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

P&C MEETING
You are warmly invited to attend the P&C AGM and General Meeting on Tuesday 16th February in the Library at 6pm. All new parents are especially invited and all parents (even if you have never been before) are warmly welcomed. If you are planning on volunteering your services at Clinton then please attend this meeting because you need to do some important training.

NAPLAN PRACTICE TESTS
All of our students in Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6 will be undertaking practice through the NAPLAN Testing regime. The purpose of this process is two-fold. Firstly, the practice gives students needed experience in preparation of the NAPLAN Testing in May. Secondly, the information yielded from these tests enables our teachers to target areas of deficiency and to then plan a teaching program that will bring the students up to speed in readiness for the formal tests in second Term.

STUDENT LEADER PLEDGE
Our school has created a Twitter Account. You can follow us on Twitter at Clinton State School @SchoolClinton.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday 19th February
Schools Clean up Day and

Monday 22nd 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 29th February
Student Leader GRIP Conference

Friday 4th March
Schools Clean up Day and

Monday 7th March
Parent Teacher Interviews Commence

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

Friday 11th March
Yr 4-6 Addams Family
ABSENCES
Regular attendance and punctuality by each student is necessary to maintain continuity of learning. Parents/caregivers must assume responsibility for the regular attendance and punctuality of their children. In the event of your child being absent or late it is the parents/caregivers responsibility to:

(a) contact the school by Email (using the ‘Absences’ email address on the top of the newsletter, Fax or Telephone (as per details on the on the newsletter header)

(b) send a note to the class teacher on the day your child returns to school.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND PROCEDURES
No student should be at school before 8.15 am. If a child arrives before the 8.15 am bell then they must remain and sit (with their bag) in the Undercovered Area. At 8.40am students will be expected to prepare themselves for the day’s lessons i.e. submit homework, sharpen pencils, rule up pads, clean desks etc. CLASS LESSONS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8.45AM. If a child arrives after 8.45am then they must proceed first to the Admin Office to collect a late slip before going to class. Parents/caregivers need to leave classrooms by 8.40 am to enable classes to begin their work. School finishes at 2.45pm daily. Departure from school shall be immediate for those students who don’t take a bus. Bus students will wait quietly at designated bus stops.

STUDENT DETAILS AND MEDIA PERMISSION
A copy of student details form will be sent home this week for every student. Please check your child’s details and make any necessary changes to the student details form. It is extremely important for details to be up to date in case your child feels ill or is involved in an accident on school premises. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please return your forms to the class teacher as soon as possible. Media and Internet permission forms were sent home with the newsletter last week please complete these for your students one for the whole family.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICES
Our school supports students and families who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. We actively work to enhance educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents are warmly invited to join our school CATSIP group. CATSIP is a steering committee of parents who actively give valued input into the processes and outworkings of school life. Members of our staff form our EATSIPS TEAM at Clinton and they work hard to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are embedded throughout our school curriculum and in the life of the school. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are welcome to join Ghun Gharn Bills which meets regularly for mutual encouragement.

CLASSROOM MEET AND GREET
All teachers are holding their ‘Meet and Greets’ in their classrooms this week. The times for these were in last week’s newsletter and also in the class newsletter.

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.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR (RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS)
Our Responsible Behaviour Plan has been collaboratively developed by students, staff and parents/carers at Clinton State School. Our plan is endorsed by the Principal, President of Clinton State School P & C Association and the Executive Director of Schools.

Effective behaviour support includes:

- creation of a positive whole school culture
- quality learning and teaching practices
- a balanced, relevant and engaging curriculum
- supportive and collaboratively developed programs and procedures
- managed professional development, education or training for all members of the school community
- a range of provisions that are characterised by non-violent, non-coercive and non-discriminatory practices
- a continuum from whole school positive preventive action for all students, through to intensive intervention for specific individuals or groups.

Whole-school behaviour support - all students
The Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students at Clinton State School outlines proactive and preventive whole-school processes and strategies that:

- facilitate the development of acceptable standards of behaviour to create a caring, productive and safe environment for learning and teaching
- promote an effective learning and teaching environment that allows positive aspirations, relationships and values to develop
- foster mutual respect
- encourage all students to take increasing responsibility for their own behaviour and the consequences of their actions.
**Targeted behaviour support – 10 -15% of students**

- The Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students at Clinton State School outlines school and/or classroom processes, strategies and/or programs that facilitate acceptable standards of behaviour and provide educational support or intervention in responding to unacceptable or potentially unacceptable behaviour.

**Intensive behaviour support - 2-5% of students**

- The Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students at Clinton State School outlines intensive intervention, behaviour support processes and/or programs that respond to unacceptable behaviour and support continued learning engagement.

