CLINTON SS NEWSLETTER
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SCHOOL ETHOS

OUR VISION:
Every Day, Every Child, Safe Respectful Learners

OUR MISSION:
Reading, Results, Wellbeing, Improvement, Teaching

OUR MOTTO:
Continually Striving to Succeed

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Visiting the school

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Eisteddfod: Instrumental Music - morning session - Instrumental Ensemble 4 – 8 players

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Combined Band and String Tour

BOYS SOCCER FINAL
Congratulations to Mr Brooks and the Boys Soccer Team who competed in the Toyworld Cup Final yesterday afternoon. Clinton were courageous despite their loss against the Callide Valley by 2-1. Well done, boys, we are all very proud of you.

EISTEDDFOD
We wish all of our students the very best as they compete in the Gladstone Eisteddfod this week. A number of our Instrumental Students are participating in the competition this week.

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**ABSENCES**
Regular attendance and punctuality by each student is necessary to maintain continuity of learning. Parents/caregivers must assume responsibility for the regular attendance and punctuality of their children. In the event of your child being absent or late it is the parent/caregiver’s responsibility to:

(a) contact the school by Email - Absences@clintonss.eq.edu.au
(b) send a note to the class teacher on the day your child returns to school.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
It is important that all students dress in the school uniform each day. The school uniform consists of the School Shirt, Bottle Green Shorts/Skorts, White/Black/Bottle Green Socks, Bottle Green Wide Brim Hat and Black Closed in Shoes. A minimal amount of jewellery is acceptable. Religious or Medi-Alert items are permitted. No makeup or fingernail polish is to be worn. We will be looking for students who are dressed in full school uniform and commending them on their commitment to the school in this way. Thank you for your assistance. A school full of students dressed accordingly encourages pride, safety and modesty.

**P&C MEETING**
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 September at 6.00 pm. All parents are very welcome.

**AIR CONDITIONING**
Each classroom block is fully air-conditioned. The level of coolness is maintained at approximately 24 and the air conditioning units comply with Australian Standards. We acknowledge the commitment of our school community to this initiative to provide a more comfortable learning environment for our students and staff.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND PROCEDURES**
No student should be at school before 8.15 am. If a child arrives before the 8.15 am bell then they must remain and sit (with their bag) in the Undercovered Area. At 8.40am students will be expected to prepare themselves for the day’s lessons i.e. submit homework, sharpen pencils, rule up pads, clean desks etc. CLASS LESSONS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8.45AM. If child arrives after 8.45am then they must proceed first to the Admin Office to collect a late slip before going to class. Parents/caregivers need to leave classrooms by 8.40am to enable classes to begin their work. School finishes at 2.45pm daily. Departure from school shall be immediate for those students who don’t take a bus. Bus students will wait quietly at designated bus stops.

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES**
Our school supports students and families who identify with these cultures. We actively work to enhance educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are embedded throughout our school curriculum and in the life of the school. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are welcome to join Ghun Gharn Bills which meets regularly for mutual encouragement.

**BANKING (STUDENT)**
This is conducted at school each Thursday. If you wish to open an account, please contact the school for details. Parents/caregivers may wish to volunteer as banking officers to assist with the collection and receipting of student banking.

**CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**
School equipment and facilities have been provided for the educational, recreational and social development of all students. All equipment must be handled with care at all times. Restitution arising from the destruction of such property will be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents/caregivers.

**2014 TERM 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM**
This year’s Term 4 School Swimming Program will operate on the following basis:

**Term 4 Swimming Lessons - Yr 3**
- Accredited Swimming Instructor – Mr Damien Bryant
- Swimming Instructor Assistants - Two Teacher Aides
- Volunteers – Five parent volunteers will be required
- Venue – South State School Pool
- Approx. Cost - $40 per student for swimming including bus transport
- Lesson Duration - 30 min lessons, giving each class 1 lesson per week for 4 weeks of lessons

**Notes:**
- Students are to sign out if going home with their parents
- Non-swimmers will be allocated across the remaining classes
- Students are to get changed at the pool
- Lessons commence in Week 3 of Term 4
- Lessons will occur on a Friday for all of our Yr 3 students in Wks 3/4/5/6
- Dates are: Friday 24 October, Friday 31 October, Friday 7 November and Friday 14 November

Permission letters will be sent home in due course.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

KID’S CAFÉ
Wednesday 3 September: Carol Power, Deidre McEvoy, Sherine Maitland
Thursday 4 September: Pam Wode, Vicki Fawkes, Elizabeth Hall.
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 5 September: Ruth Williams, Shirley Wright, Abiola Alabi, Deidre McEvoy, Nicole Hughes.

