Principal: Mr Reid Thompson  
P&C President: Mr Jeff Hogeveen
Deputy Principal: Mrs Heidi James  
P&C Vice President: Mr Anthony Smith
Head Special Education: Ms Keryn Potter  
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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

EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all of our school performers at the Eisteddfod last week. Our school groups attained an array of ‘place-gettings’ and we are so proud of them. Special thanks to Mrs Addison, Miss Smith and Mr Duckham for all of their work with the children in their preparation for this event.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

A huge thanks to Mrs Dunnett, Mrs Gray, Mrs Allen, and Mrs Molloy for their wonderful work in setting up and operating the Fathers’ Day Stall last week. We truly appreciate all of your work.

TEACHER AIDE APPRECIATION DAY

Well done to our Teacher Aides who helped celebrate TA Day with a delicious Morning Tea last Thursday. Thanks so much for all of your wonderful work at Clinton SS! Our Teacher Aides do an amazing job at our school. Teacher Aide support in classrooms is the oxygen that Teachers need in order to accomplish the Herculean task of educating young people. If you get a chance, it would be great if you gave a word of encouragement and appreciation to our Teacher Aides to recognise them on this special day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 11 September
School Fair 40th Party

Friday 12 September
Combined Band and String Tour at Clinton State School (1:45pm-2:30pm)

Monday 15 September
Whole School Parade 2.15 – 2.40 in the Hall

Thurs 18 Sept
Youth Parliament Excursion in Rockhampton – Kerry Harris and Reid Thompson

Thurs 18 Sept
Instrumental Music Excursion – Robyn Addison and Kathy Roberts

Fri 19th September
Last Day of Term 3

Mon 6th October
Public Holiday
NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS
Year 3, 5 and 7 students will receive their 2014 NAPLAN individual student reports today.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE BREAKFAST
Today was the last day that the Breakfast Club will be held this term. There will be no Breakfast Club next week (Tues 16 Sept) and it will reconvene in the second week of Term 4 on Tuesday 14th October.

PHAT TIME
All of the students who have attained Gold Level Behaviour status will be invited to participate in PHAT (Pretty Huge Activity Time) throughout next week. Students who have received 1 or less White Referral Card will be moving up a behaviour level. This means that students can move from Bronze to Silver or from Silver to Gold.

END OF TERM
Next Friday (19 September) is the last day of Term 3. School will resume on Tuesday 7 October and this is the first day back for students in Term 4. Please note that Monday 6 October is a Public Holiday for Labour Day.

BOOK WORK AWARDS
The End of Term Book Work Awards will be judge next week and awards will be issued on parade by Mr and Mrs Alexander (Past Principal and Past Teacher). It will be wonderful to see the outstanding quality of the students' book work.

SKATEBOARDS and ROLLER BLADES
Please note that students are not allowed to bring skateboards or roller blades to school. This is part of our School Policy and one of our school rules. These items will be confiscated for the day if they are brought to school. The reason for this is that these items are less safe than scooters and bikes. In addition, due to the easier access to these items, there is potential for property theft and/or loss. As a result these items sit within the ‘toys, cards and games’ category of items not to be brought 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 (or school bucket hat) and Black (or White) 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.

GOOD REASONS TO WEAR UNIFORMS
A uniform is must for a school as it helps in creating a sense of identity and a sense of belonging. A uniform helps in creating a disciplined atmosphere in schools.

Uniforms don't cost a fortune. School uniforms are available across a range of prices so that every pupil can afford it. On the other hand, if pupils are allowed to shun their uniforms, and turn up in any costume they want, it will definitely create a divide between pupils who can afford stylish clothes and those who are from modest backgrounds.

Consider schools where wearing uniform is not compulsory. Pupils try to show off their latest sneakers, the brand of their clothes and the range of their accessories. In an atmosphere like this, pupils who come from humble backgrounds will either find themselves ostracized or they will push their parents in getting the same things as their mates. A uniform acts a great leveller, and there is no distinction between the rich and the poor.

A uniform makes a student more responsible in their social life. It acts as an identification for them when they are traveling to and from school. It prevents students from indulging in anti-social behaviour as they can easily be identified in their uniform.

In summary school uniforms are beneficial because they:
• Encourage discipline
• Help students resist peer pressure to buy trendy clothes
• Help identify intruders in the school
• Diminish economic and social barriers between students
• Increase a sense of belonging and school pride
• Improve attendance

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
To ensure the safety of all students, staff and other persons, all personnel will participate in regular emergency practices. If you are within the school grounds/buildings at this time you are requested to follow the directions of the nearest staff member. Procedures for EVACUATION and LOCK DOWN are clearly displayed in each room of our school site.

HEAD LICE
From time to time, head lice occurs at school and in the community. Parents/caregivers will be notified if a case of head lice is suspected. Remedies for this condition are available at all chemists. In the interest of all students, a student may be excluded from school for repeated non-compliance with the recommended course of action.

Parents have the prime responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children.
Schools take into account that the main route of transmission for head lice is head-to-head contact and promote general measures that help in the prevention of infestations.

