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**Catch Up Week**

“Have you missed a week?”

Students may catch up at any time! Make sure your student has their item in and book stamped.

**P&C Fete Booklets**

Next week’s item is Baked Goods. Cake mixes and dry ingredients can be sent in at anytime, cooked items can be dropped off on the morning.

**Congratulations to Jill McGee, Mary Macnamara and Emily Johnson** who have sat their Year 12 QCS test this week. The girls did a wonderful job and now have the long wait until the end of the year to find out their results. We are very proud of their hard work and wish them luck.

This week we congratulate our Year 12 students who sit the QCS Test (Queensland Core Skills). The test contributes toward the university entrance score, commonly referred to as the ‘OP’ meaning ‘Overall Position’. Students studying the higher level academic subjects who wish to sit the QCS will be provided an OP of between 1 and 25. It is always an achievement to have students sit the QCS test, as our school has such small numbers when compared to other high schools across the state. We are extremely proud of the fact that 100% of our students are accepted into university to study for their preferred choice of career. Well done to Jill, Mary and Emily!

Wow!!! The introduction of our P-7 Personalised Learning Plan Program has been a resounding success across all year levels. Currently over 75% of students have met with the class teacher and their...
Students who received prizes this week at SWPBS draw at Pathways on Monday were

- Nathan Wood - Yr 9
- Allen Aitkens Kums Sing - Yr 10

Keep up the great effort CSS students!!

devise plans to achieve higher results across all curriculum areas. Plans are in place to ensure we reach our target of 100%. It has been wonderful to see the program so well received by parents as this can be the vital link to any success. Students learn best when students, teachers and parents work together around identified goals and plans.

On Tuesday 11 September we are hosting “Let’s Get The Party Started”. This is the culminating event of a program introduced into our school curriculum by our School Based Youth Health Nurse, Jenny Wood. The event will be at PCYC at 6pm. Staff and students have been working hard to put together a fantastic, fully catered evening with fun activities and guest speakers from the police and ambulance service.

Don’t forget The Fete next Thursday...volunteers needed for the BBQ and many more stalls I am sure. Any support with be appreciated.

Til Next Week
Christine Norton

School Rules:
1. Be A Learner
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Responsible
4. Be Safe

This week’s Focus:
Right Choices. Have you been making the right choices?

The following students have been selected to participate in the 2012 Catalyst Program.

**Year 9s** - Schakarne Aitkens, Zekiel Shaw, Nathan Wood, Daniel Mackenzie, Zachary Morrison, Connor Trim. **Year 10s** – Lachlan Duck, Zachary Murach, Abby Walsh, Angela Moxey.

They will endure an experience of physical challenges, mental toughness times and problem solving in the wilderness with their catalyst group members. However, they will survive the journey and come home as better prepared people for any future challenges in life.

The Catalyst Program operates in three parts:-

**Lead-In Activity Dates**: 13th & 14th of September, 2012. Spent at Lake Moondarra, Mount Isa.

**Expedition Dates**: 16th of October – 25th of October, 2012. The group will do the expedition in the Nerangba Valley area/Binna Burra Mountains (just across the NSW border). Test of coping in the wilderness, carrying all food and equipment for 9 days.

**Lead-Out Dates**: TBA.

Cloncurry State School has had a partnership with Camp Bornhoffen for the Catalyst program in 2009 and 2011, making this the third partnership. The staff at Camp Bornhoffen have always been very impressed with our students and their ‘never give up’ attitudes. I am looking forward to taking this third Catalyst group on their upcoming, amazing experience.

**Miss Lynette KIM SING.**
**Chaplain's Chatter**

Hello readers, this term is winding up very fast! Also there is a hint of Spring in the air!

**BREAKFAST CLUB**: A big thank you to parents and carers who regularly donate milk, milo and bread to our very popular 'Breakfast Club'. These donations help keep this service running smoothly and well supplied. Healthy breakfast means a good start to the day with lots of learning!

**MEET AND GREET**: On behalf of Patsy and Hombre' we invited parents and carers to our regular morning tea at 11AM THURSDAY'S in our room (A BLOCK) simply, come to the office and Kerry will direct you to our room. This is just a getting to know you concept and we want enjoy your company of a cuppa and nice morning tea. Our Shout!

