What's Happening:

- P&C Annual General Meeting 15 March 2012 @5pm
- School Photos handed out – Friday 16 March
- Books in Homes Parade – Friday 16 March @ 9:30am
- CSS Birthday – 19 March 1884
- Curry Day – Sunday 18 March 3pm – 6pm
- Student Council Cake Stall-Election Day – Sat. 24 March
- Sausage Sizzle – Election Day - Saturday 24 March
- Anzac Day – Wednesday 25 April
- Prize Bingo – Sunday 20 May
- P&C Trivia Night – Saturday 26 May

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to be added to our mailing list.

"Welcome all" to the Annual General P&C Meting

When: Thursday 15 March 2012
Time: 5pm
Where: Senior Room A Block

Principal’s Pen

Monday next week our school will turn 128 years old. The school was opened in 1884 and has seen many, many changes over the years. General celebrations will be held on our Whole School Parade and during the week in classrooms.

The day coincides with "Harmony Day" and Teachers are being treated by our Year 11/12 Hospitality Students with a special multicultural luncheon. Our school enjoys enrolments from many cultural backgrounds which we believe enriches our life experiences.

Time is passing all too quickly; however, student progress to date has been amazing!

Assessments are well underway across all year levels and Parent Reporting is being organised. Report Cards will be posted home in the last week of school but please don't wait until then to check on your child's progress. Parent visits to classrooms is encouraged as is teacher contact through the front Office.

The National Curriculum has been well received by teachers and students and all have managed any challenges in the learning program.

Till next week..... Christine Norton
The implementation and deployment of the OneSchool system will be conducted over the Easter vacation for Cloncurry State School.

OneSchool is a comprehensive information management system in Queensland State Schools’ core business of learning, teaching and curriculum.

If your student has a medical condition please contact the Administration Office to complete the new medical details form as this information will not be migrated to the OneSchool database.

Please ensure your contact details (and include email addresses) are current before the data is migrated to OneSchool. Your help with these matters will be sincerely appreciated and necessary for student records.

In the new system B Pay facilities will be available for those wishing to use this payment system. B Pay codes will be assigned to students and listed on the Tax Invoices supplied.

The 2012 School photos have arrived and will be handed to students on Friday 16 March through their Class Teachers.

Please ask your students for their school photos. If your student was absent on Friday these orders would have been returned to the Office. Any problems with your orders please contact the photographer Ros Bud: Phone: 47495 031, Mobile: 0408 495 031 or email: Roslyn@outbackphotographics.com.au

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

- Conah Sealy - Yr 6
- Allen Land - Yr 4
- Toby Couchman - Yr 8
- Charlee Major - Yr 8

Congratulations

This week students will be able to choose from an array of prizes as we have just received in a new shipment. Let’s see if next week the secondary students can out perform Crimson A as they have not gone one week where a student from that class has not had their name drawn out. Well done Crimson A.

As I went round today to check on uniforms it was with jubilation that students came up to me to show me that they were in full uniform. No more detention for them if this continues. I only had 10 names down just for simple things with a little more care they too won't have any more detention, i.e. wearing Dark Blue shorts instead of black or Black shorts with a blue strip down the side. Slip on shoes instead of lace ups and not getting rid of that nail polish they were wearing at the weekend. Not far from perfect. Secondary students are showing a good example to the junior school. It is becoming a competition to see which class has a perfect record. Year seven's did well last week with 4 out of 5 days perfect. And today Mr Tidball’s year 9 class was the only perfect class and I believe they will be receiving a reward from Mr Tidball.

Well done everyone...Tracy Bishop

"Pathways"

Use your time to enjoy learning and not destroy learning!

The focus for this week’s pathways presentation was respect others’ right to learn and teach and respect learning occurring in other classrooms.

The pathways presentation looked at how other classes act when walking around the school and how that impacts on the learning occurring in classrooms. It is important that when students are walking around the school they walk quietly, in straight lines and move directly to their designated area. Students walking past other classrooms can be incredibly disturbing to working students and this can have a detrimental impact on the learning occurring in classrooms.

School is a place of learning and everyone has a right to an education so it is essential that students are not impacting negatively on the learning of others.
It is also important to respect teachers and their right to teach. Teachers come to school to assist students to develop skills that will aide them in their future so they need to be able to teach to the very best ability and without being disrupted. Time spent on correcting behaviour is missed out learning time.

Students will be handed their books on Thursday March 15 and the Books In Homes Parade will be held Friday March 16 at 9:30am in the new Library.

**BOOKS IN HOMES PROGRAM**
Prep to Year 7 students

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

**Reminder!**

**Senior Camp Fundraiser**

What: PRIZE BINGO
Where: ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
When: SUNDAY 20 MAY 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.

