4%
  - Yr 4 – 95.6% - Well done on reaching the school target
  - Yr 5 – 96.2% - Well done on reaching the school target and for being the best attending cohort!
  - Yr 6 – 95.3% Well done on reaching the school target

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.45AM!!**

**NUMERACY STRATEGIES Prep-4**

Numeracy is one of our school improvement priorities at Clinton. Here are some ideas that you can try at home around the topic of ‘measurement’:

Measuring and calculating

Here are some ideas about measurement at home:

- If you roll a toy car down a ramp, your child could measure how many car lengths it travelled.
- Record your child’s growth on a height chart. Compare the height of family members and talk about who is taller and who is shorter.
- Talk to your child about how much he or she weighed at birth and what other things have the same weight.
- Put a can of food into each of your child’s hands. Ask which one is heavier.
- Play using household objects, such as a measuring cup and containers of different sizes and shapes. It’s lots of fun doing this at bath time.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

Effervescent – Bubbly.

**READING TIPS**

**Asking Your Child Questions...**

By asking questions you can support your child to...

- Share their enjoyment of reading and writing
- Develop a better understanding about the characters or topics
- Develop a sense of empathy for others
- Develop their values, attitudes and beliefs about the world
- Broaden their experience and knowledge of the world
- Foster their imagination
- Consider the important points in what they are reading

These are the types of questions your child might be asked at school. You can include some of these questions when you talk about reading at home too.

**Reading questions require your child to get clues from the text to answer...**

- How do you think the character was feeling?
- How would you change the ending?
- How would you describe the changes in the character/setting?

These questions require your child to refer back to the text...

- What were the characters’ names?
- What was the setting
- What did each character do?
- What happened at the beginning, middle and end of the text?

The following questions require your child to think about the main messages ...

- What do you think is the main message in the story or text?
- Can you relate it to another event or issue?
- Do you agree with the views of the author?
- What is your opinion about the message in the story?
- How could other people see it differently?

**PREP ENROLMENT FOR 2016**

We are gearing up for our 2015 Prep enrolments. We already have a number of students enrolled at Clinton and have started preparing for the Orientation days for the children and the Information Sessions for the parents and caregivers.
Early entry to Prep

When do children start Prep in Queensland?
Queensland children are eligible to attend the Preparatory Year (Prep) if they will reach the age of 5 years by 30 June in the year they propose to attend Prep.

Who is eligible for early entry to Prep in Queensland?
Children whose birthday falls in the month of July, or children who have previously enrolled at school in another state or country, may be able to commence Prep early if they are assessed by the school principal as being ready for school. These are the only circumstances in which early entry to Prep is permitted under Queensland legislation.

A July birthday or previous school enrolment in another state or country does not guarantee early entry to Prep.

What should I consider before applying for early entry to Prep for my child?
In making a decision about a child’s early entry to Prep, you should consider what is in the child’s best interests for achieving success at school. All Queensland children are encouraged to take part in a government-approved kindergarten program delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher in the year before Prep. While a child may be extremely capable in certain areas of knowledge or have high levels of skill, they might not have developed the social or emotional maturity required for early entry to Prep and success at school.

How do I apply for early entry to Prep for my child?
If you are considering applying for early entry to Prep, you should first discuss your intention with the principal who will be able to provide information about the application process and the evidence required.

The application form is available from your local school or can be downloaded from the internet in the Enrolment at State Primary, Secondary and Special Schools procedure which can be found at http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Enrolment-in-State-Primary,-Secondary-and-Special-Schools.aspx.

Yes. The principal’s professional judgement is based on what is in the best educational interests of your child.

Is the Principal’s decision on early entry to Prep final?
Yes. If you decide not to proceed with early entry to Prep, please notify the principal.

Can I change my mind about enrolling my child in Prep?
Yes. If you wish to apply for early entry to Prep, you should first discuss your intention with the principal who will be able to provide information about the application process and the evidence required.

The principal will consider your application, possibly in consultation with school staff such as a guidance officer or Prep teacher, to determine whether your child meets the criteria for early entry to Prep.

The principal may invite you and your child to a meeting at the school to discuss and observe your child’s readiness for school.

The principal will notify you of his or her decision regarding early entry to Prep for your child and advise you of the enrolment process if appropriate.

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- Your application is not restricted to one page.
- You will need to show your child’s birth certificate or passport to the school as proof of your child’s age.
- You should also provide the principal with copies of any documentation that will assist in determining your child’s eligibility for early entry. This could include a transition statement from an approved kindergarten program or information from another early childhood education and care service, evidence of enrolment at a previous interstate or overseas school and report cards or other information from that school.
- You are NOT required to obtain specific assessment of your child’s school readiness from a psychologist, paediatrician or other childhood expert.

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