Welcome back to school for 2016. At Clinton State School, children experience the best possible learning opportunities in a caring, friendly environment. Clinton State School Campus is a co-educational facility (including the ECDP), providing quality education to students from Prep to Year 6.

Our school is committed to educating young people and enabling them to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable them to lead worthwhile lives and be active, responsible citizens.

We proudly believe that many of the solid values that have served the past so well are the foundation of tomorrow. Respect for others, good manners, courtesy and responsibility are just some of the elements of our Code of Conduct which we actively teach and practise.

2016 SCHOOL HAPPENINGS
We especially give a warm welcome to all of our new families. We trust that you find our school the answer to your children’s educational needs.

You can stay up to date with information and news by reading this School Newsletter each week on a Tuesday, looking at Clinton SS Website at [clintonss.eq.edu.au](http://clintonss.eq.edu.au) and ‘Liking’ our school (‘Clinton State School’) on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 6th February
Student Leader Breakfast
8.00 Kirkwood McDonalds

Monday 8th February
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

Monday 8th – 12th February
Meet and Greet for parents

Monday 15th February
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15

Tuesday 16th February
Volunteers Training
P&C Meeting and A.G.M.
6pm in the Library

Monday 29th February
Student Leader GRIP Conference

Monday 7th March
Parent Teacher Interviews Commence

Wednesday 2nd March - Tuesday 22nd March
Life Education Van

Friday 11th March
Yr 4-6 Addams Family Excursion
NEW STAFF
A very warm welcome is extended to all of our new and returning staff members for this year:
• Teachers:
  o Anna Luidvigs (LOTE)
  o Jesse Gadischkie (Yr 4)
  o Kelea Johnson (Yr 3)
  o Laura Leggett (Yr 2)
  o Nicole Ockendon (Prep)
  o Storm Clift (Yr 1)
  o Kathryn Murray (Yr 2)
  o Amelia Bassett (Yr 1)
  o Donna Weston (Guidance Officer)
  o Sarah Warry (NCT)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP FOR 2016
Congratulations to the new school leadership for 2016. The following students have been elected (and awarded their badges) to the following leadership positions for 2016:

School Captains - Jake Duggan and Jacinta Anger
School Vice Captains - Bailey Somerville and Maetella Donohoe

Green Team Captain - Jessica Curr
Green Team Vice Captain - Mahalia Craigie
Green Team Members - Ashlea-Kate Johnston and Taneal Magic

Bunyip House Captains - Lachlan Watt and Mia Scriwerer
Bunyip House Vice Captains - Seth Rowe and Ismari Van Der Westhuizen
Gowrie House Captains - Nathan Bell and Sarah Jane Kiernan
Gowrie House Vice Captains - Isaac Barkle and Haylee McDonald
Maroochi House Captains - Colby O’Flanagan and Mikaela Brown
Maroochi House Vice Captain - Blake Laner
Witchetty House Captains - Jacob Harris and Carly Lingard
Witchetty House Vice Captains - Brock Gray and Bailey Lowry

Student Council Members -
Miller Breslin, Aidan Dillon, Jason Dyer, Chelsea Golding, Lilli Howlett, Zoe Josefksi, Zander Owen, Amellia Pitt, Atharva Repal, Ethan Sellin, Keara Trembath

Instrumental Band Captain - Jaynai Josefski
Instrumental Strings Captain - Jacinta Anger

CLASSROOM NEWSLETTERS
Teachers will be sending home classroom newsletters that will explain their class processes and provide information about the expectations and key events that impact on students in the classroom setting.

TERM CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS
Each of our Year Level Cohorts will be issuing a Curriculum Overview for this Term. This overview will outline the curriculum expectations of each Key Learning Area and curriculum subject. This document will also provide information of the key assessment pieces that will be conducted over this term.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Breakfast Club starts back next Tuesday. All students are welcome to have a free ‘sausage in bread’ before school each Tuesday Morning. Special thanks to the Anglican Church for providing this service.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
We highly value and appreciate our parent volunteers at our school. They do a mighty job, in many classrooms, doing a multiplicity of tasks. Each year Parent Volunteers need to undertake training in the areas of Code of Conduct, Student Protection and WPHS. This will be conducted at the first P&C Meeting of the year to be held in the Library on Tuesday 16 February at 6pm. So if you are planning on volunteering your services at Clinton then please attend this meeting so that you can receive your training certifications.

PICK-UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY
Parents and caregivers, please make sure you and your child/ren know the meeting point for “pick-up” time.

It is important for you to discuss whether your child/ren are to go to, Stop, Drop, Go; wait outside the classroom, or at another agreed upon safe place.

Prep students are usually collected from the classrooms and our 1-6s make arrangements with their caregivers. If you have any concerns, please discuss this with your child’s teacher. All students should vacate the school grounds by 3pm.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe and sound.

TUCKSHOP
It is compulsory for all Yr 1 - Yr 3 students to order lunch on a brown paper bag. Due to the increase in student numbers and the tuck-shop being short-staffed, it has become very time consuming to serve all of the younger grades who (because of their age) take some time to decide on what they would like for lunch. Prep students will be able to commence ordering Tuckshop in Week 3 of this term, until then Preppies will be unable to purchase anything at the Tuckshop.

SCHOOL PARADES
School parades will again be held on a rotational fortnight basis. This schedule gives greater opportunity for students to participate and lead parade and provides valuable public speaking experience. We welcome the attendance of parents.
NATIONAL DISASTER INFORMATION
In the event of a natural disaster - Access to school closure information

1. QSchools app
The QSchools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school. Visit the department's apps page for more information and all the features: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store.