**Staff Profile**

The decision to move to Cloncurry from Townsville, with my husband Bradley, has already proven to be a positive one! Having lived on the coast for the past 12 years, and worked in a much larger school, I am thoroughly enjoying being part of a smaller community and teaching a great bunch of Year 7 students.

I have a 20 year old daughter and am a keen traveller. The majority of my time is spent cooking, (especially jams and preserves), painting, writing, mountain hiking and renovating. However, at the moment I am simply soaking up Cloncurry’s lifestyle, landscape and ‘westerly warmth’.  

Bereniece Cumming

My name is Carol Pommer and I am the Literacy Coach here at Cloncurry State School. I applied for this position after completing an Acting Principal role in a small school in the Gulf and I am very happy to be working at this great school. My husband and I moved out west nearly two years ago and we both enjoy the lifestyle and the people out here.

My role in the school is to work with the teachers to continuously improve their teaching practice. This has been a bit of a career change for me but I have been supported here at the school by the other members of the administration team and, of course, the great teachers. I am impressed by the level of care and dedication of the teachers, and the friendliness of the students. Thank you to all of the parents, staff and students for making me feel very welcome in this lovely town.

**Chaplain’s Chatter**

Hello from the Chaplain,

**STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER EVENT** - Our first fundraiser for the year is a cake stall at the upcoming State Election on SATURDAY 24TH MARCH. The voting takes place at Cloncurry State School. So may I ask, on behalf of the Student Council PLEASE support this day by providing CAKES, SLICES, and BISCUITS for our stall? Either bring to school on Friday 23rd March OR bring to the School on 24th March.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** - I take this opportunity to mention that every student is so polite, well mannered and very supportive to the younger members to help them with breakfast. Also thank you to the valued parents and carers who bring in foodstuffs which help me provide this service on a daily basis.

**YOUTH GROUP** - New members always welcome! This weekly School Chaplaincy program I hold to teach children the Christian faith. Currently we are busy making Easter baskets and learning about the meaning of Easter. So please
contact me at school to discuss if your child/children would like to be part of this great program.

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.

Blessing to you all.........

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Curry Day

“It’s about us”

Sunday 18th March 2012
Cloncurry/Mary Kathleen Memorial Park
3.00pm to 6.00pm

Market/Merchant Stalls and displays
Lions BBQ
Food and drinks stalls
Sporting and community group information
Music, Games/prizes
Cooking competition
Official Opening of the new Rail Ambulance Shed at 3:30pm
Come along for a wee bit of fun and hopefully the odd Leprechaun or two may turn up.

Theme = Green

Prize for children in costume
Costume Parade 4pm sharp

For further information please phone
Gail Wipaki 4742 1361 or 0419 758 831
Cloncurry State School Cooee

FOR SALE!

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 47421107 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 Fees due: $60 Adults $40 Students, if unable to pay tonight please make arrangements

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If raining it has been 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.

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!
Raelene Waters

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Kerri-Anne Hogan
Hi to every one

Time is counting down to the end of term. Who would have imagined how quickly the weeks have passed since our preppies first day of school. They are working really hard and it is starting to show, we have some very tired students at the end of the week, but they remain enthusiastic.

We are not having reports sent out for 1st term so it is extremely important that parents come to see me about parent teacher interviews. A notice did go out last week with dates and available times. It will give you the opportunity to discuss how your child/children are developing during this very important learning period. Please come and see me to organize a time.

Preppies are also going on “an excursion”. A notice will be going out by the end of the week. Parents are always welcome to come and help so please keep an eye out for the notice.

Please also note that we will not be using the hat hooks from this week as the students will be keeping their hats in their school bags. Could you please ensure that your child has his/her hat everyday as the policy is NO HAT, NO PLAY.

Our “sound” this week is c, and we are focusing on all things starting with “c”.

Finally our big news for the week in Science is that our family of mealworms is “metamorphasising” at last!!! They are developing into “pupa” – the next step is “beetles” – keep an eye on this space.

Until next week - have a good one. ☺

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood

Well, Rainbow B have some interesting and exciting suggestions for the next book you want to read. All students have participated brilliantly in activities assisting with the writing and designing of their BOOK TALK! It was very pleasing to see students using the ‘talk aloud’ strategy before they went on to writing notes for their book talk. Ask your child to show you how this strategy looks....

During math learning experiences students have been focusing on the concept of takeaway and subtraction with groups of objects as smaller, bigger, more or less. In small groups students wrote subtraction stories together. I’m sure you child would love to tell you one. In science we have continued to look at animals and environments and are now branching into the learning area of technology. In this area of study students will design and make a diorama. Please send in any old shoes boxes or cereal boxes.

