Prep – Year 12

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FETE BOOKLETS

FETE 8TH September

This Week:  Lucky Dip Item

Previous Week:  Craft Item of donation to make a craft item (eg. Face Washer, Photo Frames, Tea Towels, Hand Towels, Ribbon)

Next Week:  Pot Plants / Garden Items

Don’t forget to check with class teachers to see what your child’s class is doing at the fete on 8th September

NAIDOC DINNER – 18 AUGUST

$5.00 per head / $20.00 per family of 5+

10 August, 2011
**WHAT’S HAPPENING**

- P&C Meeting – Thursday 25 August
- P&C Fete – Thursday 8 September

**PRINCIPAL’S NOTE**

I’m not sure who was officially recorded as saying “nothing ever happens in Cloncurry” but they most certainly weren’t attending Cloncurry State School. Last week we participated in the Merry Muster Festival by hosting our Annual Gala Parade Friday morning for all of the community. It was its usual huge success with Miss Wilson (The Cow) narrowly taking out first place over Mr Keen (The Clown). A great time was had by all. A very special mention and thank you to our past students who returned to share their expertise with us, Troy and Jason Mara (Bull Riding Champions) and Darrel Chong, Clint Kelly (Bull fighting Champions). You were great boys and the students learnt a lot from you about rodeo and how to conduct themselves in general to achieve to the best of their ability. This was followed by our entry in the HOT! HOT! HOT! mardi gras procession.

Yay!! We won Best Dressed School Float. Well done Mrs Tapp and Hombre and all who helped to piece it all together. We had an absolute champion time however, the two circuits of the town was a little too far for many of our walkers as many crossed the finish line hobbling.

Last night a band of trusty 9/10’s worked at the PCYC to support the Variety Club dinner that was hosted over there. They did an enormous job and we were extremely proud of them and their efforts.

This morning as I write this note we are all at school again with lights in the Home Economics kitchen ablaze as we prepare breakfast for the Variety Clubbers .... Over 380 of them. Miss Jenny is reported to have been on deck since 1 o’clock this morning and I understand Sergeant Mick arrived at 4 o’clock after getting to bed at 2 o’clock following his PCYC dinner function. The things we do!! It is great fun however and “volunteering” is the most valuable gift anyone can offer to any community. You are all very much appreciated. The more the merrier.

Next week we celebrate “NAIDOC”. Many great activities are planned including our Community Celebration Dinner on Thursday night. Dajarra is hoping to join us once again and we look forward to an excellent night of celebrating our indigenous culture that is alive and well at Cloncurry. We always welcome contributions and / or contributions so if you have something or some of your time to offer please contact us at the school office. Have a great week. Christine Norton.

**“WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN”**

Our School is participating in the community program “Woolworths Earn & Learn.” This gives our School the chance to collect and redeem points in exchange for library books, classroom supplies, outdoor gear, art and craft materials. We would appreciate your help. .... we need our families to drop their Woolworths dockets into the office so we can register the code on the bottom of the docket to earn points. If you would like to just drop in the bottom of your docket that is OK but just record the amount spent on the bottom. Don’t forget to ask any family and friends to keep their dockets for us. Thanks in advance. P&C Association.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

An expression of interest is called for a Temporary Schools Officer (Grounds & Facilities) – 38 hours per week.

- Period of Relief: To Friday 9 December 2011.
- Hours of Duty: 6:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday
- Duties: General, Grounds, Cleaning, Recording, Maintenance, Security and Liaison.

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.

**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.

**STAFF PROFILE**

Hi, my name is Katrina Madigan. I moved to Cloncurry only a few weeks ago. Brisbane has been my home for most of my life and this is the first time I’ve lived in Outback Australia. I am very much enjoying this adventure!

I am currently teaching in Blue Class. This is my fifth year as a teacher and I was fortunate enough to spend my first year post-university teaching in London, England. This too was a fabulous adventure, but of different climatic proportions.

My time overseas heightened my appreciation of the wide-open and grassy grounds characteristic of Australian Schools, like at Cloncurry State School. In many of the schools I visited abroad there were only very small play areas, consisting of only concrete or bitumen surfaces.

I love teaching children and enjoy the limitless creativity that young people bring to the learning sphere. Never underestimate the wisdom of a child!

When I’m not teaching I enjoy outdoor activities like gardening, camping and fishing. During my stay in Cloncurry I hope to explore more of Queensland and the Northern Territory. The Australian Outback is such a beautiful and rugged landscape. I adore the fact that in Cloncurry you can look up at the night sky and see an abundance of stars.

