**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- P&C Annual General Meeting 15 March 2012 @5pm
- CSS Birthday - 19 March 1884
- Senior Fundraiser – Bingo – Sunday 11 March @ 12.30pm

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"Welcome all" to the Annual General P&C Meeting
When: Thursday 15 March 2012
Time: 5pm
Where: Senior Room A Block

**PRINCIPAL'S PEN**

On Monday’s parade I shared that I had the best job in the whole wide world. Every fortnight I get to acknowledge all the great learning of our students across the entire school! It excites me to see the broad range of achievements being made especially when I match them with stories from “Around The Classrooms”. I definitely know that we are on track with our teaching programs. Congratulations to each and every student who received an award this fortnight. In my classroom visits this week I was very impressed with the organisation and learning taking place…well done Teachers and Teacher Aides.

"At School Every Day: 100% Attendance"
Teachers have an increased focus in their learning programs this year to ensure that every child is learning to the best of their ability! Congratulations to all students (and parents) who have not yet missed a day at school this year.

Don’t forget “Homework Club” is open to all P-7 students in the Purple Classroom from 2.30-3.00pm if your child needs assistance or extension to their class Homework.

Life continues to be very busy in our daily school life. I encourage you to “Have A Cuppa” on Wednesday at 11.00am in our Meet & Greet Family Room.

Till next week…... Christine Norton
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<td>Bethany March</td>
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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support:

Students who received prizes this week at SWPBS draw on Monday’s Parade were:

- Shakaya Doolan
- Cindy McLeod
- Emma Jade Molloy
- Shaye-Leigh Rankine
Well done Emma, second time, so keep on earning those PB’s as you never know your good fortune!

Some of the rewards students have been choosing range from reading books, sketch pads, and the girls love the large hard cover note books with psychedelic patterns on them.

With only 4 weeks to go to the end of term students should be working hard to attain enough PB’s for the end of term reward. Needing 140 PB’s to obtain some Pool Party fun. For those that are not far off work hard to get there. Those that are a little further off you can do it, find some creative ways of earning extra PB’s. I am sure your teacher can help in finding ways. Remember just wearing your full uniform every day and getting to class on time earns you 10 PB’s a week.

As a committee we have seen an immense change around the school. It is encouraging to see students wearing their uniform proudly, keeping the school tidy, getting to class on time, staying safe, being responsible and being a learner. We all have something new to learn and we can learn so much from the students. High up on the list is the manner of being respectful not just in the class room but throughout the whole school.

Well done everyone...

Tracy Bishop  SWPB Support

"Pathways"

Care!  Prepare!  Be There!

The focus of our pathway presentation on last Monday's parade was having all necessary equipment ready for class.

There are a lot of things that need to be prepared before we come to school - such as

- having breakfast
- wearing the correct uniform and
- bringing the right learning equipment.

By having all necessary equipment ready for school, we show that we are learners and ready to learn. Being prepared and organised is essential for us to achieve better learning outcomes.

Homework Club

Homework classes have begun again and are held in Purple Classroom in B Block. Classes are held Monday through to Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please contact Elizabeth Rainnie if you have any queries concerning homework classes.

Due to Staff participating in PD on the following dates there will be no Homework Classes every second Thursday for Term 1, 2012.

- Thursday 15 March

Senior Camp Fundraiser

What:  PRIZE BINGO
Where:  ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
When:  SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2012
Time:  DOORS OPEN: 12:30PM
       EYES DOWN:  1:30PM

Drinks, Hotpots, Chips and Chocolates on Sale.
All proceeds go to State School P&C Association for Senior Excursion to Canberra.

Hi my name is Emma Wiggins and I chose to come to Cloncurry because I think as a town it has a really nice feel to it. I love living in the country and the outback lifestyle. I spent last year teaching in Doomadgee and before that several years in Goondiwindi near the NSW border. Before that I lived in rural areas closer to the coastline.

I love animals and have a puppy called Rosie. I also enjoy fitness, running and playing sports. I am looking forward to meeting more people in Cloncurry and seeing the surrounding countryside. Currently I am teaching all grades in a District Relief position which is based here at Cloncurry State School. I am thoroughly enjoying this job as it allows me to meet and get to know all of the students at our school. Make sure to say hi if you see me around 😊

Hi my name is Nicole Turnbull and I am a secondary teacher at Cloncurry SS. I am currently teaching English, Geography and Work Education. I have moved to Cloncurry from the Sunshine Coast and I am loving the change of scenery and working in a small school environment. The students have made me feel very welcome and I look forward to a great 2012!

Kind Regards  Nicole Turnbull
Hello from the Chaplain,

LET’S READ A STORY! Every Friday I visit the beautiful Prep and grade 1 students to read them a story in connection with the learning they have done that week. I call it ‘my therapy time’ because these delightful young people are so interested in listening quietly to a story and we do a little bit of singing sometimes. This is SO rewarding for me and it is insightful to observe how much they are learning.

