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

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Next week will be our Parent/Teacher Interviews. Teachers will be conducting parent/teacher conferences in Week 7 of this current term. To make an appointment with your child’s teacher please return the form attached to the letter, that you should have received from your child’s teacher. The interview is designed to inform parents about student progress in relation to National Australian Curriculum.

NATIONAL DAY OF BULLYING
We have registered our school as part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, being held on Friday, 18 March 2016. The National Day of Action recognises that schools, parents and students need to ‘Take a Stand Together’ to build supportive and safe school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence.

We hope the National Day will create positive conversations in our school. The day is also an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the successes of the range of anti-bullying initiatives and programs in our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd March - Tuesday 23rd March
Life Education Van

Friday 4th March
Schools Clean-up Day

Monday 7th March
Parent Teacher Interviews Commence

Monday 7th March
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

Friday 11th March
Yr 4-6 Addams Family Excursion

Monday 14th March
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15

Monday 18th March
Wear orange for Anti-Bullying Day

Monday 21st March
Harmony Day

Wednesday 23rd March
Cross Country Prep – Yr 6

Thursday 24th March
Last Day of Term 1
LOCKDOWN
S is for siren and S is for STAY. When we have a Lock Down at school, you will hear a long siren. Please remain inside the classroom with the class and remain quiet.

EVACUATION
B is for bell and B is for BOLT. When we have an Evacuation at school, you will hear the school bell. Please calmly walk with your class to the Yr 5/6 oval.

PCYC BUS
All students going home on the bus in the afternoon, need to line up outside the SEU block with the teacher on duty. This includes PCYC Bus students. The Emmadale Bus students need to line up at the front gate.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY
Do not cross the School Driveway at the Staff Car Park entrance. Instead you must walk across the oval and out the side or end gates to go home or come into school. It is too dangerous to cross this driveway because of the traffic.

SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY
This Friday is School Clean Up Day. Mr Barron and the School Green Team leaders will lead the school in clean-up activities.

NO RIDING
Students are reminded that they are not allowed to ride their bike in the school grounds. Students must walk their bike across the oval on the footpaths.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY
The wearing of bangles, wrist band, ankle bracelets or any sort of jewellery (apart from ear studs or sleepers) is prohibited at school.

BEHAVIOUR CARDS
New Behaviour Cards will be handed out to students next week. It is so exciting to see students move from Silver 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 will be eligible to participate in the School Disco, as scheduled throughout the year.

All students that reach Gold Behaviour Level will be eligible to participate in the PHAT at the end of this Term.

HEAD LICE
From time to time we receive reports from parents and caregivers in relation to head lice. So to assist parents, we included some information in this week’s newsletter.

Did You Know...

• Head lice can run up to 30 cm per minute (THAT’S 1.8 km per hour)!
• This means that they can rapidly run away and hide when you part your child’s hair to check for head lice.
• So it’s easy to miss a head lice infestation unless there are quite a few lice or eggs.

But — you can outwit these speedy little pests!

To catch them out:

1. Saturate the dry hair in hair conditioner, and comb through with an ordinary comb. Any head lice the hair lice in the hair will get “stuck” in the conditioner.

2. Now take the hair in small sections and comb thoroughly with a long-tooth, metal ‘nit’ comb. Continue combing the whole head like this.

3. Keep wiping the comb on a white tissue, as you work, looking for head lice and eggs. A magnifying glass will make this easier.

4. If you find any head lice or eggs, continue combing with the hair conditioner every day, for 10 days to remove all head lice.

5. Rinse the hair conditioner off when combing is completed.

Please inform the office if you find head lice in your child’s hair so we can be proactive and notify other parents and caregivers.

CROSSING SUPERVISORS
Crossing Supervisors, employed by the Department of Transport, regulate our two school crossings on a daily basis. At all times, pedestrians and drivers must obey the directions of these supervisors to ensure the safety of every person.