A special thank you to those of you who have helped me so much with this transition and have made me feel so welcome in the school and wider community. I look forward to getting to know more of you as the year progresses.

Hi, I am John Lavers. It is good to have come out west and got away from Brisbane for a while. I went to Japan about 20 years ago and found myself interested in learning about the language and the culture. After that I started teaching Japanese.

My hometown is Toowoomba and it is a great place for growing flowers. I’m looking forward to seeing more of this region.

**P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS**

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 August at 5.00pm in the school library.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Promise of the Week**

“The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation.”

*Exodus 15:2a*

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Wednesdays from 2:00 pm

@ Cloncurry Pharmacy
**SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX**

**36 Short Street Cloncurry**  
**PH: 47421400**

**Opening Hours**

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**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**RAINFOREST (PREP) NEWS**

Goodness me, the Prep students have 2 more letters to focus on and we have officially learnt all of the letters of the alphabet!

During literacy we continue our work on recipe writing and reading. I have promised the Preps we will cook what we have written about as long as our recipes are finished by then. Our maths focus this week is 3D shapes, which carries on beautifully from our investigations about 2D shapes last week.

This week we start a new unit based on music, art and role playing. We will let you the wonderful ideas the Preps come up with to investigate these themes.

Homework: Please help your child complete their homework to the best of their ability and return it each Friday so I can reward them. This is a fantastic way of being involved in your child’s learning.

**GREEN (YEAR 1/2) CLASS NEWS**

Week 5 already and it is hard to believe we are half way through the term.

Please ensure students are bringing their reading folders to school on a daily basis and their homework books every Friday. It is essential that reading folders come back to school every day as students receive a new book for home reading. Home reading and homework tasks are a vital part of our education program. As students are exposed to a range of books at home and enjoy reading to their family members, their confidence as a reader is built up, therefore reflecting in all areas at school. Homework tasks are directly related to the content being taught in school.

Having homework allows students to study these concepts in other environments therefore improving their knowledge and skills at school.

Students ‘At home projects’ were glued into homework books. This project is due on Friday of week 6. Please come and see us if students are not able to complete this task at home.

Students are thoroughly enjoying their insects ‘schoolyard safari’ unit and we are currently observing crickets. In maths students are learning the count and count back strategy for addition and subtraction. We will be moving onto 3D shapes over the fortnight and students will be studying the faces, edges and corners of shapes. This week in writing, students have started writing another book titles ‘What am I’.

Have a fantastic week - Margo and Kaitlyn

**PURPLE (YEAR 2/3) CLASS NEWS**

Well it certainly was Hot, Hot, Hot on our wonderful Mardi Gras school float on Friday afternoon. Thank you all so much for helping our children dress up for our Rodeo day at school and our float in the evening. It truly was fabulous fun! A big ‘congratulations’ to our students, who not only took part in the events at the rodeo, but who took out places – great job! We are so proud of you! The celebrations continue, with our NAIDOC celebrations taking place next week. A variety of activities will take place during the week, with a dinner planned for all families on Thursday night, at school. But wait . . . there’s more! Today, Wednesday morning is the scheduled Variety Bash Breakfast at school, where members of the Variety Bash will be displaying vintage cars and providing some entertainment. Raffle tickets will be available, a percentage of the proceeds which will be channelled back into our school. This kicks off quite early and the vehicles will be displayed on Daintree Street.

Yes! We are still fitting in some academic activities! This week we have planned a strong Science focus as we continue to study the phases of the moon. Have a look at the moon tonight and ask your child what phase it is in! We will also study the affect of the moon on seasons and plants and animals. We have also been calling on the expertise of our Literacy Coach, Miss Heidi, and feel greatly encouraged as our students show sound progress in their reading comprehension skills.

Have a great week - Warm regards, Miss Lizzie and Miss Childs

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

We are officially half way through term 3! Wow the time has gone fast. This week in SOSE we will be looking at the difference between rules and laws which is focussed on in our government unit. Over the last few weeks students have completed a colouring in competition for the Variety Bash club.

Students who completed it will go in the draw to win some great prizes. Please check with your child/children if they need any more equipment for school. Some students are running out of pencils and books very quickly. We also require some donations of tissues as we are running out. As you are aware our school fete will be held in week 9 of this term.

Just a reminder about the donations required for the Fete. Each student received a booklet which details what is required to bring. There will be a reward for students who provide the donations needed. QCAT’s will also be occurring this term so as usual regular attendance is required. Have a great week :)  

Rachel Rozynski, Deanne Hodgetts, Kelly Rozynski & Katrina Madigan.

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.

**CHRISTINE NORTON**

Principal