MORNING TEA IN THE FAMILY FRIENDLY ROOM - Every Wednesday at 11AM ‘Family Friendly Room’. Come along for a cuppa and good conversation. Just ring the school or call in and the Admin staff will direct you where to go.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS - Wow! What an enthusiastic group of young people with some amazing fundraising ideas. I look forward to mentoring these young folk and see the ‘fruits of there labour’ Blessing to each and everyone.

Miss Jenny

**Swimming lessons timetable for P-6**

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All those who are available to assist with swimming lessons, please notify the class teachers.

**Get Active**

Get Active for 2012 has begun:
When: Monday and Wednesday afternoon
Time: 2.30 to 3.45pm
Where: Burke & Wills Shed
This term students will be going to the swimming pool so please ensure students have their togs, sunscreen, towel and sun safe swim shirt.

This program is completely free making it a fun and worthwhile activity for all students from grades P-6. Afternoon tea is provided. Cheers Anthony Tidball

**WORK EDUCATION NOTICE**

As part of the requirement for completing the Cert 1 Work Education, Year 10 students will undertake work experience in the final week of term 1. I encourage parents to read through the information that the students bring home and assist them in making a meaningful selection for their work experience. These forms should be returned to Miss Turnbull by Monday 12th March 2012. Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you require further information or clarification.

Regards
Nicole Turnbull

**MID WEST PRIMARY SWIMMING**

Congratulations to our swimmers selected to represent Cloncurry at the Mid-West Primary Swimming Carnival in Richmond March 14.

- Calum Robertson
- Ieysha Cummins
- Brandee Ferguson

**MID WEST NETBALL**

Cloncurry State School P-12 will host the Mid West Netball Trials for U12, U15 and U19 athletes. These trials will commence at 10:00am on Wednesday 7 March.

U12’s will play in the Burke & Wills shed at school and the U15 & U19 teams will play in the PCYC Activity Hall.

U12 – Taylor Cole, Denny-Ray Hill, Skyla Sarmardin, Jasmine Land
U15 – Hannah Bradley, Kayla Chaplain, Sally McGee, Chereice Bond,
U19 – Mikaela Tapp, Monique Tapp, Kristine Adcock, Terri Paine,

**P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 15 March @ 5pm Senior Centre

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- The Mayor's Breakfast
- Which is a touching base with the town and the community is on next Tuesday the 13th March in the Florence Clarke Park (next to the Police Station). It starts at 7.00am and everybody is welcome to come along for breakfast. If it is raining the event will be held at the PCYC.
2 x Tim McGraw/Faith Hill tickets
Gold Seats - Row W (Excellent view)
Brisbane Entertainment Centre
Saturday 24 March. $300.00
Contact: 0488 901 803

Cloncurry Agencies currently have Grey and Gold school uniform shirts with school emblem available. Great specials on pre orders are available on school shirts, shorts and black bucket hats with emblems with a delivery timeline of 5-6 weeks. Phone: 07 47 421107 or call into 45 Ramsay Street, Cloncurry.

Cloncurry Shire Council
Stacey Robertson from the swimming pool has advised that members of the community must wear correct swimwear bottoms when swimming in the town pool. It has been advised there have been cases of cryptosporidium in public swimming pools in Townsville and Stacey is taking precautions to prevent this bug being present in the town pool.

POSITIONS VACANT
Casual Housemaid position vacant
Please contact Lizzie @ Wagon Wheel
Phone: 07 47421 866

CLONCURRY TOUCH ASSOCIATION
Reminder:
Registration Fee due $60 Adults $40 Students, if unable to pay tonight to make arrangements
If rains decided that teams to turn up as scheduled, wait for 10 mins, if too wet and unsafe will reschedule game to following Monday Night, if safe Team Captains to confirm if ok to play or forfeit. If rain is too heavy all games will be cancelled & rescheduled.
Kind Regards & Thank you. Denise Hill

CLONCURRY AUTHENTIC TAE-KWON DO CLUB
"The experience of accomplishment"
Training resumes this week
When: Wednesday evenings
Time: 5:30pm to 6:30 pm
Where: St Josephs School
Everyone is welcome to come along and try!

CLONCURRY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
PO Box 113, CLONCURRY QLD 4824
Email: cloncurryswimming@gmail.com
President: Kerri-Anne Hogan
Vice-President: Stuart Robertson
Treasurer: VACANT
Secretary: Tanya Brown

Curry Croc’s Swimming Club has encouraged young swimmers to participate in activities to improve their swimming capabilities and enjoy a high level of fun and fitness.

