If your child was born between 1 July 2006 – 30 June 2007

COME ALONG TO THE

PREP OPEN DAY

9.00am - 11.00am on Friday 4 November

Prep at Cloncurry State School aims to enhance children’s’ development in all areas of the new National Curriculum including:

- Mathematics
- Reading, writing and oral language
- Science, SOSE and the Arts
- Social and personal learning

Prep gives your child the best start to school and develops all the attributes necessary for a life-long learner.

Enrol on Open Day or visit the Cloncurry State School administration to complete an enrolment form, and to arrange an interview. Ph: 4742 8333

ENROL NOW FOR 2012
WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Prep Open Day – Friday 4 November
- P&C Meeting – Thursday 10 November
- Remembrance Day – Friday 11 November
- Awards Night – Thursday 17 November
- Last Day for Yr 12’s – Friday 18 November
- Senior Formal – Saturday 19 November
- Last Day for Yr 10/11’s – Friday 25 November
- Last Day Term 4 – Friday 2 December

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

2012 Classes: In 2012 we are very excited to be restructuring our class organisation to align with the new Australian curriculum. We are moving to straight grades with one class per Learning Centre. Teachers are very excited with the ‘big’ space they will now have to create a great learning environment for their students.

In addition to the structural changes teachers are very excited to be teaching from the professionally designed units of work provided for English, Maths and Science. The units including lesson plans, assessment and associated teaching resources have been created for all Education Queensland schools. This means that Queensland State Schools will be aligned to the National Curriculum.

2012 Class / Teachers / Learning Centres:

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Last week I travelled with Ronald (Hombre) Major to a two day conference on the Gold Coast to hear more regarding “The Next Step” Program that Cloncurry State School has been nominated to participate. We are one of the 101 schools across Australia involved. It was a rewarding learning experience to be with educators and community members from across the entire country and to match our practice to that of others. Many successful programs and ideas were shared. Ronald (Hombre) and I returned with great excitement as to how Cloncurry State School can enhance the agenda of “The Next Step”. Across 2012 / 2013 we will be targeting 95% attendance at school with all students achieving national minimum benchmarks and beyond.

This Friday is our Prep Open Day. Miss Beavis has been working very hard this year with her class of Prep students and proudly reported that many of her students are already reading past Level 5 PM (School Benchmark). Very clever and well done Miss Beavis, Mrs Wood and all Prep students!!! We look forward to meeting with our 2012 Prep students and parents and showing off all the great educational opportunities at Cloncurry State School on Friday.

A very busy time lies ahead as the 2011 school year draws to a close and or through the office as final reports won’t be posted home until the last week teachers during the next few weeks to discuss how well your child has prepared for 2012. All parents are encouraged to meet with class environment for their students.

The next 2 weeks:

• Term 4 Primary SWIMMING Timetable

TERM 4 – PRIMARY SWIMMING TIMETABLE
Commemences in Week 2 and concludes in Week 9

MONDAY
9:00am - 10:00am – Green A
11:40am -12:40pm – Green B

WEDNESDAY
8:40am – 9:40am – Purple B
11:40am – 12:40pm – Blue A
1:30pm – 2:30pm – Purple A

THURSDAY
8:30am – 9:30am – Prep Class
11:40am – 12:40pm – Blue B and Red A
1:30pm – 2:30pm – Red B

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
A big thank you to all who gave their Woolworths docket to Cloncurry State School. After gathering just short of 40,000 points we were ordered some fabulous Maths Resources for the classrooms. Thank you again.

APPLICATIONS TO:
PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL
Business Services Manager
Cloncurry State School P-12
PO Box 337
CLONCURRY Q 4824

Detailed descriptions are available from the School Administration Office during Office hours. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Blue Card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. The successful employee is able to commence duty prior to receipt of their suitability card only after an application form has been completed. This Suitability Card costs $70.00 which is the responsibility of the employee for the initial card: these cards are renewed every 2 years.

CHAPLAIN’S CHATTER

Youth Group News - We are busy making Christmas Cards with our own scrap-booking ideas. If anyone has old Christmas Cards to recycle, our students would love to make new cards from them for family and friends. We hope to present our ‘Christmas Tree Story’ at the annual concert held on 1ST December. Please come along and enjoy seeing the students perform their classroom acts.

