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

PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

CLINTON SS 40th ANNIVERSARY

Make sure that you have set aside the 11 September from 5.00 pm – 8.30 pm for the School Fair and 40th Birthday celebrations.

BOOK WEEK DAY

We will be having our Book Week Day Celebrations tomorrow, Wednesday 13th August. The P-3 students will be undertaking their Book Week activities in the morning session and the Yr 4-7s will be having their Book Week activities in the middle session.

We are encouraging all of the students to dress up as their favourite book character. Please do not go and buy anything extra, the students are encouraged to use things that they already have at home for their costume.

Just a friendly reminder that students need to still wear covered-in shoes and a broad-brim/bucket hat for play time.

This will be a fun event with the activities being held on the Yr 1-2 Oval as in past years.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

Wednesday 13 August
Book Week Celebration Day – Dress Up

Friday 15 August
Instrumental Music Student excursion to the Marina to see the Old Symphony Orchestra

Monday 18 August
Whole School Parade at 2.15 in the Hall

Monday 18 August – 22 August
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 25 August
Cohort Parades 1.30 – 2.00 for Yrs 2/3/4 in the Hall 2.15 – 2.45 for Prep-Yr 1 in the Undercovered Area 2.15 – 2.45 for Yrs 5/6/7 in the Undercovered Area

Thursday 11 September
School Fair 40th Party

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Parent/Teacher Interview Week is scheduled for Mon 18/8/014 to Fri 22/08/14. Make sure that you book a date, via email, with your child’s teacher, to discuss your child’s progress.

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PHAT TIME
PHAT stands for ‘Pretty Huge Activity Time’ and is a reward that we have in place, at the end of the Term, for all those children who have reached GOLD or have maintained GOLD over the term.

The Behaviour Team have agreed that PHAT will now change for Term 3 and Term 4. The children will no longer do their PHAT at lunch time as was the case previously.

On behalf of Clinton State School, we want to say how much we have appreciated Pastor James and the Port City Church who organised PHAT games for our end of term reward for our Gold Level Behaviour students. These have been very well received and the work that they have done in this area, for our school, has been fantastic!

PHAT will now be done at a choice of 3 times – 10:15 – 10:45, 12:30 – 1:00 or 2:15 – 2:45 and classes will go out for a game on a particular oval – either the 1 / 2 oval, the 3 / 4 oval or the 5 / 6 / 7 oval.

Two classes at time will go out together to play the game on one of the ovals. At the end of their game, they can come to the undercover area and receive an ice block. The silver and bronze level students who are not participating in PHAT will stay with another class. We will organise an SWPBS type activity for those kids to work on while their class is at PHAT.

BOTANIC TO BRIDGE
ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO!!!! Register now!
See if you can beat Mrs Rowe, Mr Bryant and Mrs Brown in Botanic to Bridge race. Botanic to Bridge is coming up very soon!!!!

This is a very easy way for us to fundraise for our school with all student entries being donated directly back to the school. Last year the GPA also matched this amount for each school. With adult and teacher entries half of the entry fee is also donated back to the school. We are promoting this event to the students. Mrs Rowe will be running in both the 8km and the 3km again this year. So who is going to join her!?!? In at least the 3km. Let’s face it we could all walk 3kms. So who wants to join us???? It was fun racing last year and it is the easiest way to raise money for the school. Turn up, walk/ run 3km, enjoy the expo after and then go home!!!

PREP A GLADSTONE SHOW ENTRIES
Congratulations to Mrs Duggan and Prep A who won 1 x ‘1st’, 2 x ‘2nds’ and 8 x ‘Highly Commendeds’ at the Gladstone Show Schools’ Competition. Clint the Frog (our School Mascot) had the honour of presenting the awards in the Prep A class last week.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING
The Australian Government has declared last Thursday, 7 August 2014 to be a National Day of Mourning to honour the innocent victims of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17. As a mark of mourning and respect for the many victims, including Queenslanders, and in accordance with national protocol, the Australian and Queensland flags were flown at half-mast all day.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Clinton State School is helping out others in need and are asking for small, light gifts that can be easily transported. Please no food/lollies, breakable or perishable items. We also need show boxes to collect the items in.