The tuckshop is asking for Parent helpers on fair night. If you can spare an hour of your time please see Gail Molloy in the tuckshop or alternatively give her a call on 49782512.

P & C NEWS
School Fair
The school fair will be held on the Thursday 11 September, 5-8:30pm. There will be class stalls, rides, the Clinton SS Choir and Orchestra, along with the drawing of the multi-draw and grocery raffles. There will be food for sale at our tuckshop and a brochure with more details will come home closer to the fair.

Grocery and Multi-draw Raffles
We require all tickets to be returned either sold or unsold by the 9th September. If you have sold all your tickets and would like some more please see the staff in the office.

If you would like to donate to the grocery raffle, you can do so by handing in non-perishable goods to your child’s teacher or the library. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their kind donations to the multi-draw raffle prizes and school fair stalls:
- GLNG, Cania Gorge Big 4 Holiday Park, Guzman Y Gomez, Delhi Kitchen Indian Restaurant, (Kirkwood), Rydges Gladstone, Zoom a Broom, Gladstone Uniform Shop, Ofi’s aqua massage centre, Innovations Hair Studio, Dan Murphy, Hungry Cow Café, Woolworths – Kin Kora, Coles Gladstone, Kmart, Sanity, BCF, Bunnings, Gladstone Flying Training and Air Charter, Scentsy, Yaralla Sports Club, Australia Post- Gladstone, Better Electrical, Open House, Cheesecake shop, McDonalds Gladstone, Golden Chicken, Smiggle, Lincraft, Chemist Warehouse, Airport Corporation, Liz Cunningham, Suncorp Stadium & the various parents who have donated gifts/cash.

Father’s Day Stall
Our Father’s Day stall will be held again in the library before school from 8:15-8:45 this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All bags will be $5.
Thank you to the ladies who volunteered their time to create the bags for sale.

CLINTON SCHOOL FAIR DOLL & TEDDY COMPETITION
2E will be holding the “Doll and Teddy Bear” competition as their class stall. The competition is open to students from Prep to Year 7. Categories that families can collect money for are:
- The Best Dressed
- The Cuddliest

COMMUNITY NOTICES
- Tannum Sands SHS Positions Vacant
  Permanent Part Time Teacher Aide
  12 hours per week (2 full days)
  Located in the School Resource Centre

Expressions of Interest
2 x Temporary Full Time Administration Officer Positions
From 15/09/2014 to 12/12/2014 with possibility of Extension
Application Packages can be collected from Tannum Sands SHS Administration Office or please contact Susanne Edwards – Business Services Manager for any further information (49799777) or email: shero4@eq.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 05th September 2014

STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P PARENTING SEMINAR
Where: Leo Zussno Building, Central Queensland University Marina, Gladstone
When: Wednesday 22 October
Time: 10am – 12pm
Cost: Free
Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2 – 12 years

For more information please contact Belinda O’Sullivan or Katrina Dalton on 49768317
This week at Clinton, our behaviour focus lesson will be about the appropriate way to enter and exit the classroom. Children are reminded that we need to do this in a SAFE and RESPECTFUL way.

We do this by:

- Walking safely up stairs
- Using an appropriate volume
- Walking inside the classroom
- If late, we knock on the door before we enter

EDCP NEWS

This week the children celebrate CSS Science Week by observing an experiment. When we added dishwashing liquid to a plate of milk and food colouring we watched a chemical reaction occur. The dishwashing liquid destroyed the surface tension of the milk, and made colourful patterns.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our School Band and Small Ensemble who both placed second in their Eisteddfod events yesterday. A very big thank you to Mr Duckham for all his hard work with these people.

Good luck to our String Orchestra and Small String Ensemble who will be competing Tuesday September 2nd in their events. These groups will all be performing at our Spring Fair on Thursday September 11. The Band and Ensemble will play at 5.15 and then the Orchestra and String Ensemble will play at 5.40. These performances will be under the shade pod area in front of the music room.

Choir letters and permission forms will be sent home to those students involved this week. The choirs are competing on Tuesday September 16 in the morning session.

Instrumental Recruiting for 2015

All students in years 2 and 3 should have received a note regarding recruiting for our Instrumental Program for 2015. Please return any expressions of interest to the school office by September 19. Students in years 4 and 5 who are interested please see Mrs Addison in the music room for a form.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Boys Soccer Team who were courageous and valiant in their defeat against Callide Valley (2-1) in the Toyworld Soccer Cup Final yesterday. We are SO proud of you, boys! Thanks to Mr Brooks for his outstanding coaching of the boys throughout the season (even spending Friday afternoons - after school - working with the team).