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

PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

SCHOOL DISCO
Thank you to our dedicated members of the P&C, staff and other parents who helped out at the Disco on Friday night. It was great to see everyone having a good time and showing great behaviour. Can’t wait for the next one in 2016!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 23rd November –
Thursday 3rd December
School Book Fair

Tuesday 24th November
IM information evening at 6pm with Verdi

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

Monday 30th November
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15 pm

Tuesday 1st December
Volunteers Morning Tea in the Hall

Thursday 3rd December
Love of Learning
Celebration for P-3s at 9.00 in the hall

Thursday 3rd December
Love of Learning
Celebration for 4-6s at 11.30 in the hall

Monday 7th December
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15 pm

Wednesday 9th December
Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony at 9.00 am in the Hall
2016 Yr 6 SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES
The Year 5 leader aspirants did a great job of their leader speeches last week and we wish them well in their election results.

All of our students and staff have voted on the selection of Senior Leaders for next year. The results of the 2016 Leaders’ ballot will be announced at the ‘Love of Learning Celebration’ on Thursday 3rd December which commences at 11.30 am.

LOVE OF LEARNING CELEBRATION
All parents, friends and family are invited to our Love of Learning Celebrations that will be held on Thursday 3 December in the Hall. This will be a time where students are recognised for their academic and sporting achievements.

The P-3 Love of Learning Celebration commences at 9am – 10.30 am and the Yr 4-6 Love of Learning Celebration will commence at 11.30 – 1.00 pm.

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.

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.

TRANSFERS
If you are transferring your child to another school next year then please contact the school office detailing their last day and the school name where the student/s will be enrolling. Student files will be forwarded onto the appropriate school on request from the school that they are enrolling at. This will help us greatly with our enrolment planning in 2016.

YR 6 GRADUATION
The Yr 6 Graduation will be held on Wed 9 December commencing at 9.00 am. All Family and Friends are welcome to attend the Graduation Ceremony commencing in the Hall. The ceremony will conclude at approximately 10.30 with the cutting of the ‘Graduation Cake’.

CHRISTMAS CANES
As we near the Christmas Season, students are beginning to give cards to other students. Sometimes, candy canes/chocolates are placed inside the card to sweeten the gift. We ask that all candy canes/sweets be placed directly in the student’s bag upon receipt. We find that the candy canes leave a sticky and difficult mess to clean when they are discarded. In addition, we find that the extra levels of sugar through this lolly diminish quality student behaviour. In the first instance, we would ask that candy canes not be given and in the second instance, if they are given, then the receiving student will need to place this in their bag to enjoy at home. We also ask that students hold off on giving Christmas Cards until the second last week of school.

PRINCIPAL EMAIL
The ‘the.principal@clintonss.eq.edu.au’ email has now expired. The principal email is now ‘principal@clintonss.eq.edu.au’.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

DATE CLAIMER - NAPLAN 2016

Parents and carers, below are the dates for NAPLAN 2016 so that where possible, family commitments are not planned during test week.

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The 2016 NAPLAN tests will be conducted in all Queensland schools on:

GREEN CARDS

Matilda Bayntun  P/1
Raj Prakash  P/1
Eli Surridge  P/1
Hunter Tiemes  P/1
Lily Bainbridge  PB
Tahia Bauer  PB
Isa Campbell  PB
Lincoln Combridge  PB
Joel Hambly  PB
Erin Logan  PB
Parker McGown  PB
Liam Nieuwenhuize  PB
Blake Spletter  PB
Izabella Doherty  PD
Indie-Lee Ibbotson  1C
Linkin McGown  1D
Zack Robertson  1D
Omar Ahmed  2D
Jiana Bruhn  2D
Staytah Harwood  2D
Jaedeyn River Nelson  2D
Tobe Ollii  2D
Mia Bateman  3A
Shphie Brown  3A
Riley Mariner  3A
Raymond Yimloy  3E

KID’S CAFÉ

Wednesday 25 November: Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Sherine Maitland
Thursday 26 November: Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 27 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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Helping Hands Clinton
Vacation Care program will be operating from 14th -18th Dec 2015 and 4th – 25th Jan 2016. Please note that Monday 25th January 2016 is a Pupil Free Day. Our service will provide a full day of care for families on this day.
Program and bookings forms will be out soon. Spaces on Excursion days are limited so be sure to get your bookings in early.
For all enquiries, please phone our Coordinator on: 0448 138 438 or email: clinton@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Toolooa SHS 2016 Year 7 Orientation Days

This year we will be holding a two day orientation program for students from Year 6 moving into Year 7 in 2016. On Monday the 30th of November and Tuesday the 1st of December, Year 6 students who will be attending Toolooa SHS in 2016 will visit their new school.

Both days will begin with a bell at 8:45am and students will move to the shelter. They will be organised into groups and will attend four lessons during the day. TSHS Junior Secondary student leaders have been selected to take groups to each lesson and work in the class with them as well as taking them to and from their lunch area.

Towards the end of lesson 4 on each day, all students will return to the shelter for a question and answer session with our Acting Principal, Mr Bryan Townsend. It is important that students are aware that they must organise their own transport to and from Toolooa and that they:
- wear full primary school uniform, particularly appropriate footwear
- bring an exercise book and pen, pencil and ruler, water bottle and a hat
- bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at our canteen

Any required medications should be clearly labelled and taken to our office.

Please note that students will be given all relevant information and handouts to ensure they are ready to commence Year 7 in 2016 on Wednesday, January 27th.

Students will be released from the shelter at 3pm each day to go home. Staff will be available on bus duty to assist students who are to travel on buses.

Any questions can be directed to the Year 7 Coordinator Craig O’Connor, on 49714341 or via e-mail at cocon20@eq.edu.au
This week at Clinton, our SWPBS lesson is: RESPECTING YOURS AND OTHERS’ PROPERTY. Students will be reminded that they must use their own and other people’s equipment for its intended use in a respectful manner. They will discuss the importance of:

- Treating other people’s equipment with respect
- Treating other people’s equipment the way you would like your equipment treated
- Treating your OWN equipment with respect
- Treating library books and other school resources with respect
- Looking after computers – gentle hands

ATTENDANCE

- Last week’s (Week 7- Term 4, 2015) Student Attendance averages were:
  - Whole School – 92.4%
  - Prep – 89.7%
  - Yr 1 – 90.4%
  - Yr 2 – 93.1%
  - Yr 3 – 96.1%
  - Yr 4 – 93.8%
  - Yr 5 – 93.5%
  - Yr 6 – 90.4%

NUMERACY STRATEGIES

Using ‘good questions’ to enhance learning in Mathematics: There are three main features of a ‘good’ question.

1. They require more than remembering a fact or reproducing a skill.
2. Students learn by answering the question and the teacher learns about each student from the attempt.
3. There may be several acceptable answers.

Topic this week: Money $$$$$
Lower – In my pocket I have 75c. What coins might I have?
Middle – I bought something at the tuckshop and paid for it with 3 coins. What might it have been and how much did it cost?
Upper – Scientific calculators cost $40 and basic calculators cost $12. How much might it cost for a class set of some of each type of calculator?

WORD OF THE WEEK

Mondegreen - A slip of the ear.

LITERACY HUB HAPPENINGS

SENSATIONAL SOUNDS

TREMENDOUS TUTORIAL BITES

LOVIN’ LITERACY ☺