Our club provides a friendly atmosphere for non-competitive and competitive swimmers of all ages. We promote fitness and enjoyment to all our swimmers and encourage them to improve their technique and performance throughout the season in a positive, friendly manner.

Like all clubs we require assistance from volunteers, so feel free to help out in whatever way you can to make the running of our club more productive and enjoyable for our swimmers.

We are currently looking to fill the Treasurer position. If you are interested please see one of the club committee members
or email: cloncurryswimming@gmail.com

P & C News
The AGM is to be held on Thursday March 15th at 5pm in the Senior Room with a General Meeting to follow.
All nominations for Executive positions to be submitted to the Secretary in writing by Wednesday March 14 at 5pm
Nominees, nominations and seconders to be current members of the association.
All agenda items to be discussed at the General Meeting to be forwarded to the Secretary by 1pm Thursday March 15

Elizabeth Rainnie Secretary
Cloncurry State School P-12 P & C Assoc

Nomination Form
I nominate __________________________for the Position of __________________________.
Nominated by: __________________________.
Signed: __________________________.
Seconded By: __________________________.
Signed: __________________________.
Cloncurry State School Cooee

Sound of the week “n”
Hello again, the time is moving on quite quickly as the holidays draw closer. The preppies continue to work extremely hard and they are all trying their very best.

Our new sound this week is “n” so I wonder what our fishes name will be this week. He has had a variety of names – Snake, Apple, Tiger, Indian and Pig so will have to wait and see!!!

It would be wonderful if you could continue your child’s learning at home by discussing things that start with our sound of the week ~ “n”

It is getting close to report time. I will be organizing parent teacher interviews with all parents to benefit both you and your child to fully understand how your child is progressing. A notice will be out this week with the dates and times.

We have had some offers for volunteers to work in the classroom, but we would still appreciate “any time” that you can give. There are never too many parents working with preppies, I always say “the more the merrier” and it gives you a wonderful opportunity to see your child at work in the classroom.

As we move into our busy week I will say- until next week – have a good one. 😊

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood

Come on, count on! These were popular words students used during mathematics last week. Students moved objects along an open number track to identify an addition answer. Give your child a small toy and get them to write a number line, you’ll be amazed at what they can show you!!! Learning literacy in Rainbow has a strong focus on students creating their book talk, with a special emphasis on the characters, emotions and pictures. Spelling last week encourages students to use their imagination with words, blenders and sticky chewing gum in order to understand the concept of initial blends. Might I add they seem to find so many blends making up words in various areas of learning, WELL DONE KIDS you are an amazing bunch of children. Ask your child the blend that each of these pictures start with.

Our science lessons took a strong focus on animals in healthy and unhealthy environments. It was enjoyable to see so many young students sharing their wealth of knowledge of animals and habitats with friends. Over the next few weeks students will undertake intense technology activities where they will design and create a diorama. TO ASSIST WITH YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING COULD YOU PLEASE IMMEDIATELY SEND IN EMPTY CEREAL BOXES, SHOE BOXES or the like.

Where’s the glue? Glue sticks are starting to run out as we near the term. Please check if your child needs any glue sticks.

Many thanks to all parents who have ensured your child has their homework in on FRIDAY. This is MUCH APPRECIATED!

REMINDERS for EACH day – packed healthy lunch, WATER BOTTLE, hat and full school uniform…

Swimming is on Thursday at 11:30am and Library is on Tuesday at 8:30am.

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REMINDERS for EACH day
- packed healthy lunch
- water bottle
- broad brimmed hat
- full school uniform

Thanks, Miss Marina Childs or shall I say for this week ‘Little Miss Equipped Everyday’.
**PURPLE CLASS (YEAR 2A) NEWS**

Can't believe it is week 7 and holidays are upon us. These next few weeks will be a little tiring for the students as assessments are due. The students will be assessed in Reading, Maths, English, SOSE and Science.

Please make sure that your child is coming to school as this is vitally important for their learning and understanding. In missing school your child is missing information that is relevant to their learning. If your child is away please let me know and I can send the catch up work home for you to do with your child. I really can’t stress how important your child’s education is to me and to your child.

This week we have been looking at emotions such as angry, sad, happy and excited. Also we are looking at values and we came up with treat others how you want to be treated. In English we have been looking at Biographies and how they are structured. We will be writing our own very soon. Miss Norton came in and gave our whole class pencils for being such GREAT LEARNERS. I was so Excited and Proud to be the teacher for Purple Class.

It is great to see so many children with their hats and water bottles at school.

Our Motto - HAVE A GO!

Cheers and happy learning!

Mrs Dearne Hodgetts

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**YELLOW CLASS (YEAR 2B) NEWS**

Within Science we have been learning about how a combination of materials can be used to make an object. Last week we chose materials from our natural environment to make a boat! We searched the school garden to choose materials which we thought, when combined together, would make the perfect boat. We had some great results!