**Student Behaviour Levels**

- All students are assigned behaviour levels according to the standard of their behaviour based on their performance over five week periods. Gold Level Students are recognised for their outstanding behaviour and are rewarded with PHAT (Pretty Huge Activity Time) at the end of each term. All students start on Silver Level and can work their way up to gold. All students on Bronze Level are referred to the Admin Team to ascertain their eligibility for involvement in the school camps, excursions and special school events.

Regards

Reid Thompson
Principal

**CLINTON HAPPENINGS**

**LIFE EDUCATION**

Harold and the Life Education team will be conducting lessons at Clinton SS from 2-23 March. Today all students received a permission note and envelope to return to school ASAP. The lessons will be conducted in the Life Education Van this year and the cost is $6.00 to attend the session and receive a workbook.

**SENIOR SHIRTS:** A second order for Senior Shirts will be made in the next couple of weeks. If your child missed out or you are new to the school please ask your teacher for a form to submit your order, the shirts cost $25 each and the order will close on Monday 22 February. **No late orders will be accepted.**

**PREP RESOURCE FUND:**

Each year the Prep students are invited to take part in a voluntary resource scheme. This is to raise funds to supply things not on your booklist, such as for cooking and special craft items that we supply in the classrooms. Notes are being sent home to Prep students this week and can be paid anytime either by using the envelope provided or at the office using card or cash.

**PRAYER TIME**

Who with: School Chaplain Chappy Cathy

Who else: Parents and Staff

When: Most Monday Mornings 7:45am - 7:55am

Where: Prep 2 Building (in office in Prep A room)

All are welcome but if you cannot make it along, please email your ‘Prayer needs’ and ‘Thank you points’ to

Chappy Cathy cmclo17@eq.edu.au

**Kids Café**

Kids Café is now up and running opening on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. **If you can spare a couple of hours on any of these days please see the ladies in the tuckshop as your help is appreciated.**

Wednesday 10 Feb; Carol Power, Kristy Robertson, Lehr Pollock Tracy Brown Piklets.

Thursday 11 Feb : Pam Wode, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner K Bishop Piklets Hayley Taylor

Friday 12 Feb: Ruth Williams, Shirley Wright, Nicole Hughes. Piklets Connie Fredricks

**SCHOOL BANKING:** School Banking is in desperate need of volunteers to keep going, if you can spare a couple of hours on a Thursday morning to help please come to the school office and leave your name and contact number. The ladies usually do this straight up after the school bell. You will be helping raise much needed funds for the school, as we get a set amount for each deposit made.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

The Gladstone Mudcrabs JACF AFL Auskick Centre will be held on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 in Term 1, for 7 weeks. Auskick will start on the 3rd of March and it will be held at the same time and place for the 7 weeks. Come along and join the fun with your school friends learning a whole range of new skills, playing plenty of fun games, and getting kitted out with the latest Auskick sporting merchandise. This includes your very own Auskick lunchbox, footy, hat, Footy pump, footy cards, and even a height chart. For more information please contact Ben O'Neill on 0488 262 436

**GLADSTONE HOCKEY SIGN-ON at Rigby Park Hockey Fields**

13th February, 2016 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**FREE STICK FOR ALL 6-10 YEAR OLDS WHO SIGN ON!!! All age groups welcome - Free BBQ and Jumping Castle!**
This week at Clinton, our PBL focussed lesson is on BEING SAFE AT STOP / DROP / GO, at the BUS STOP and when LEAVING SCHOOL. Students will be engaged in conversations around expectations in these areas and why we have to behave in a certain way. Students will be reminded that when they are at STOP/DROP/GO, they must:

- Sit still on bottoms on the grass
- Stay in front of the ‘Can Recycling’ cage
- Keep hands, feet and all equipment (including sports equipment) to themselves
- Watch the traffic to identify their vehicle
- Stay off the concrete near the side fence
- Put any rubbish from afternoon tea into their bag

Students will be reminded that when they are at the BUS STOP, they must:

- Sit still on bottoms on the chairs or the ground (staying out of the gardens / off the retaining wall)
- Keep hands, feet and all equipment (including sports equipment) to themselves
- Put any rubbish from afternoon tea into your bag

Last week, there were 679 GOTCHAs handed out! That's awesome!

### ATTENDANCE

Last week’s (Week 2 - Term 1, 2016) Student Attendance averages were:

- Whole School – 96.9%
- Prep – 95.8%
- Yr 1 – 95.5%
- Yr 2 – 97.6%
- Yr 3 – 97.1%
- Yr 4 – 97.8% - Well done Yr 4s on topping the attendance rates
- Yr 5 – 96.8%
- Yr 6 – 97.7%

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

### Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**Computation**

- process/method of computing

### 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:** *Place Value*

**Lower** – What numbers can you make using 6, 5 and 8?

**Middle** – How many ways can you regroup 1265?

**Upper** – Someone has written a number in words, but the words have been cut up. The words and symbols used are: three, four, sixty, seven, and, hundred, thousand, eight.

### 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!**

**FREEn enrolment!**

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