If you can help by donating anything at all the children would be very appreciative. If you would like further information please contact Michelle Emery mreme0@eq.edu.au or come and see me after school in P/1/2. Items can be delivered to the P/1/2 classroom or the office.

LIFE EDUCATION
Life Education is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that works with our partner schools to deliver an essential curriculum-based program empowering children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices that could impact on their futures. We have been around for over 35 years and reached around 5 million children in that time. Our school program consists of 15 age-appropriate modules that complement the Australian curriculum. The Life Education program is coming to Clinton State School from Monday 25 August to Tuesday 9 September.

The free parent information session with presenter Kimberly Sayre will be held on Monday 25 August from 1.45-2.45pm. Student sessions are $4.00 per student and this includes the module presentation and a student booklet for follow-up classroom activities. Please return the parent slip and student permission and payment to the school.

Further information about Life Education can be found at http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/

KID’S CAFÉ
Wednesday 13 August: Carol Power, Tracy Brown, Lehr Pollock, Deidre McEvoy.
Thursday 14 August: Pam Wode, Jennifer Wang, Elizabeth Hall.
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 15 August: Ruth Williams, Shirley Wright, Abiola Alabi, Deidre McEvoy, Nicole Hughes.

PREP to Grade 3 MUST have lunches in paper bags. Please provide 2 bags if your child is having 1st and 2nd break Children are only allowed to come to the tuckshop with money for iceblocks at 2nd break this service is not available at 1st break.

BOOKCLUB
New catalogues will be coming out shortly all orders must be in by the 29 August. Please remember no cash will be accepted by our wonderful bookclub co-ordinator.

SCHOOL FAIR
Our school P& C will be holding its annual School Fair on the 11 September. If anyone is able to donate a prize towards the multi-draw raffle or the grocery raffle it would be appreciated. We will collect the grocery items closer to the fair date, however any donations for the multi-draw raffle can be handed into either the office or library anytime. Thank you for supporting our school.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK
Join Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre and Gladstone Harbour Watch to Explore Environmental Science.
Date: Tuesday 19 August 2014
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location: Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre, 61 Malpas Street, Boyne Island

For more information please phone 1800241245.

This is a great free event for families, primary school aged students and anyone with an interest in science and/or the environment!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SOFTBALL BATTER UP
Softball Batter Up is a fun, game based development program
When: Saturday Mornings 9am-11am starting 30 August
Where: Gladstone Softball Fields, Memorial Park Hanson Rd
How Much: $65 inclusive of all activities and a pack
For more information phone Shane Finley on 0418792919.
SWPBS FROM MRS GEHLE

This week at Clinton, our SWPBS focus is on using POLITE LANGUAGE. Children are reminded of the importance of always using polite language when interacting with all peers and adults. They are reminded that it is important:

To use the appropriate tone
To use manners at all times

- To remember that some words that are allowed at HOME are not always appropriate at SCHOOL.

WORD OF THE WEEK FROM MRS EBORNE

WRITING CORNER

Fantastic Prep Writing from Molly G in Prep E ☺

PREP ENROLMENT FOR 2015

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.

What can families do to prepare their child for school?

There are many things that families can do to help make a child's transition to school successful including:

- getting to know as much about the school as they can
- talking with their child about school
- taking their child to the school to meet the teachers and to find out where things are
- making sure their child knows the transport arrangements for getting to and from school
- getting to know other families with children who will be in the same class as their child
- talking with their child about eating, toileting and hygiene at school
- making sure their child has had experiences of public toilets, public libraries and if relevant, public transport
- if appropriate, ensuring their child knows how before and after school hours care will work
- answering their child's questions about school
- reading some children's books about starting school with their child
- always being positive and realistic about starting school.

(Taken from Our family is starting school - a handbook for parents and carers - Bob Perry, Sue Dockett: 2006)

Kindergarten programs

Enrolling a child in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten program (http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/kindy/index.html) before they go to school will lay the foundation for their future success in school and life. Children can participate in a kindergarten program in the year before they start Prep. This means children will be at least four years old by 30 June that year.