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

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

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

Thanks, Miss Marina Childs

Week 8!!! What a great week we are having in Purple Class, the children’s attendance has been exceptional. Children have also been turning up on time and ready to learn and it is fantastic to watch.
In Maths we have been learning all about place value and counting. We are going to start looking at chance and data. Please make sure that you are counting with your child even while you are preparing dinner from 1 to 100. You can also count in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

We have been looking at Biographies in English and we have discovered that a biography is about a person’s life. It starts with a title, goes into the orientation then to events and lastly into reorientation. We will be writing ours very soon.
It is also great to see that so many of the children are doing their homework as this is just another way to reaffirm concepts taught in the classroom.

Please also make sure that your child has their swimmers on a Monday as:

**no swimming tags = no swimming**

Our Motto - HAVE A GO!

Cheers and happy learning!  
Mrs Dearne Hodgetts

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**GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS**

Wow!! Where has this term gone!!!! We are now in the assessment phase of what has been an incredibly intense learning and teaching term, with the introduction of our National Curriculum! Students will be bringing their skills, knowledge and understanding together to complete end of term assessment items, as well as being assessed on their on-going class work during the term.

It is a very busy time, when hard working ‘little’ people are beginning to feel the need of a holiday!!! Keep them strong with enough sleep, healthy meals and lots of water!

This week I will send home an invitation to a parent/teacher discussion, which will take place in Week 10. You will be asked to nominate three times, and I will endeavour to grant you your first choice, when we will meet in the classroom to discuss our students’ development.

Looking forward to seeing you then!  
Warm regards……….
Elizabeth Keim

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

Welcome to Week 8!!
Last week in yellow class we began to plan our stories for SOSE (Study of Society & Environment). These stories will focus on an event/value which we find important in our life. The students have brainstormed some great ideas and we begin the writing process this week!

Within Science we are designing our own lunch boxes!! We are using our knowledge of materials to make a lunch box which will fit the design brief! Incredible Designs!!! See you next week!

Kind Regards  
Miss Claire Oates

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**BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS**

Welcome to Week 8. We have a busy three weeks ahead of us as we approach the end of term. Blue Class attendance has been great so thank you for your help with this.

This Friday we are all looking forward to going on an Indigenous Culture Walk with Hombre where we will learn about Bush Tucker, the history of the region and message stones. We are all looking forward to going swimming and fishing – fingers crossed we catch something! Permission forms have been sent home for this trip. Please send the following items to school with your child this Friday:

- Hat
- Walking shoes
- Sunscreen
- Swimming Gear
- Some morning tea/lunch

Students are also encouraged to bring handlines and fishing tackle to school on Friday.

Warm Wishes.................................  
Katrina Madiga
Red Class (Year 5) News

It is hard to believe that it is week 8 already! This week students will be doing some assessment tasks and catch up lessons.

★ English - we are continuing to work on our character analysis and will shortly begin to prepare for our oral presentation.

★ Maths - we are looking at patterning and the different types of patterns we have and how to continue them or fill in missing numbers. The students in Red Class have been doing really well with them.

★ Art - we are learning how to draw an elephant and then demonstrate our shading skills to make the elephant look 3D. On Friday we should be finished our plane construction for technology and will be able to test them out.

★ SOSE - we are continuing to work on our arguments about whether we need money to survive in today's society.

★ Science - students will be creating a creature with specific adaptions so that it can deal with the environment that they make for it.

A reminder that for students to attend Gold Pass they need to have 150 PB's. Some students have already achieved this number however some students still have to reach this number. Ask your child how many they have and how they can be receiving more.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a lovely week!

Miss Kelly Rozynski

Orange Class (Year 6) News

Wow! What an exciting day we had on Friday. As you are well aware our class went bushwalking with Hombre. We tasted berries, used soap leaves and did some fishing. The dam was closed so we headed down to the Cloncurry River. It was a lovely hot day so the students really enjoyed the swim in the river.

Many of the students had a try at fishing. Minnie proved to be the expert fisherman as she caught 3 fish. I caught my very first fish! I was in the lead with the biggest fish until Mick beat me.

Mick outdid us all by catching a very big catfish. It was really great to see the students helping each other out with baiting and throwing their line in. Some great memories were made.

The students collected fire wood so we could have a sausage sizzle for lunch. Hombre and Mr Hodgetts did a great job at getting the fire going and cooking our lunch.

Huge thanks to Hombre, Tracy, Patsy and Craig for helping us out on the day and also thanks to Louisa Coffison for taking a group of students out to the river and collecting them at the end of the excursion. Everyone’s help was greatly appreciated and made for a fantastic day!

As it is week 8 we will be continuing with more assessment. It is very important that the students are coming to school everyday to get these tasks completed. If anyone has any recyclable materials please keep sending them in with your child. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Until next week…….

Rachel Rozynski

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 the office with your email address.

Christine Norton
Principal