SCHOOL PARADES
Monday 7 March
Yr 2/3 Parade in the Hall at 1.30 – 2.00 (Champion Student Awards, Gotchas and Class presentations)
Yr P/1 Parade in the Hall at 2.15 – 2.40 (Champion Student Awards, Gotchas and Class presentations)
Yr 4/5/6 Parade in the Undercovered Area at 2.15 – 2.40 (Champion Student Awards, Gotchas and Class presentations)

Monday 14 March
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15 – 2.40 (Green Card and Clint Awards)

Regards

Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 4/5/6

Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. The objective of these competitions is to help parents gauge the progress of their child against children in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task.

There are a variety of competitions to enter, each of which cost $8.00, apart from spelling which is $11.00 and writing which are $17.00 as they are marked individually. Parents can enter their children in as many of these as they choose. The due date for payments is Monday 21st March. Unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted, as these payments need to be forwarded interstate.

Children should not be expected to sit for each competition, but should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. (e.g. if they’re good spellers, try the spelling competition!)

The competitions are:
- Digital Technologies 17 May
- Science 31 May
- Writing 14 June
- Spelling 15 June
- Mathematics 16 August

Forms to participate in these competitions are available from the front counter at the office. The competitions are available for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 only. All entries and payments are due by Monday 21st March.

FUN RUN for SCHOOLS

Our P&C is holding its annual fun run this term with the fun run forms being sent home this week. Students need to remember to collect money from family and friends and only door knock with an adult. Forms and money are to be returned only on the week of the 21st March and not before then. Last year we were able to raise just over $8000 which went towards the purchase of new sports equipment and home readers. Only 15% of students participated last year, our aim is to increase this to 50%. The more that the students raise, means that more resources can be bought. We will also need parent volunteers to assist in counting the money each morning in the library once school starts.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders have unfortunately been delayed. They should be here by the beginning of next week. Sorry for the inconvenience. New catalogues will be going home this week. Orders for this catalogue must be done online (no cash orders please) by 11th March.

Thank you for supporting Book Club in our school.

ADDAMS FAMILY - THE MUSICAL

Notes have been sent home for ‘The Addams Family’. Students in Years 4 – 6 are invited to attend this combined school musical being held at the Entertainment Centre during the week of 7-12 March. Clinton Students will be attending on Friday 11. The cost for this great opportunity is $15 and the money and permission are to be paid no later than Thursday 3 March. No late payments can be accepted due to having to book the exact number of students attending.

TEACHER AIDE POSITIONS

Thank you to all those who submitted their Expression of Interest for the recently advertised Teacher Aide positions. We received many applications of a high standard, including from experienced teacher aides. The positions have now been filled and we would like to thank you for your time in making a submission.

KIDS CAFÉ

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 2nd March: Tracey Brown, Connie Fredericks, Margie Mabborang, Lehr Pollock
Piklets: Kristy Robertson

Thursday 3rd March: Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner Dianne Dillon Piklets Hayley Taylor

Friday 4th March: Nicole Hughes Tarryn Kelly. Piklets: Katherine Bishop

COMMUNITY NOTICES
This week at Clinton, our PBL focussed lesson is: LINING UP. Students will discuss how their class group is to line up at the end of each lunch break. Students will be reminded that they need to:

- Go to the toilet and have a drink when the bell rings
- Line up in class group
- Line up **quietly** and **quickly**
- Sit on their bottoms
- Keep their hands and feet to themselves

Last week, there were 840 GOTCHAs handed out! That’s awesome!

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The best time for learning is at the start of the school day, every minute of learning counts!

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**Components** - the parts or elements that make up a system

**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: Operations**

**Lower** – □ + □ + □ = 13 What might the missing numbers be?

**Middle** – I subtracted an odd number from an even number and got the answer of 41. What might the odd and even numbers be?

**Upper** – 5□2 - □□4 = 68 What might the missing numbers be? (There are ten possible answers)

Being a “little late” doesn’t seem much, BUT.....