Towards the end of a child's Kindergarten Year, teachers in collaboration with the children, their families, and support personnel develop a transition statement (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/families/transition.html). Families may choose to pass on a copy of the transition statement to the school as part of their child's transition into the Prep Year.

Starting school

In Queensland, Prep is the first year of schooling. Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they start Prep (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/families/prep.html). Prep is a full time program and children attend from Monday to Friday during normal school hours.
Starting Prep is an important time for all concerned. Children are often excited by their move from kindergarten to school, families are aware of their children growing up and educators often look forward to a new year with a new group of children. For many children and families, along with the excitement goes a sense of anxiety - a sense of not being exactly sure what will happen and what school will be like.

There are some simple steps you can take to help make your child's first day of Prep more enjoyable and relaxed.

**Getting your child set for Prep**

Starting school can be an exciting but stressful time for you and your child. For some children it may be the first time that they have been away from their parents. They may be going into a strange environment with unfamiliar people and things around them. There are some simple steps you can take to help make your child's time at school more enjoyable and relaxed. Encourage your child to be independent by helping them get used to:

- putting on and doing up his or her shoes
- eating and drinking without help (opening lunchboxes, wrapping and unwrapping school lunches and drinking from drink bottles)
- caring for and putting away play things
- using a handkerchief or tissue
- going to the toilet independently
- using playground equipment safely
- carrying his or her own bag
- identifying his or her own belongings

Work with your child to develop his or her communication skills. Help your child to:

- make his or her own needs known
- use appropriate greetings
- respond verbally when spoken to.

Familiarise your child with the school environment and routine by:

- driving or walking by the school a few times so that the school becomes a familiar place
- attending an orientation program or open day so you can meet your child's teacher and see the classroom
- showing your child where to put his or her things, such as a school bag and hat
- making sure your child knows how to get home from school safely or where to wait for you in the afternoon or where to go for after-school care
- visiting the school, if possible, when other children are there so that your child can get used to the number of children, the playground and the movement of children around school grounds
- introducing your child to other children in the neighbourhood who will be attending the same school
- asking the school what equipment and materials are needed such as school bag, library bag and hat. Make sure all possessions are clearly labelled with your child's name
- checking with your pre-Prep provider (kindy, childcare) about how they can help children make a smooth transition to school
- encourage children to understand that teachers are at school to help.

**MUSIC NEWS FROM MRS ADDISON**

We have a musical group visiting our school on Thursday August 21.

This group called The Chambermaids is sponsored by Musica Viva, an Australia wide association which promotes live music to over 400,000 students and is supported by all state Education Departments. Details of this concert will be coming home shortly. Cost $4 per student.

**INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON BUSES**

**Students Responsibilities are:**

- following driver instructions
- following the bus rules and the Code
- respecting self and others
- respecting own property and the property of others
- communicating respectfully with others
- accepting consequences for bus misconduct.

**Students’ expected behaviours**

- Hail the bus and wait in an orderly manner
- Respect other people and their property
- Behave in a way the ensures a safe bus journey for all passengers by:
  - Following bus rules
  - Staying in the right place
  - Behaving in a calm, non-aggressive way
  - Keeping hands and feet to self
  - Speaking politely storing all objects safely
  - Get off the bus in an orderly manner
  - Follow the driver’s safety instructions

**Parent’ and carers’ responsibilities**

- To ensure that their children are capable of travelling independently on the bus.
- To ensure their children have an understanding of the Code and the bus rules.
- To communicate respectfully with the operator, school and transport staff.
- To teacher their children about bus safety and consequences for misconduct.
- To demonstrate appropriate bus travel behaviours to their children.
- To co-operate with the school and bus operator in managing bus misconduct.
- To ensure the safe travel of their children to and from the bus stop.
- To be available for discussions about the behaviour of their children.

**Parents’ and careers’ expected behaviours**

- To provide their children with the correct bus fare
- To cooperate with their children’s school and the bus operator in discussing behaviour incidents and in implementing any agreed disciplinary action
- To communicate with the bus operator and the school about their children’s bus transport and respond to phone and written communication.
- To address concerns about their children’s bus travel by promptly contacting the bus operator so that relevant issues can be managed using the procedures outlined in the Code.