2. Websites
Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.
- School Closure Website: http://esc.eq.edu.au

PERMISSION TO BE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
Please remember that you are NOT allowed to use the school grounds unless you have sort prior permission from the Principal.

If you have been granted permission, please make sure you carry the written approval with you when on school grounds – otherwise you could be charged. The police and our security firm will be making random checks. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact School Watch immediately on 131788.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal

CLINTON HAPPENINGS

Internet and Media Permission Forms

Today with the newsletter you will have received a couple of permission forms that need to be filled in to update your child/ren status only one per family. The media form is going to be active until the student leaves Clinton or you decide to change it. The Internet will still be active for one year.

MEET AND GREET: Each class will have a meet and greet so that parents can have the opportunity to meet and find out what is happening in their childs’ classroom. Below are the times for each class:

PA Tuesday 9 February 3pm
PB Thursday 11 February 3pm
PC Tuesday 9 February 3pm
PD Tuesday 9 February 3pm
PE Wednesday 10 February 3pm
PF Monday 8 February 2.45
1A Wednesday 10 February 3pm
1C Monday 8 February 3pm
1D Monday 8 February 3pm
1E Monday 8 February 3pm
1/2 Tuesday 9 February 3pm
2A Tuesday 9 February 3pm
2B Wednesday 10 February 3pm
2C Tuesday 9 February 3pm
2D Thursday 11 February 3pm
2E Monday 8 February 3pm
2/3 Wednesday 10 February 3pm
3A Tuesday 9 February 3pm
3B Tuesday 9 February 3pm
3C Monday 8 February 3.15pm
3D Tuesday 9 February 3pm
4A Monday 8 February 3pm
4B Wednesday 9 February 3pm
4C Monday 8 February 3pm
4D Monday 8 February 3pm
4/5 Tuesday 9 February 3pm
5A Tuesday 9 February 3pm
5B Tuesday 9 February 3pm
5C Tuesday 9 February 3pm
5/6 Tuesday 9 February 3pm
6A Tuesday 9 February 3.30pm
6B Tuesday 9 February 3.30
6C Tuesday 9 February 3.30

Kids Café:
Kids Café will start next week, but will be open in the mornings for anyone wanting to buy school hats or any other second hand uniforms. We are sorry but we don’t have EFTPOS so it needs to be cash only.

Wednesday 3 Feb; Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Sherine Maitland Piklets.
Thursday 4 Feb : Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner Piklets Hayley Taylor
Friday 5 Feb: Ruth Williams, Shirley Wright, Nicole Hughes. Piklets Connie Fredricks

Instrumental Music Beginners:
The beginners in the instrumental music program will have two lessons next week to start them on their music journey. They will need their instrument and book for these lessons.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Teacher Aide positions at Clinton State School for 2016:
We will have a small number of temporary teacher aide positions available this year in various areas of student support. If you would like to be considered for these positions, please complete an expression of interest form, available from the Front Office. These should be returned to BSM Kate Stagg (kstagg12@eq.edu.au) along with a copy of your resume, by 9am Friday 5th February.
Welcome to 2016 SWPBS. This week our focussed lesson is INTRODUCING / REVISITING Clinton State School’s rules. At Clinton, our focus is on 3 school rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. Each class will be discussing what these rules LOOK LIKE within the classroom, as well as in the playground setting. It is crucial that our children know the Clinton rules and understand WHY these rules are in place.

- **Be safe** – including how we move around the school
- **Be respectful** – to adults, peers and to equipment
- **Be a learner** – responsible for your own learning and equipment, and always trying your best

The children in each class will also be discussing what it looks like when we DON’T follow the rules. Behaviours such as running on the concrete, speaking rudely, not having your own equipment, taking other people’s equipment without asking or not treating it properly and carefully, being late to class or having untidy work.

Our children will be reminded of their current Behaviour Level – Gold, Silver or Bronze – and they will be issued with their Behaviour Level Card by the end of Week 2. A reminder that all children who are on GOLD Behaviour Level at the end of each term are invited to participate in PHAT (Pretty Huge Activity Time). This is our way of celebrating all the FANTASTIC students we have at Clinton.

**HEALTH NEWS P-2**

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 have Health lessons this term as part of the HPE program. **Prep and Year 1 students have a ‘Letter to Parents’ form to complete as part of their health lessons. We would appreciate it if this could be filled in and returned to the classroom teacher ASAP please.**

Prep will be learning about ‘Personal identity and actions in play that promote safety’. The topic for Year 1 is ‘A little independence and Good choices/healthy me’ and Year 2 will be learning about ‘My classroom is healthy and safe and active’.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**Algorithm** – procedure for solving problems with a finite number of steps

**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** – How many different ways can you make 20c? $2.00?

**Middle** – I gave change of $1.00 using 20c, 10c, and 5c coins. What might the change have looked like?

**Upper** – If one of the notes currently in use was to be changed to a coin,

**HELPING HANDS**

**HELPING HANDS CLINTON**

**Outside School Hours Care**

Providing a Quality Care Environment for your children during Before & After School Care, Vacation Care & Pupil Free Days!

**FREE enrolment!**

Phone: 0448 138 438

Email: clinton@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club catalogues will be sent home today. Please remember that cash orders will not be accepted - all orders must be done online.

To order, follow these easy steps:

1. Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.
2. For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.
3. Select your school and your child’s class.
4. Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for).
5. Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
6. You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
7. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date.
8. There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.

Please see Bec Duggan (1A) if you have any questions.