CLINTON SS NEWSLETTER
15 March 2016 No.7/2016

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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

HARMONY DAY
Clinton SS is celebrating Harmony Day on 21 March. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

LOST PROPERTY
All property that is found about the school is placed in a Lost Property Box located at the Amenities Block. Items can be claimed at any time. Any valuables are sent to the Principal or Administration Office. While your child is at school make sure that all his/her belongings are well marked. Lost property is easily returned when the owner’s name is clearly visible. Encourage your child to be independent, to look after his/her own belongings etc.

MOBILE PHONES
Students are required to leave phones at home while attending school. Our communication system in our school is effective and there is no need for students to bring mobile phones to school. If mobile phones are brought to school, they must be handed into the office where they will be stored securely.

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

Tuesday 15th March
P&C Meeting at 6pm

Friday 18th March
Wear orange for Anti-Bullying Day

Monday 21st March
Harmony Day

Monday 21st March
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15

Wednesday 23rd March
Cross Country Fun Run
Prep – Yr 6

Thursday 24th March
Easter Bonnet Parade for P-3

Thursday 24th March
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 11th April
First Day of Term 2

Monday 11th April
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15

Friday 15th April
Yr 3 Skylab Show at 4.30
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO
The Gladstone Observer visited our school last week, to take a ‘Drone Positioned Photo’ of all of our students on the oval. Both the Gladstone Observer reporters and the Old Aerial company executives commented on the exemplary behaviour of the students throughout the whole process.

P&C MEETING
Don’t forget that our next P&C Meeting will be held tonight (Tuesday 15th March) at 6.00 pm in the Library. All parents (including new parents to our school) are very welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PARADES
Monday 21 March
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15 – 2.40 (Bookwork, Green Card and Clint Awards)

Monday 11 April
Whole School Parade in the Hall at 2.15 – 2.40 (Green Card and Clint Awards)

Monday 18 April
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)

CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN
This year we are combining our Cross Country and Fun Run events. This will be staged on Wed 23 March. Please make sure that you have your sponsorship form.

Starting Times: Note times are approximate only.
- 12 years Girls/Boys -- 9:00am
- 11 years Girls/Boys -- 9:20am
- 10 years Girls/Boys -- 9:35am
- 9 years Girls/Boys -- 9:50am
- Grade 3 Girls/Boys -- 10:05am
- Grade 2 Girls/Boys -- 10:20am
- Grade 1 Girls/Boys -- 10:30am
- Prep years Girls/Boys -- 10:40am

HARBOUR FESTIVAL PARADE
Work is underway on our Festival Parade float. The parade will start at 6:00 pm on Sunday 27th March. We will be meeting in the carpark between ‘Mission to Seafarers’ and the Marine Centre on Bryan Jordan Drive. Students are invited to join us, dressed in pyjamas or as sheep at 5:30. Students will need to be collected from this same location, directly after the parade finishes.

Permission slips will need to be filled out prior to the event. These can be collected from the office.

THANK YOU WOOLIES
A huge fruity thanks to Kin Kora Woolworths for their generous donation of a fruit tray to our school students today. Delish!

NATIONAL DAY OF BULLYING
This Friday is the National Day of the ‘Anti-Bullying’ campaign. To signify our support of the national ‘Anti-Bullying’ Campaign, all staff and students are encouraged to wear orange coloured clothes for the day. If students do not have any orange clothes then they can come to school in their casual clothes because it is also a Free Dress Day (gold coin donations welcome).

KIDS CAFE
Kids Cafe is held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Parent/caregiver assistance is extremely vital for the daily functioning of this important service to our school. If you are able to assist, please see our Kids Cafe Convenors, Mel Mallett and Gail Molloy on 49782512 to check arrangements or offer your valued support.

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
- English 2 August
- 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.

**EASTER HAT PARADE**

On the 24th March, we are having our annual Easter Hat Parade from 9.00-9.45am, in the Harold Duncan Hall. All students from Prep to Year 3 will be performing Easter songs and will parade their hats.

Over the next 2 weeks, the children will start to design their Easter hats in class. We would appreciate any donations that will assist with our masterpieces. Items we could use might include:
- coloured paper
- cotton balls
- pipe cleaners
- stickers
- crepe paper
- ribbon
- plastic flowers
- fluffy fabric
- fluffy toy chickens
- Easter egg wrappers
- ANYTHING – we love donations!

