WHAT'S HAPPENING

- 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
- Christmas Pageant Yrs. 9-12 Thursday 1 December

PRINCIPAL’S PEN

This week we farewell the 2011 Year 12 class from Cloncurry State School. It seems that time passes so quickly and it is difficult to comprehend that the students listed below will have successfully completed 13 years of formal schooling as of this Friday.

The 2011 Graduating Senior Class:

Skye Brunker            Dylan Constantinides       John Elliott
Simeon Gasio             Mitchell Hudson              Letina Jacob
Robert Lucas             Cassandra Lynam              Mary Milton
Emma Morris             Sarah Parker                  Tarynne Shepherd
Zara-Jade Sollitt      Liam Williams                  Geordie Wood
Elle Woodfield

On behalf of the school community we wish you all the very best as you set upon the next stage in your life journey. Some of you have set your sights on tertiary education and further study, some are moving into the technical and trade areas and some are hoping to gain employment here in Cloncurry to add to the employment path already chosen. Whatever you do, wherever you end up, we are very proud of your achievements and you are always welcome back at Cloncurry State School.

To our school and sports captains, Mitchell, Tarynne, Sarah, Robert and Elle, thank you for your efforts in your leadership positions this year and we encourage you to continue to be involved in such roles at the community level.

This Thursday night we are hosting our Annual Awards Night Celebration in the school grounds due to the Shire Hall being unavailable. The night begins at 6.45 for a 7.00pm start. Everyone is welcome to our celebration.

Don’t forget our Annual Christmas Pageant will be held in the last week of school – Thursday 1 December @ 11.00am. So keep that date free if possible.

Please note uniform changes for 2012 as per attachment to this newsletter.

Till next week.............
Christine Norton

REACH OUT FOR SUCCESS

The Pathways sessions on Monday were held in the Resource Centre. Mrs Maharaj, Miss Kim Sing, Miss Kelly Rozynski and Ms Rainnie presented to the students, the importance of setting goals that will lead to their achievements and success.
The presentations consisted of reminders about having
✓ self-pride
✓ self-respect and
✓ self-motivation
to achieve at their highest levels.
The first power-point presentation showed how the students would need to
WRITE IT DOWN (write their goals and plan how to achieve them),
BREAK IT DOWN (break it down into smaller steps that will lead towards achieving their goals),
REMINd YOURSELF (remind themselves constantly that they can do it, even when negative people say that they can’t achieve it).

An interview with Kierran Moseley was shown. The interview showed how his first opportunity came in the selection into the Townsville Stingers U16s team (he was the only player from outside Townsville who was selected that year). The next big decision was to move to Townsville to Kirwan SHS, leave his family and friends behind to continue on his path to achieving his goal of one day becoming an NRL player. During the interview, Kierran shared what has happened since leaving Cloncurry. He is now in the NQ Cowboys system for young players and the Gold Coast Titans are also very interested in his ability as an outstanding hooker. Kierran had to move from Cloncurry to achieve his goal and accomplish his dream that was part of his process.

In our town, we have a large number of successful people who did most of their schooling at the Cloncurry SS, gained their further awards qualifications and now operate some of the local businesses.

Regardless of whether you need to move from home or not, follow the steps to success:-

WRITE IT!  BREAK IT!  REMIND YOURSELF!  NEVER GIVE UP!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS
2012 is fast approaching and for our Year 10 students this means some big changes to their schooling.

Under the Government’s “Earning or Learning” Act after Year 10 students must either:
• participate in education and training for a further two years; or
• until they have gained a Senior Statement or Queensland Certificate of Education; or
• until they have gained a Certificate III vocational qualification; or
• until they turn 17; and
• Provide exemptions for students who enter full-time work after they either completed Year 10 or turned 16.

Parents and guardians play a vital role in helping students plan for their future. For this reason, Senior Education and Training Plans are constructed in conjunction with parents and the school. The SET plan outlines the future ‘learning or earning’ intentions of students. This meeting should take approximately 30 minutes. It is vital that all year 10 students establish a SET Plan and we will need a plan finalised together by Friday 25th November. Please contact the school office to arrange a time that suits you. Looking forward to meeting with you. Alicia Wilson – Head of Department

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

| MONDAY       | 9:10am -10:10am – 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 |

HEAD LICE
Head lice have been reported at school. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

MUSIC NEWS

Choir News
The Cloncurry State School choir is still in full rehearsal mode for our upcoming and coming performances. We are rehearsing at lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have two performances left for 2011:
The choir will be performing the national anthem at our Awards Night on Thursday 17th November and the final performance for 2011 will be at the Community Christmas Festival on Friday 25th November, more information for these events will be sent home.