Senior Group News - As we are winding up from a busy year, it has been a nice break in the school week to deliver a relaxation class. I am getting great feedback from the students. So I take this opportunity to invite parents / carers to our classes on a Wednesday at 12.45pm. Absolutely NO previous skills required. Just come along and enjoy relaxing and stretching to soft music - then share a cuppa with me after the class. Enquires, just ring the office. I would love to see you there!

Student Council - Our next innovative idea is a GARDENING DESIGN COMPETITION. This includes all readers as well to participate. So, get your creative caps on and design a garden of drought tolerant plants for our footpath garden on the Daintree Street School entry. (Under Hombre's
Cloncurry State School Cooee

Entries close Friday 25th November. Student Council and I look forward to this school project. On the note of gardens, we are enhancing the garden in front of Admin in the coming year as it is too hot to establish plants. So any seedlings of hardy plants would be wonderful. Blessings to you all Miss Jenny.

P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS

P&C MEETING
General Meeting: Thursday 10 November in the Senior Room at 5.00pm. All parents and guardians invited.

P&C HOMEWORK SUPPORT CLASSES
Monday – Thursday
Homework Classes are on at 2.30pm to 3.30pm at the School Library. Everyone who has homework is welcome. Hope to see you there. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Promise of the Week
“When ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples.” John 8:31b

SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
36 Short Street Cloncurry
PH: 47421400

Opening Hours

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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you would like any information regarding our school activities or policies please don’t hesitate to contact the school on the numbers provided. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter and any info on what is happening at school please contact Linda at the office with your email address.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

RAINBOW (PREP) NEWS

Wow week 5 already!

This week we are finishing off our learning about information reports. The children have done a wonderful job writing and illustrating them so please take the time to have a read when you come in. During Maths we are learning all about positional language.

So far our crazy scientists have experimented with eggs in vinegar and a magical pet egg. I have a strange feeling that some volcanoes will be erupting sometime this week, so keep tuned.

Prep Open Day: Is on this Friday from 9 – 11am. If you know someone who is going into Prep next year, come along for some fun and to see how much we learn here in Prep.

Have a great week - Steph and Lesley

GREEN (YEAR 1/2) CLASS NEWS

Half way through the term already! Over week’s five to seven, we will be completing some of our assessment tasks. Please ensure that students are attending school every day so they don’t miss out on any work. It is important that students have a healthy and nutritious breakfast during this period to ensure prolonged concentration.

Students are in the process of writing their imaginative recounts. There are some very interesting recounts too; we can’t wait for you to read them! Next Friday we are having a market day at 2:00PM in the under-covered area. Students have been making crafts which have originated in different countries, to sell at the markets. All funds raised will be for our end of term Gold Pass Sleepover. Gold Pass letters will be going out within the next few weeks.

Have a great week - Margo and Kaitlyn

PURPLE (YEAR 2/3) CLASS NEWS

Yes believe it or not it is Week 5! Purple class have been extremely busy exploring and investigating the forces and features influencing whether an object will sink or float. All these learning activities come under the banner of science. During literacy experiences, students have continued to share recounts in written and verbal ways, with a strong focus on the orientation of this genre. In reading groups, students have continued to read and comprehend text types containing different purposes. Some text types have been calendars, facts files, posters etc. Around the World seems to be a hit at the moment, in maths as it is a fun way to increase students’ fast and accurate recall of maths facts. Last week, students explored the mathematical aspect of probability and used chance words of impossible and certain, likely and unlikely to describe the likelihood of everyday events. A big thank you to all children coming to school on time; it is important as end of year assessment and progress indicators are being finalised.

Reminders:
Students need to bring hat, shoes, healthy lunch and water bottle - EVERYDAY! HATS!!!!!!! All students are EXPECTED to wear a hat during class and play time. Does your child have one?

BLUE / RED (YEAR 4/5/6) CLASS NEWS

This week in Red and Blue classes for science we have been learning about the Solar System, constellations and planets. In SOSE we have been concentrating our lessons on droughts and floods and how they impact on our environment. The Year 4 & 5 students in math have been focusing on chance and data and are now investigating measurement and time. Year 6 is investigating calculating interest rates (hope the RBA lower them).

In technology we will be starting to build our space ship in the next few days so please bring in items such as cereal boxes, plastic bottles, egg cartons etc.

Have a great week Dearne Hodgetts, Rachel Rozynski, Kelly Rozynski and Katrina Madigan.

CHRISTINE NORTON
Principal