It would be greatly appreciated if you could start sending in your donations as soon as possible.

**FUN RUN**

The Fun Run is being held in conjunction with the Cross Country next Wednesday. The students can start to bring in their money from Monday and give it to their class teacher. All monies to be returned by Wednesday 23 March.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

This Saturday the school is being used as a polling station. There will be a sausage sizzle being held to raise funds for ongoing work to the Yarning Circle so please bring some cash and support this worthy cause.

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**LIFE EDUCATION VAN**

Due to recent rain the Life Education van cannot be used until repairs have been made. Lessons are currently being conducted in classrooms, the students will have the opportunity to meet with Harold in the van when time allows.

**YEAR 6 CAMP**

Year 6 Camp notes were sent home yesterday. The students are going to Tallebudgera Beach School on the Gold Coast. We are asking for a $50 deposit to be paid by Wednesday 23 March to secure your child’s place as we only have 80 spots available.

**YEAR 3 STARLAB NIGHT**

Letters went home last week for the Year 3 Starlab night, Year 3 will be exploring space as part of our Science curriculum in Term Two. Students are invited to attend a Star Lab evening in which they will complete four rotational activities at school. The night activity program will include a Cosmodome planetarium session, telescope viewing and laser-guided tour of the night sky. Please make sure that students have eaten before they come to school as food will not be provided.

**WHEN** — Friday 15 April 2016

**TIME** - 4.30pm – 8.30pm

**WHERE** — Clinton State School hall

**COST** — $14.50 per student (Due 24 March)

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**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 16th March**: Tracey Brown, Connie Fredericks, Margie Mabborang, Lehr Pollock

**Piklets**: Kristy Robertson

**Thursday 17th March**: Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner Dianne Dillon

**Piklets** Hayley Taylor

**Friday 18th March**: Nicole Hughes Tarryn Kelly. Piklets: Katherine Bishop

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

COME & TRY DAY 20TH March 9AM – 12PM

HARBOUR CITY BMX CLUB

MERCURY ST. GLADSTONE

CONTACT: Anthony Smith 0407 446 226

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC**

At the GLADSTONE TENNIS AND SQUASH ASSOCIATION COURTS

**TUESDAY 29TH AND WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH**

Total Cost—$45.00 per child

9.00 AM UNTIL 4.00 PM BOTH DAYS

2 FULL DAYS OF TENNIS, FUN & GAMES

PRICE INCLUDES LUNCH & A DRINK

ON WEDNESDAY LOADS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

This clinic is presented by: Rob Mc Bean Tennis School

Further information please phone:

Dayle Mitchell – 0402932109 - 07 49722772
gdta@internode.on.net
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING
This week at Clinton, our PBL focussed lesson is: SAFE HANDS, SAFE FEET. Students will be involved in discussions on the importance of using hands and feet in ways that are safe and would not hurt anyone or their belongings. Discussions will also include:

- Keep hands to your self
- Keep feet to yourself
- Touch people only when necessary in a gentle way
- Keep feet under your desk to avoid tripping
- Cross legs when sitting on the floor
- Ask to touch someone else's belongings

Last week, there were 678 GOTCHAs handed out! That’s awesome!

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ATTENDANCE

- Last week’s (Week 7 - Term 1, 2016) Student Attendance averages were:
  - Whole School – 95.0%
  - Prep– 95.7%
  - Yr 1 – 95.8%
  - Yr 2 – 94.4%
  - Yr 3 – 96.3%
  - Yr 4 – 93.9%
  - Yr 5 – 97.2%
  - Yr 6 – 91.7%

GREEN CARDS

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Data – figures, statistics

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: Measurement - Mass
Lower – What can you find that is heavy but small?
Middle- Can you find two objects that have the same mass but different size?
Upper – Sometimes on TV shows from the USA you might hear weight described in pounds. What might be something that weighs 40 pounds? 100 pounds? How can you convert to g or kg?

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

On Monday 14th March, Jacinta, Sarah-Jane, Maiella and Atharva from Year 6, participated in a Gladstone Cluster Extended Learning Program “Maths Challenge” at Calliope SS. This program was to foster development in maths and problem solving. The team had a chance to work with students from many local schools and they participated well in all challenges including a spaghetti tower and smarties investigation.