FAREWELL

Sadly (for me), I write my last ‘Clinton SS Newsletter’, as I have been appointed as Lead Principal, Assistant Regional Director, for the North Queensland Region, Department of Education, Training and Employment. My family and I will be relocating to Townsville, over the holidays, so that I can commence duties in the new role, on Monday 11 April.

Clinton SS will be receiving a new principal, whose appointment will commence on Monday 11 April. I know that you will welcome him/her with the same warmth and acceptance as you did me, exactly four years ago.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as principal of this great school. The staff at Clinton are second to none, and I count it an honour to have served alongside of them as we have endeavoured to improve educational outcomes for all of our students.

I wish you all well for the future and thank you for your support.

END OF SCHOOL

This coming Thursday marks the end of Term 1 for our 2016 School Year. There will be no school on Friday as this is the Good Friday Public Holiday. School resumes for students on Monday 11 April. I wish to take this opportunity of wishing you a wonderful Easter Break with your family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

- Friday 25th March
  Good Friday Holiday

- Monday 28th March
  Easter Monday Holiday

- Tuesday 29th March - Friday 8th April
  Easter Holidays

- 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

- Monday 18th April
  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
STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS
No student will be permitted to leave the grounds without the proper written authority at any time. To release a student from class during normal school routine, the following is required:

- A request must be made from a custodial parent/caregiver via email, fax, phone, in writing, or in person.
- Parents/caregivers are to report to the school office where a departure slip will be issued and signed to take to the class teacher before a student is released.
- Students are to report to the school office with an authorised adult before returning to class.
- Under NO circumstances will a student be released from class to meet parents/caregivers at the front gate or public areas.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES
Parents are required to drop their children off at the office if they are late to school. Our Front Office ladies will issue a late-slip to the students and the students will then walk up to class on their own. If parents require an early pick-up, please alert the front office so that arrangements can be made for you to pick up your children from the front office. Please do not go to classrooms to pick up students. We hope that this arrangement will minimise the disruption to teaching in classrooms.

PARKING
Public car parking provided by the Gladstone City Council is available on Harvey Road. In the interest of the safety of all students, parents/caregivers and visitors are requested to:

- adhere to the traffic signs in Harvey Road
- drive carefully near the school as childrens’ actions can be unpredictable.
- obey the crossing supervisors’ directions.
- avoid double parking in any areas.
- not park within the school reserve.
- not park in the Administration Block area
- use the 2-minute drop off and collection area in a legal and considerate manner. (STOP, DROP, GO)

Your co-operation and courtesy in this matter will maintain our excellent safety record.

P&C MEETING
Don’t forget that our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th April at 6.00 pm in the Library. All parents (including new parents to our school) are very welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PARADES
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
The Harbour Festival Parade float is taking shape and will look awesome. 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.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

NATIONAL DAY OF BULLYING
Last Friday was the National Day of the ‘Anti-Bullying’ campaign. To signify our support of the national ‘Anti-Bullying’ Campaign, all staff and students were encouraged to wear orange coloured clothes for the day.

Regards
Reid Thompson
Principal
CLINTON HAPPENINGS

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.

The children have started 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 tomorrow 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
A huge thank-you to all the helpers at the sausage sizzle on Saturday at the polling booth, we raised just over $1000.00 to help develop the Yarning Circle. The winner of the $100 dollar board was Hayden, again thank you.

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 – DUE NOW
Letters have gone home 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)

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM
On Monday 21st March, Isabelle, Aoife and Zoe from Year 4, participated in a Gladstone Cluster Extended Learning Program “Choral Collaboration” at Tannum Sands SS. This program was to foster development in singing and performing. The girls had a chance to work with students from many local schools and the concert at the end of the day was very impressive.

BOOKWORK AWARDS

KIDS CAFÉ
Kids Café is now in full operation 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 23rd March: Tracey Brown, Connie Fredericks, Margie Mabborang, Piklets: Kristy Robertson
Thursday 24th March: Vicki Fawkes, Tanya Verner Dianne Dillon Piklets Hayley Taylor
Friday 25th March: Good Friday No Tuckshop

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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: Robert Mc Bean’s Tennis School.
Further information please phone Dayle Mitchell 0402932109 or 07497222772
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING
This week at Clinton, our PBL focussed lesson is: BE RESPECTFUL – TALK, WALK, SQUAWK. Students will be involved in discussions about when and how to use this strategy. The students will be reminded that they ‘may not like it but they can stand it’ in order to build their resilience. This is an important quality for them to continue to develop. Students will be reminded that TALK, WALK, SQUAWK looks like:

· Talk stage - Students tell the person of concern in an appropriate firm manner “Stop it!!! I don’t like when you ……..”

· Walk stage - If the person of concern continues the undesirable behaviour the student’s next course of action is to say, “I have asked you to stop it and you haven’t so I’m now walking away”.

· Squawk stage – If the person of concern follows the student the student should report the incident to the teacher on duty by saying “………… is ………. I’ve talked and I’ve walked and they are still doing it. Can you please help?”

Students will be reminded that they do NOT use talk, walk, squawk if the incident – physical or verbal – is very serious. In that instance they are to report to a teacher immediately.

Last week, there were 1062 GOTCHAs handed out! That’s awesome!

HOUSE Points

| Bunyip     | 317 |
| Gowrie     | 294 |
| Maroochi   | 224 |
| Witchetty  | 227 |

ATTENDANCE

· Last week’s (Week 8 - Term 1, 2016) Student Attendance averages were:
  - Whole School – 93.50%
  - Prep – 92.40%
  - Yr 1 – 93.20%
  - Yr 2 – 93.60%
  - Yr 3 – 96.80%
  - Yr 4 – 92.20%
  - Yr 5 – 93.70%
  - Yr 6 – 92.70%

GREEN CARDS

| Jacob Linke          | Prep E |
| Sam Seker           | Prep E |
| Korbyn Bourke       | 2A     |
| Maison Goltz        | 2A     |
| Molly Gudgeon       | 2A     |
| Indie Lee Ibbotson  | 2A     |
| Mark Margo Sevastin | 2A     |
| Reihana Nock        | 2A     |
| Daniel Snow         | 2A     |
| Suchi Sudina        | 2A     |
| Malachi Craigie     | 2C     |
| Tyler Davey         | 2C     |
| Anna Perrins        | 2C     |
| Joella Macabocsit   | 2D     |
| Tobias Owen         | 2D     |
| Cooper Allen        | 1/2    |
| Dhyan Thirumurugan  | 1/2    |
| Dean Gill           | 1/2    |
| Ella Kershaw        | 4D     |
| Husna Wan           | 4D     |
| Gargi Sapte         | 4/5    |
| Gayathiri Sekar     | 5C     |

WORD OF THE WEEK

Evaluate – appraise carefully/ascertain the value or amount of

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 – Volume and Capacity

Lower – I filled a container with 20 spoonfuls of rice. What might the container look like?

Middle - Can you find some containers that have the same capacity but different shape?

Upper – At the supermarket Mum bought exactly 10L of drink. She bought some soft drink and some juice. What drinks might she have bought?