**YOUTH GROUP**: We have been busy making cards to sell at the upcoming fete on 13TH SEPTEMBER. The students have very creative ideas with individual flare. Lovely to see them having a go.

**LINDA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**: We farewelled Linda Nooteboom last Thursday with a well-supported memorial service at the Uniting Church. It was a humble and honourable moment for me to conduct the service. In our quiet time let us be still and be reminded of Linda's strength, courage and dedication to her administrative job at Cloncurry State School. We will miss her dearly. Now in God’s Gracious Care.

Blessings to all..........Miss Jenny.

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**Primary Parades**

- **Thursday September 20**
  - 8:45am Grades 4 - 7
  - 1:45pm Prep - Grade 3

We welcome all Parents/Carers to these parades to support our students as we celebrate the achievements of our students.

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**To The Parents and Citizen’s Association,**

Thank you for the most fun Maths game in the world - Mathletics! We enjoy it so much and did you know that it helps our learning? We are so proud to have you as our P & C at Cloncurry State School. Our fractions are getting better and we love using Mathletics to improve all our Maths. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful program at our school. You have made maths fun and you make us love it more and more. Thank you! From Brandee, Tayla, Katie of Blue Class (Year 4)

P.S. Thank you for allowing us to play

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**Yr 7 Business Stalls**

- $100 Board ticket for sale all week
- Pop Corn $1 per bag
- Muffin Sale $1.50 per muffin on Tuesday and Thursday
- Sausage Sizzle $2.50 Wednesday Spaghetti Bolognaise $3 on Friday

Thank you for supporting our Yr 7 Business students

Ella Skudder

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**Community News**

Swimming club sign on day is this Sunday 9TH September at 11A.M.
Bronze Medallion Course
When: Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2012
Time: 8am - 4pm
Venue: Cloncurry Swimming Pool, Daintree Street
Cost per person: $150.00

✓ The Bronze Medallion will incorporate CPR and basic water rescue techniques

To register your interest or for more information please contact Stacey Robertson at the pool on 4742 1403

I have an Austswim presenter coming to Cloncurry for the weekend of the 13th and 14th of October. I am also working on getting a young, male Olympic swimmer for a Sportsman’s Dinner on the same weekend.

Please let people know that the Austswim TSW will be offered in Cloncurry on the above weekend. I want to get more of these things happening in Cloncurry but need support to do so.

Also how exciting we are holding the 2013 swimming events for the Western Games in Cloncurry. I am doing it through the pool under my insurance so everyone can participate even if they are not a member of the swimming club. Two of the events to be held will be the 800m swim (like the triathletes do at Julia Creek only it will be in our pool) and business relays (the teams all nominate a time that they can swim their four by 50m freestyle in and the winning team is the team closest to their nominated time).

I would like to see St Joseph’s and Cloncurry State School put teams together. We will also hold the normal sprints and a shark fin race for the prep children. The date for this is Saturday 8/07/13.

I do not mind if you pass my email or numbers on to interested parties.

Stacey Robertson at the pool on 4742 1403 or 0408847255

My least clutter email for these events is coachstacey7@me.com

Cloncurry State School

Fete

5.30 pm Thursday
13th September

Face Painting Lucky Dips Sand Art
Plants Helium Balloons
Ham Wheel Show Bags Snow Cones
Darts & Balloons
Treasure Sticks
Pick of the Shelf
Sewing/Craft Pop Corn
Cold Drinks Cooking
B-B-Q Fairy Floss
$100 Board Bottle Stall
Pass the Footy

See you there!

A big thank you to all parents and students who have contributed to our School Fete. Without you, there would not be one.

If you have not yet contributed and would like to do so it is not too late. Teachers still need volunteers for their class stall as do the Tuckshop and B-B-Q. Remember many hands make light work and everyone likes to enjoy the Fete.

A special thank you to the businesses around town that have donated hot pots, ice, cooking ingredients etc.

Our “Reward Day” for students who have completed their Fete booklets will be held Friday lunchtime with a movie in the afternoon.

