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

CROSS COUNTRY
This Wednesday 1 April is Cross Country Day for Clinton SS. The children are encouraged to wear their House colours.

House Groups
Gowrie: Blue  Maroochi: Yellow  Witchetty: Red  Bunyip: Black or white

Starting Times: Note times are approximate only.
- 12 years Girls/Boys -- 9:00am  11 years Girls/Boys -- 9:20am
- 10 years Girls/Boys -- 9:35am  9 years Girls/Boys -- 9:50am
- Grade 3 Girls/Boys -- 10:05am  Grade 2 Girls/Boys -- 10:20am
- Grade 1 Girls/Boys -- 10:30am  Prep years Girls/Boys -- 10:40am

The starts have been staggered 10-15 minutes apart as each group should all be finished within 15 minutes and this will help avoid any confusion at the finish. The P – 3 may want to come down to the oval at 9:50am. There will be a water table with plastic cups set up on the oval for students completing two laps – the 11 and 12 year olds. All students will be strongly encouraged to drink prior to and at the finish of their event.

Distances for Age Groups
- Prep year will run their small course. (approx. 300m)
- Grade 1 will run their small course. (approx. 300m)
- Grade 2 will run their small course. (approx. 300m)
- Grade 3 will run 1 lap of the course. (approx. 900m)
  - 9 year olds will run 1 lap of the course (approx. 900m)
  - 10 year olds will run 1 lap of the course (approx. 900m)
  - 11 year olds will run 2 laps of the course (approx. 1800m)
  - 12 year olds will run 2 laps of the course (approx. 1800m)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 1st April
Clinton Cross Country Day

Thursday 2nd April
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 20th April
First Day of Term 2

Monday 20th April
Whole School Parade in the Hall

Friday 24th April
Clinton SS ANZAC Service

Friday 24th April
Year 3 Star Lab evening

Saturday 25th April
Gladstone ANZAC Day
March at 10 am

Monday 27th April
Cohort Parades
2/3 in the Hall at 1.30 pm
P/1 in the Hall at 2.15 pm
4/5/6 in the UCA at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 28th April
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 28th April and
Wednesday 29th April
IM Ice Creamery performance
KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

ATTENDANCE
Our overall attendance rate is currently 94.35%. Our goal is 95%. This is a very important time of the term, with a considerable amount of assessment being conducted across the school. It is vital that every child is present and working during the week until the Easter holidays.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS
No student will be permitted to leave the grounds without the proper written authority at any time. To release a student from class during normal school routine, the following is required:

- A request must be made from a custodial parent/caregiver via email, fax, phone, in writing, or in person.
- Parents/caregivers are to report to the school office where a departure slip will be issued and signed to take to the class teacher before a student is released.
- Students are to report to the school office with an authorised adult before returning to class.
- Under NO circumstances will a student be released from class to meet parents/caregivers at the front gate or public areas.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES
Parents are required to drop their children off at the office if they are late to school. Our Front Office ladies will issue a late-slip to the students and the students will then walk up to class on their own.

If parents require an early pick-up, please alert the front office so that arrangements can be made for you to pick up your children from the front office. Please do not go to classrooms to pick up students. We hope that this arrangement will minimise the disruption to teaching in classrooms.

PARKING
Public car parking provided by the Gladstone City Council is available on Harvey Road. In the interest of the safety of all students, parents/caregivers and visitors are requested to:

- adhere to the traffic signs in Harvey Road
- drive carefully near the school as childrens’ actions can be unpredictable.
- obey the crossing supervisors’ directions.
- avoid double parking in any areas.
- not park within the school reserve.
- not park in the Administration Block area
- use the 2-minute drop off and collection area in a legal and considerate manner. (STOP, DROP, GO)

Your co-operation and courtesy in this matter will maintain our excellent safety record.

CLINTON SS BOAT ENTRY
We are led by Captain Duggan as we enter a boat in the Gladstone Boat Harbour Festival Race. Please come down and cheer Clinton SS on as we endeavour to sail the Gladstone Seas to victory. Special thanks to Mrs Duggan and the staff at Clinton for their work and assistance with this endeavour.

DISCO THANKS
Special thanks to all those who assisted at the disco last Friday evening. It was a great night and we appreciate all of your work.

END OF SCHOOL
This coming Thursday marks the end of Term 1 for our 2015 School Year. There will be no school on Friday as this is the Good Friday Public Holiday. School resumes for students on Monday 20 April. I wish to take this opportunity of wishing you a wonderful Easter Break with your family.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal
RAFT RACE
Clinton teachers will once again be participating in the annual Harbour Festival Raft Race. This year it will be held at 9:30am on Saturday, outside the Yacht Club. The crew will be looking delicious, in their Willy Wonka inspired raft. Come on down, say hello and show your support. If you are photographed with the best Clinton sign, or are the best Clinton Supporter, you will win a prize!

HARBOUR FESTIVAL PARADE
The parade float is almost ready to go! Thank you to the staff and parents who have helped so far. If your child wishes to join us on Friday, please fill in a permission form from the office. Permission forms MUST be returned to the office no later than Thursday morning. These forms must be forwarded on to the organisers of the parade. Children cannot participate without a permission form.
For those participating, please be at the Lincraft carpark no later than 5:30pm on Friday 3rd April. Parents can join their children, or collect them from the Mission to Seafarers at the end of the parade.
We look forward to seeing you along the parade route!

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM
This term Clinton SS has been involved in two Gladstone Cluster Extended Learning Programs.

On 18 March, Kaitlyn, Olivia, Spencer and Bethany from Year 6 represented Clinton at the Maths Challenge day held at Calliope SS. The students solved many maths problems, some even involving Smarties!

On 27 March, Year 4 students Romriel, Keelee and Rachelle participated in the program ‘Make Music, then Move to the Groove’. This involved students creating their own music using audacity and then creating dance moves to match.

Thank you to parents for providing transport for these events.

KID’S CAFÉ
Wednesday 1 April: Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Sherine Maitland, Diana Hayman.

CLINTON HAPPENINGS

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