Students suspected of having live head lice or eggs present in their hair are not removed from class or school. When head lice are suspected in the school, students are provided with an alert notice (http://www.health.qld.gov.au/headlice/schools/letters.asp) to take home to their families requesting immediate treatment be commenced.

Regards

Reid Thompson
Principal

CLINTON HAPPENINGS

KID’S CAFÉ
Wednesday 10 September: Carol Power, Deidre McEvoy, Lehr Pollock
Thursday 11 September: Pam Wode, Vicki Fawkes, Elizabeth Hall.
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 12 September: Ruth Williams, Shirley Wright, Abiola Alabi, Deidre McEvoy, Nicole Hughes.

THURSDAY TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop will only be available FIRST BREAK on Thursday due to the fair. We are still looking for helpers on the night so if you can spare an hour of your time please see Gail in the tuckshop.

All money for the fair rides must be in by 3pm Thursday.

P & C NEWS

SCHOOL FAIR
The school fair will be held on the Thursday 11 September, 5.00-8:30pm. 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 display of photographs of the last 40 years at Clinton in the library.

The Clinton School Anniversary Cook Book will be on sale on Fair night for $15. They will not be sold prior to this date. If we sell out on fair night, a second order will be made, for anyone who orders and pays for a cook book on fair night.

Grocery and Multi-draw Raffles
We require all tickets to be returned either sold or unsold by today 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 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.

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

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
SWPBS FROM MRS GEHLE

Children are reminded that they need to:

- Sit on their bottom in the correct eating area to eat their lunch
- Eat SANDWICHES (or alternative) and healthy foods first
- Use a quiet voice when talking with friends
- Keep rubbish with them until they have finished
- Put their rubbish in the bin
- Walk when moving to the bin
- Make sure the area is clean and tidy

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our instrumental students who competed in the Gladstone Eisteddfod last week. The Small Ensemble, String Ensemble and School Band all placed second and the String Orchestra third in their respective events.

Next week sees our two choirs competing on Tuesday morning. Good luck to these students also.

The Band and Orchestra will be performing at the Spring Fair on Thursday night. Band playing at 5.15 (meet in the instrumental music room at 5.00) and the Orchestra at 5.40 (meet in the instrumental music room at 5.25).

Students need to bring their instrument and own music for this performance, casual clothes to be worn. Instruments can be left in the instrumental room for the evening if necessary however the room will be locked at 7.30 once all the performances have finished.

A reminder that we are recruiting for our Instrumental Program for next year. All year 2 and 3 students will have received a note regarding this during the past week. If you have a student in year 4 or 5 who is interested please see Mrs Addison for a note.

SPORTS NEWS

Last Thursday afternoon, 8 of our Clinton girls competed in the annual Twilight Netball Carnival. The girls were undefeated and WON their 4 of their 5 games with an 8 – 8 draw in their final game. The girls showed fantastic sportsmanship and represented themselves and Clinton State School respectfully. Our netball girls were:

Suskia Paitai
Melanie Hanlon
Tiaan Herde
Victoria Shannon
Lanie English
Laney Sessarago-McConnell
Grace Mews
Keeley Dillon

WORD OF THE WEEK

reciprocate
Meaning: To give in return
How to use this word: Jenny took her friend to the movies so her friend Mollie will reciprocate by taking Jenny out to dinner.

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information:

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts
Last week’s Student Attendance average was:

- **WHOLE SCHOOL – 91.78%**
  - Prep – 88.56%
  - Yr 1 – 91.64% (increase from last week)
  - Yr 2 – 94.14% (increase from last week)
  - Yr 3 – 91.08%
  - Yr 4 – 91.36%
  - Yr 5 – 94.32% (increase from last week)

Congratulations Yr 5 on topping the attendance figures ☺☺☺

- Yr 6 – 90.84% (increase from last week)
- Yr 7 – 93.20% (increase from last week)

**OUR GOAL IS 95%**

At Clinton State School we aim to uphold Education Queensland’s vision and regard attendance as one of our main priority areas within the school context. Staff work hard to establish relationships with families and government agencies within the community to boost attendance. We believe that **“everyday counts”**. We recognise that consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation. We seek parent and caregivers’ support to ensure that our students come to school every day when they are well.

**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
- The Trendiest
- The Smallest

A permission form for your child to enter and receive a money box is attached below. Families may ask friends and relatives to sponsor their doll or teddy by placing a coin or coins in the money box. Prizes will be given to the students who raise the most money for their entered category.

Dolls, teddies and money boxes should be brought to school and taken to Mr Smiths’ classroom on the morning of the School Fair, Thursday 11th September. The winner of each category will receive a $10 gift voucher.

Please return the permission form to Mr Smith (2E) and you will receive your money box.

**“DOLL & TEDDY” COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

I give permission for my Child,

in Class ...........

to take part in “Doll and Teddy” Competition for Clinton School Fair.

Please tick the category that your child will be entering in:
- The Best Dressed
- The Cuddliest
- The Trendiest
- The Smallest