REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to Mrs Gehle, Mrs Neves and our wonderful Student Leaders who represented Clinton State School at the local service at ANZAC Park last Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Eileen Shannon for arranging our wreath.

We marked this occasion as a whole school, with a minutes’ silence whilst students were in their eating areas. I was extremely proud of the way the students conducted themselves during this time and the mature attitude they displayed during our commemoration.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITMENT FOR 2015
Letters of offer will be forwarded home shortly to students (and families) advising them of their child’s inclusion in the Instrumental Music Program for 2016. Waiting list letters will also be sent home at the same time.

Please mark in your diaries the following date for the 2016 Information Evening for new students to the program.

When: Tuesday, 24 November, 2015
Time: 6.00 pm
Where: Clinton State School Hall

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.

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 tonight, 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.

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.

BEHAVIOUR CARDS
New Behaviour Cards have been handed out to students last week. It is so exciting to see several students move from Bronze level to Gold level. We send a letter home to all parents whose child has moved up or has moved down the behaviour scale so that you are aware of any behaviour level changes.
All students that reach Silver and Gold Behaviour Level were eligible to participate in the School Disco last Friday night.
All students that reach Gold Behaviour Level will be eligible to participate in the PHAT at the end of this Term.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS
Things can change constantly at times….new phones, new address, new details. It is hard to keep up with all the changes that we experience. If you have had any changes with regard to your personal details or things have changed then please notify the office and we will update your details. It is really important that we have current particulars so that we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency.

STOP DROP AND GO
Please obey the traffic signs in the STOP DROP and GO area. Do not remain in this area for longer than the time allocated on the signs supplied by the Department of Transport.

PERSONAL ITEMS
All personal items and clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name to ensure that if lost, the owner can be readily located. Children and parents are requested to check the Lost Property Box if any property is missing. Expensive items (including jewellery) as well as games and toys, are not to be brought to school.

Regards

Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

KID’S CAFÉ
Wednesday 18 November: Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Lehr Pollock
Thursday 19 November: Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner
Pikelets: Hayley Taylor
Friday 20 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

Matilda Bayntun P/1
Raj Prakash P/1
Eli Surridge P/1
Hunter Tiemes P/1
Lily Bainbridge PB
Tahila Bauer PB
Isla 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 Óllil 2D
Mia Bateman 3A
Shphie Brown 3A
Riley Mariner 3A
Raymond Yimloy 3E

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
SWPBS FROM MRS GEHLE

This week at Clinton, our SWPBS lesson is: TOILET SAFETY, HEALTH & HYGIENE. Students will be reminded that toilets are to be used safely and appropriately and that they need to engage in health and hygienic practices for a healthy lifestyle. Students will have discussions about the importance of:

- Flushing the toilet and washing hands
- Leaving food outside
- Walking carefully and quietly
- Practising good hygiene
- Reporting problems to an adult
- Shutting the door quietly
- Washing hands after blowing/wiping nose
- Washing hands after toileting
- Covering your mouth with your arm, tissue or hand when coughing
- Turning away from others when sneezing or coughing
- Placing used tissues in the bin
- If you’re sick, it’s best if you stay at home to stop the spreading of germs
- Only eating food given to you specifically
- Packing a healthy lunch – including some fruit, a sandwich, some salad, yoghurt, cheese, etc
- Including daily exercise into your day

ATTENDANCE

Last week’s (Week 6- Term 4, 2015) Student Attendance averages were:

- Whole School – 92.7%
- Prep – 89.8%
- Yr 1 – 94.0%
- Yr 2 – 91.5%
- Yr 3 – 94.6%
- Yr 4 – 94.8%
- Yr 5 – 92.9%
- Yr 6 – 91.1%

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: Time

Lower – What things could you do that take about one hour?
Middle- What are some times when the digits on a digital clock make a pattern eg. 12:34
Upper – What are the times when the hour hand and the minute hand are at right angles?

WORD OF THE WEEK

Lagoon - A small gulf or inlet.

LITERACY HUB HAPPENINGS

WONDERFUL WRITING

TREMENDOUS TUTORIAL BITES

LOVIN’ LITERACY ☺

GET SET FOR PREP

Lagoon - A small gulf or inlet.
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**