CLINTON SS NEWSLETTER
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SCHOOL ETHOS

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

OUR MISSION: CLINT - Champion, Literacy, Improvement, Numeracy, Teaching

OUR MOTTO: Continually Striving to Succeed

TUCKSHOP APPRECIATION DAY
We really appreciate the great work that Mrs Molloy and her team do through the Tuckshop. It was a great opportunity last Friday to recognise our wonderful Tuckshop Team and say ‘Thank you’ for the great work that they do each and every week.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
This year, we remember the signing of the armistice in 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th month that concluded what we now call the First World War or the great war of 1914-1918. We marked this occasion as a whole school, with a minutes silence whilst students were in their eating areas. A local service to remember all Australian Service men and women, who gave their lives because of war or subsequently from the effects of war, will be held at ANZAC Park. Clinton was represented by our Admin Team and our School Captains.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day Service – 10.45 – 11.00 in the UCA

Friday 13th November
School Disco – Sports Star Theme

Monday 16th November
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 17th November
P&C Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 18th November
Yr 5 Leadership Speeches in the Hall at 9.00 am

Friday 20th November
Free Dress Day – red and Green

Monday 23rd November
Cohort Parades
2/3 in the Hall at 1.30pm
P/1 in the Hall at 2.15pm
4/5/6 in the UCA at 2.15pm

Wednesday 25th November
9.30-10.45am
PREP Orientation Session
Three

Thursday 3rd December
Love of Learning Celebrate
2016 Yr 6 SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES
Successful applicants for all 2016 leadership positions will be giving a 2 min speech at a special Yr 5 parade on Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 9.00 am in the hall before the voting takes place. All applicants have been notified and we look forward to hearing their wonderful speeches at that time.

SCHOOL DISCO
The next school disco will be held this Friday 13 Nov at 5.30 – 7.00 for the Prep – Yr 3s and at 7.15 – 9.00 for the Yr 4-Yr 7s. The School Student Council has set the theme of the disco as ‘Sports Stars’. Please remember that only Gold and Silver Level students will be able to attend School Discos. Students will be reminded of their level before the disco held this term. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our Behaviour Support Teacher, Mrs Gehle. Only students who attend Clinton SS can attend.

Please also note that this disco is for Clinton SS Students only. For safety purposes, students from other school will not be allowed to attend and parents are required to pick up their children from the hall.

CLINTON STATE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY - OSHC - $100.00 gift voucher to be won.
To assist us in providing an OSHC program that meets both your and your child's individual requirements, and to understand what is important to your family we would appreciate if you could please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey. Please include your name and contact details to be eligible to go into the draw to win a $100 gift voucher. (One survey per family). Follow this link to complete the survey online; https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015clinton2 Or email accounts@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to get a copy emailed to you. Hard copies are also available at the service. The survey closes on 27 November 2015.

PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS
Now is the time to enrol in Prep for 2016. 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.
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. The next Prep Orientation will be held on Wednesday 25 November at 9.30 – 10.45.

P&C MEETING
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 November 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.

FREE DRESS DAY
Our next Free Dress Day will be held on Friday 20 November and the theme will be 'Red and Green'. The Free Dress donations will be used to assist with our Christmas Hampers Donation. Your gold coin donation will be very much appreciated.

HAMPER DONATIONS
Students are asked to donate non-perishable items to the Hamper Drive which will be presented to Anglicare for their distribution to needy families at Christmas Time. These items can be placed in the washing baskets in each of our classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Regards

Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

GLADSTONE CLUSTER EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

On 27 October, three Year 4 Clinton students participated in a Gladstone Cluster Extended Learning Program called “Robots Rule!” Jacob, Caleb and Gayathiri spent the day at Boyne Island SS working on problem solving and beginning programming. They were introduced to the Lego Mindstorms EV3 Core set and made it move by programming various instructions. They worked collaboratively with Year 4 students from across the Gladstone area schools.

BOOK CLUB

The final Book Club issue for the year has been sent home. Orders must be placed using the LOOP website or App by the 23rd November.

Please remember that we do not accept cash orders- all orders must be done on line.

If you would like to order books are Christmas presents and don't want them sent home with your child, please select the Christmas class when ordering. These orders will be sent to Mrs Duggan and you will be notified when they arrive. Please bring a bag to collect your Christmas orders, so the surprise is not spoiled!

Thank you for supporting our school with Book Club.

KID’S CAFÉ

Wednesday 11 November: Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Sherine Maitland
Thursday 12 November: Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 13 November: 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.