Thank you to all my lovely choristers, it has been a fantastic year and I can’t wait to see what we can achieve in 2012.

Instrumental Music News

From Week 7 I will be starting to recruit students for our instrumental music program in 2012. If your child/ren are in grades 4 - 12 next year and would like to try out to play an instrument in our program, they need to give their name to their classroom teacher who will then pass it on to me. I will then test any interested students on all offered instruments and send a letter home to parents informing you of your child/ren intent to learn an instrument and which ones suit them. The instruments we teach at this school are: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, French Horn, Keyboard and Percussion.

If you have any questions about the instrumental program or Choir Program don’t hesitate to contact me at school.
Katie Patch.

P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

“All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”
- Matthew 21:22

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Hutton, Coates, Williamson and McLeod family and friends on their recent loss.

SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

36 Short Street Cloncurry
PH: 47421400

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Wednesdays from 2:00 pm

@ Cloncurry Pharmacy

Cloncurry Christmas Festival 2011

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of November 2011
Cloncurry Recreation Grounds
**AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS**

**RAINBOW (PREP) NEWS**

This week we continue to work on our stories among many other things. In Maths the Prep children are learning about telling the time this week. What a tricky concept for little people, good job!!

Can you believe we are in the third last week of school? It has been a long year and we are nearly there, but there are still things to be done!! So please read the important notices below.

**PLEASE READ!!**

Let’s make sure the children are on the ball at school by making sure they have a decent sleep at night and a good wholesome brekkie. Remember brekkie club is available every morning in the Home Ec room from 8am.

Is the child attending school everyday? It is important that the students are attending school every day up until the end of the year unless they are sick.

Please make sure you are picking your child up promptly at 2:30 pm as we are very busy this time of year and have meetings to attend straight after school.

Have a great week .... Steph and Lesley

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

GOLD PASS is this Friday! Please ensure all permission forms are signed and brought back to us by Thursday morning at the very latest, as we need to do the shopping for our breakfast dinner and prizes. Please pick your child/children up at 2:30pm as per usual on Friday and bring them back at 5:00pm for a fantastic night of fun and games.

It is vital that we have 100% attendance at this time of the year, due to final testing, reporting and assessment. During this time, it is important that students are eating healthy and nutritious meals for breakfast and lunch to prolong their concentration levels, in turn allowing students to do the best of their ability in all key learning areas.

Green Class has also begun practising for our Christmas concert. We are doing an Aussie Christmas song which was voted by students in the class.

Reading groups are every afternoon in period 4 from Monday through to Thursday every week. HOME READERS are sent home every day. Please ensure your child/children are reading with you each night and that their folder is being brought back to school on a daily basis. Students who do not bring back their folders each day are not allowed to participate in Funky Friday. More importantly, home reading helps to extend students reading capabilities in school.

Have a fantastic week, Miss Hodson & Miss Hohns

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

We know it is such a cliche, but we cannot believe that we are in the last three weeks of this school year!!! These last three weeks remain vital for our children to attend. Many units of work are being completed, and assessment is taking place.

Please ensure that students are coming to school daily, with healthy lunches, water bottles and wide brimmed hats.

As you will have read recently in our newsletter, our school will have a different look next year as we move away from multi-age classes, to straight year level classes. There will also be a move of classes to different teaching spaces. We are both excited about the changes! Marina will be taking on the Year One class next year in Rainbow Block and I will continue with Year Three, but will move into Green teaching space. Year Four will be taught by Katrina Madigan in Blue teaching space.

Our students continue to work hard and develop both personally and academically, and ‘letting’ our Year Threes ‘go’ at the end of this year will be a wrench!

Have a wonderful week, and keep cool.

Warm regards

Miss Lizzie and Miss Childs

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

Well the countdown is on! It is getting so close to the end of the year that the students are all busily working away trying to complete all sorts of assessment. Students have been working tirelessly to make a rocket ship to protect their egg. A lot of students have already tested their rocket ships and some have had very successful results!

In science students have been completing profiles about the planets. Students have really been enjoying learning which planets are the hottest, biggest and have the most moons etc. In SOSE this week we are looking at bushfires and taking a close look at the Black Saturday bushfires and just how devastating they were. We will begin our SOSE interviews this week.

Students have really been enjoying doing drama and pretending to be space troopers. It is great to see some students with a lot of confidence and giving things a go.

Well we are busy preparing for report cards and getting assessment completed so please send your child to school so that they don’t miss out on important
information. Also remind your students that even though it is the end of the year that they still need to be on their best behaviour. Feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

Kelly Rozynski  Katrina Madigan
Rachel Rozynski  Dearne Hodgetts

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