Please Note: Any cooking, plants etc. can be dropped off to the Aides’ Room or brought in on the night and left at the appropriate stall. If you need these picked up, please let us know by phoning 47 428 333 early Thursday so we can make arrangements.
Only three weeks left of Term 3, where has the year gone? I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who attended the PLP sessions, your input and your child’s input was greatly appreciated. We will now be able to work together to attain a higher level of achievement for your child. It was very remiss of me last week to forget to wish all our Dads a Happy Father’s Day, so a very belated wish to all of our Dads out there and I hope you had a great day.

In English this week, we will be talking about our favourite stories and the students will be discussing why they like a particular story. They might like to discuss their favourite story with you, please take the time to listen to them and encourage their discussion.

In math’s this week we are continuing our work on numbers and shapes. Please encourage your child with their counting efforts at home. Our Under 8’s day is on Wednesday 19th September at the Burke and Wills shed. If you would like to attend please feel free. It starts at 9.00am and finishes at 10.30am.

That’s about all the news this week; please remember as the term comes to an end that all students still need to bring a hat so they can play, a drink bottle and a school bag.

Until next week have a good one 😊

Firstly, a HUGE thankyou to all parents and carers who have attended the PLP meeting. Your time was much appreciated and I’m sure will we see the benefits of goals setting.

Last week Rainbow B practiced the spelling of numbers from 0-10 and the handwriting and rearranging of scrambled sentences.

Well done to all students for ensuring they are constantly using their editing and punctuation skills.

Over the coming weeks students will be learning to use the check-o-pillar editing system.

Congratulations to all students who are in the final publishing stage of their written character interview. It will be great to see their oral presentation of them next week. Parents and carers, could you please practice the interview with your child over the weekend? Students will be asking the questions aloud and another person (teacher / friend) will read their response aloud.

During mathematics time last week, students explored the concept of volume and capacity (how much something holds). Students identified objects that hold more, less or the same. We will be continuing this over the next two weeks. If you have any empty containers (yoghurt, milk, butter etc), please give them a wash and send them into Rainbow B.

Our science unit is getting into full swing, as we explore features of the night and day time sky. The students have been really thinking beyond ..... bats, hot air balloons, satellites, owls, meteorites, fireworks are just a few they have mentioned.

Please ensure your child has the NECESSARY equipment for learning in Rainbow B. This includes: scrapbooks, writing books, rubbers and ruler etc. Thanks!
Welcome to Week 9!

I can’t believe how quickly the year has gone and we have already hit September and have less than 3 weeks left of Term 3. Blue Class is as busy as ever and we are all looking forward to attending a Motivational Media Presentation this week with the Year 5 - 12s.

We have been enjoying participating in an Australian Maths Challenge where students have had access to a unique challenge section of Mathletics. This has been a lot of fun and we love using Mathletics as part of our learning in maths.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Katrina Madigan

SKILLS MATHLETICS LEARNING BETTER RESULTS SUCCESS

Welcome to Week 9!

This week in Drama students are continuing to work on their plays. It’s great to see students working together in teams and having a go.

In science we are continuing to look at light and how we can change the way we see light. Students are doing this in preparation for their assessment next week. For assessment students do need to have a shoe box or tissue box. If you have these at home could you please send them to school with your child so that they can start their assessment.

In Maths we have been studying line graphs and how they are used to display data that is collected over a length of time. This week we made a line graph displaying the number of people who brought back homework each week and sadly we saw a decline in our numbers!

In English we have just practised writing our own narrative using ideas from Incy Wincy Spider. It was great to see students turn it into an interesting narrative.

Warm regard

Miss Katrina Madigan
This week we will start looking at A Tale of Custard the Dragon and begin pulling ideas from the poem ready to use in a narrative.

In SOSE most students have finished researching a famous Olympian and are ready to hold a press conference answering questions as if they are that Olympian. It is great to see so many kids really getting involved in the research and learning a lot about the Olympian they chose.

A reminder that students need to have broad brimmed hats as part of our school uniform and also they need to have proper closed in shoes.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Have a wonderful week!

Kelly Rozynski

Thank you for taking a keen interest in your child's education. 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 the office with your email address.

Christine Norton
Principal