WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to school after the Spring Break. I trust that you had an enjoyable holiday with your children. We are looking forward to the term ahead and working hard to improve learning outcomes for all students.

TERM 4 WELCOME
We welcome:
- Mr Joshua Kearney who will be teaching the Yr 5B from the start of Week 3 of this term
- Miss Tayla Campbell who will be teaching classes across the school (replacing teachers who are engaging in the Running Record program) commencing from the start of Week 3 of this term

YEAR 4 CAMP
The Year 4 cohort is conducting a one-night sleepover camp at the school hall on Friday 16th October. The children are to arrive at the hall at 5:00 pm and are to be collected promptly at 8:00 am Saturday morning. They will have pizza for tea as well as supper later that night. Breakfast will be supplied on Saturday morning before pickup.

On arrival, parents are invited to stay for a short duration to watch the students perform a variety of bush dances that they learnt throughout our Term 2 Dance unit. On conclusion of the bush dance, parents are to farewell their child and teachers will organise students for rotational activities. A ‘G’ rated movie will be played later on in the night.
SAUSAGE SIZZLE BREAKFAST
Just a courtesy note to let you know that Breakfast Club starts back next Tuesday 12th October.

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.

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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Students are encouraged to attend school on every school day unless they are ill. Currently, we are visiting classes to encourage school attendance and the wearing of the full school uniform. A game of ‘Letter Bingo’ is conducted with the children to award a ‘Gotcha’ to selected students who are on track with their uniform and attendance.

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.

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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

Prep Enrolment Packages available now!
Phone: 49789333
Email: admin@clintonss.eq.edu.au
Website: www.clintonss.eq.edu.au

PREP INTERVIEWS

COMBINED SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE
Well done to our students who were involved in the Combined Schools Performance Tour at the end of last term. The students sounded and look great.

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.

KID’S CAFÉ
Wednesday 7 October: Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Lear Pollock Tracy Brown
Thursday 8 October: Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 9 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.

Lisa Plumridge Resilience Seminar for parents at 5pm in the Library Tuesday 13 October–MORE INFORMATION to be included as it comes to hand
This week at Clinton, our SWPBS lesson is SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS – BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LEARNING. Students will be reminded that need to:

- Listen for learning during class time when sitting at their desk, on the carpet or in group activities
- Embrace learning activities
- Do their best
- Complete their work
- Be a team member

Students will also be reminded that to be responsible for their learning they need to:

- Be organised for the day
- Listen & concentrate fully
- Ask questions for clarification
- Keep hands to yourself
- Follow instructions
- Work cooperatively in groups
- Stay focused on the task
- Enter / leave the room quietly
- Use manners
- Sit still and quietly
- Use an indoor voice
- Complete all work
- Respect others’ ideas
- Welcome visitors
- Show respect

ATTENDANCE

Last week’s (Week 9- Term 3, 2015) Student Attendance average were:

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- Whole School – 88.40%
  - Prep – 88.50%
  - Yr 1 – 86.30%
  - Yr 2 – 88.90%
  - Yr 3 – 89.40%
  - Yr 4 – 91.30%
  - Congratulations on topping the school attendance figures!
  - Yr 5 – 86.00%
  - Yr 6 – 88.30%

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.45AM!!

NUMERACY STRATEGIES Prep-4

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

- Looking at parking signs and discussing the time restrictions when parking the car.
- Looking at a calendar together and marking important dates. Talk about how many days until each event.
- Using a watch with a second hand, time your child running, skipping or swimming. Count how many steps, skips or strokes one child does in a minute. Discuss how many steps or skips could happen in three minutes.
- Having your child help set a kitchen timer or an alarm clock.
- Asking your child to make a label with the ‘use by’ date for meat or cooked foods that are to be frozen.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Assemblage - A gathering.

READING TIPS

Reading hints - Prep to Year 3

While your child will be engaged in a variety of reading activities at school, it is also important to encourage your child to read outside the classroom.

Here are some ideas that may help you support your child’s reading development:
• talk with your child about the things they like to read - picture books, books about dinosaurs, 'how-to-make' instructions, catalogues, signs, computer games
• ask your child to retell their favourite stories
• read with your child each day if you can - before bed, first thing in the morning, whenever it is convenient for the family
• ask questions while reading to your child to check they understand what they are reading such as Why do you think that happened? What do you think will happen next? and Why do you think the author included that part in the story?
• give your child time when they get stuck on a word - take it slowly - encourage your child to read on to get the overall meaning or tell them the word
• let your child see you reading
• read and write with your child in their first language
• visit the local library and encourage your child to choose reading material that they will enjoy
• collect books and display reading materials in your home such as books, newspapers, magazines
• point out printed words found at home and in your child's local environment including long, short, funny or interesting words
• share with your child a range of electronic materials such as websites, email, text messages, computer games
• share with your child a range of visual texts such as photos, illustrations, cartoons, comics
• make books or other reading materials with your child about topics of interest or shared experiences - a holiday photo album, a book about insects, signs for their bedroom
• create a special place for your child to read, write or draw
• make a message board or space at home and encourage your child to read and leave messages for other family members
• create word walls in places where your child spends a lot of time such as their bedroom
• carry a book or magazine with you when you are out - waiting at the doctor, waiting for the bus

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)