GREEN CARDS

Tyroo Hohn PC
Rebecca Witte PC
Izabella Doherty PD
Harrison Galonski PD
Jacob Linke PE
Ashton Lowry PE
Raven-Lily Bickle -Wallace 1A
Soeea Norsham 1C
Lilly Ryton-Benson 1C
Gemma Bassett 1D
Maddison Jones 1D
Sara Khondaker 1D
Grace Amos 1E
Mark Vinsent Raj 1E
Ayva Walker 1E
Brody Pratt P/1
Lennox Henderson -Wilson 2/3
Bailey McNaught 2/3
Kallen Hall 2D
Slaytah Harwood 2D
Tyler Milani 2D
Alyssa Poole 2D
Hayley Van der Schoot 4B

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Is your child facing a major change?
A managing change workshop for kids
(In particular for those children transitioning from primary to high school in 2016)

Join Lisa Pluridge from life by your design for a workshop series that will give your child/children the tools & understanding of how to:

- Breathe through fear and anxiety
- Manage and embrace change to thrive.
- Visualize the positive aspects of change
- Handle new challenges and circumstances in a positive, pro-active way
- Take Action through a positive and courageous mindset
- Build a plan for success, This builds confidence

Date: 23rd, 26th & 29th of November 2015
Venue: Active Training Specialists (Training Room)
Shop 2/251 Dawson Highway (next to Clinton takeaway)
Gladstone (enter via BP station driveway)
Click here for directions
Cost: $110 per child or all 3 sessions (non-refundable after purchase)
Time: 3.30pm - 5.30pm each day
Includes: Afternoon Tea, Refreshments & Beverages each day

To register:
RSVP by 26th November 2015
Call 0413 984 130 or email info@livebyyourdesign.com.au
This week at Clinton, our SWPBS lesson is: POLITE LANGUAGE. Students will discuss the importance of using polite, EVEN WHEN ANGRY, when interacting with all peers and adults. We have seen an increase in inappropriate language at Clinton lately and many conversations are taking place around how this language is not appropriate at school, even if it is allowed at home. Students will discuss ALTERNATIVE ways to respond when angry, frustrated or upset, instead of using disrespectful, inappropriate words. Students will be reminded:

- To speak politely – appropriate ‘tone’
- To use manners
- That words that may be allowed at home not always appropriate at school.

ATTENDANCE
Last week’s (Week 3- Term 4, 2015) Student Attendance averages were: Prep – 92.58%
1 – 93.6%
2 – 96.5% Congratulations on highest attendance
3 – 93.9%
4 – 94.9%
5 – 94.9%
6 – 95.6% Well done on meeting school goal

NUMERACY STRATEGIES
Numeracy is one of our school improvement priorities at Clinton. Here are some ideas that you can try at home when watching TV:

Building literacy and numeracy when watching television:
• Discuss different types of programs (-comedy, soap opera, musical, documentary, drama, lifestyle, thriller, etc.)
• Watch adaptations of favourite books and stories - even cartoon versions. Discuss the similarities and differences.
• Watch advertisements and favourite shows together and discuss why you like them. Discuss some of the values and moral codes in them.
• Ask your child to total the number of hours that each family member views television in a week and discuss the findings.
• Time the advertising during a film or time the intervals between the advertisement breaks. Did this impact on the program at all? How does the advertisement try to persuade you to really want to buy or use the product?

WORD OF THE WEEK
Imbrication - Overlapping and forming a regular pattern.
There are some simple steps you can take to help prepare your child for Prep and to help make their time at school more enjoyable and relaxed.

**Encourage early literacy and numeracy development:**
- Read together and talk about everyday items such as signs, notices, letters, catalogues, magazines, TV guides and food packaging.
- Talk whilst you are out and about - name objects and encourage curiosity about the world.
- Read and talk frequently about storybooks, factual books and rhymes.
- Create/make a story about a family trip or holiday.
- Have your child play with puzzles.
- Play card and board games.

**Encourage early literacy and numeracy development:**
- Encourage your child to write their name – using upper case for first letter only.
- Have your child play with pencils, pens and paper and encourage their drawing and writing attempts.
- Involve your child in family activities that investigate mathematical ideas, e.g. cooking, setting the table, matching socks, sharing a meal, shopping.
- Count everything at home and when you are out.
- Provide “junk” materials for drawing, making patterns and building things.

**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 – to adults and children

**Encourage your child to be independent by helping them get used to:**
- Putting on and doing up his or her shoes
- Buttoning and zipping his or her own clothing
- 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

**Encourage your child to be independent by helping them get used to:**
- Going to the toilet independently
- Using playground equipment safely
- Carrying his or her own bag
- Packing and unpacking his or her bag
- Identifying his or her own belongings

**Before school starts:**
- Establish bedtime and morning routines.
- Name all of your child’s belongings – bag, hat, lunch box, water bottle, uniforms and spare clothes for bag.
- Consider adding something to their items for quick recognition – for example, a strip of fabric on their homework folder, library bag, homework bag, school bag and hat.
- Discuss with your child their class name and their teacher’s name.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE BOOKED IN FOR YOUR 2016 PREP INTERVIEWS. IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO MAKE A TIME 😊**

**STUDENT COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**