There has been a great improvement in completed homework! Thank you for all your support with this and I ask that you please also encourage the children to do their reading each night. This skill is vital to their learning and the more saturated they are with this, the better! There is a table for parents to sign in the front of the student’s homework book for nightly reading. See you next week!

Kind Regards

Miss Claire Oates

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**GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS**

Hello to all our parents, carers and friends!!

This week we are busy once again with ‘Persuasive Text’. We have been analysing the structure of advertisements and the devices used to persuade! As part of this we have been examining the purpose of the text; the needs of the targeted audience; and all the ways advertisers try to influence us!

We continue to develop the understanding and skills within the mathematics strand of Number, with focused learning in counting, time and place value.

Our kids are working SO hard and SO well as they take on our new national curriculum.

Have a wonderful week,

Warm regards

Elizabeth Keim

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**BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS**

Welcome to week VII. As part of our mathematics unit this term we have been examining the properties of 2D shapes. We have found out that there are an abundance of geometric shapes in buildings in the world around us. We have observed photographs of architecture in Cloncurry, Brisbane, Townsville and other places which have inspired us in our own creations. We are working towards the finished product which will be a colourful wax-resist artwork of an imagined city. The final step will be to brush a colourful ink over the top of our city resisting (which means it won’t affect) the wax pigment underneath.

Below are photographs of two of our cities in progress:
The first is being created by Tamika Herson. Tamika’s work is inspired by two Brisbane buildings: the Brisbane Eye and the Clock Tower at City Hall.

The second artwork is being created by Harry Rush. Harry’s work is inspired by a favourite hotel as the central feature in his design. Harry has also chosen to create a clock face using Roman Numerals.

Fabulous work by Harry and Tamika! We are looking forward to seeing the final results. Please feel free to drop by the classroom and see how these artworks are coming along.

How many geometric shapes can you spot?

Have a wonderful week………………... Miss Katrina Madigan

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**RED CLASS (YEAR 5) NEWS**

This week is another busy week in Red Class. Students have been working hard on writing a character analysis about one of the characters from “The Forests of Silence”. We have done a lot of brainstorming and I have been really impressed with how well some of the students knew the character and his feelings and were able to express that. Students also did a great job of talking about the author’s use of descriptive language and positive and negative adjectives to describe the different characters within the text.

In maths we have been looking at perimeter. We have been able to write a number of different formulas for calculating the perimeter of a square and of a rectangle. We got to practise and work out which formula works the best for us. We have also been doing some problem solving with composite shapes where we have only been given some lengths and widths and we have to work out the rest of the measurements. In science we are continuing to look at adaptations. We looked at a few videos that showed a number of different adaptations that animals have made. For example swimming crabs have flat back legs to help them swim through the water. They also have teeth on their claws to help them crush their food. Students are finding it all very interesting.

This week in art students are learning how to draw a horse. They have also been asked to add shading to that shape to make it look more realistic. We are still doing our NAPLAN practices on Friday. Students are really enjoying it! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a lovely week!

Miss Kelly Rozynski

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**ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS**

This week in Orange Class students will be going on a bush walk with Hombre. On this walk students will learn about Bush Tucker, the history of the region and message stones. They also may get the opportunity to do some fishing! Please ensure your child has returned their permission slip so they can attend. It is going to be a very exciting and fun day. Let’s hope we can catch some big fish!

Please keep sending in your recycled materials with your child. We still need lots more. If you’re not sure whether we can use it, just send it in and we can decide.

Students have finished learning about reversible and irreversible changes in Science. The students have posed lots of interesting questions about whether or not certain materials can be reversed after being heated. We are now going to be looking at recycling and decomposition rates. I’m looking forward to some great discussions.

This week’s students of the week are:

Denny-Ray Hill
Enthusiastic engagement in Maths.

Ieysha Cummins:
Participating in class discussions.

Until next week……… Rachel Rozynski
CRIMSON B - MEDIEVAL CASTLES

A huge round of applause goes to all students for submitting their first piece of Year 7 assessment on the due date. A big thank you also goes to those who were supporting this very hands-on project behind the scenes and, at times, thought it an impossible task. The students have prevailed with some wonderfully creative Medieval Castles that they are very proud of. The evidence was in the product and the smiles on their faces as they added the final details and touch-ups on Friday.

These next few weeks are very busy with subject assessments.

- **History**: Life as a Medieval Teenager-Diary entries
- **English**: Cloncurry Show Posters to demonstrate learning around persuasive text
- **Science**: Spoken Persuasive Argument surrounding a water issue
- **Math**: Investigation into triangles, prisms, fractions, decimals and percentages
- **Week 10**: Celebrations to showcase students' work. Medieval Display, Science Fair & Gold Pass!!

Mrs Cumming & Crimson B

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