**WHAT'S HAPPENING - TERM 4**

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**BOOK FAIR LUAU**

It’s a Reading Celebration!

Postponed until Monday 22nd, week 3.

Aloha! Come and check out the wide variety of books, including whacky stationary and posters, that will be available at Cloncurry State School’s term 4 Book Fair.

Date: Monday 22nd until Friday 26th of October  
(Will still open at same times on Monday 22nd even though it is a Pupil Free day)

Opening hours: 12:40 to 1:15pm (second lunch) and after school from 2:30 to 3:30pm every day. On Thursday 25th there is a special opening time from 5pm to 6pm.

Where: Cloncurry State School Resource Centre (Library)

Students, their families and the community are invited to attend this fun bookstore event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers. All funds raised will go towards purchasing new books and resources for the Library and classrooms.

Hope to see you there!

**Principal's Pen**

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4 news!!!

As you can see from the calendar we have many events ahead.

Special Congratulations to our Rock Poppers, so proud of you all. There will be a gala performance on our Cowboys Parade on Friday morning if you are yet to see it. All welcome.

Today we have 99.9 Live FM Radio announcing directly from the school grounds, such a great opportunity for our town and many thanks to the Cloncurry Shire Council who without their sponsorship it would not have been possible. A real event, to see how real live radio works.

Until next week  
Christine Norton

**Cowboys Parade!**

Friday 19th October 8:30am  
All Welcome  
Cloncurry State School

Attending will be Gavin Lloyd (Development Officer), Chris Grevsmuhl (NRL squad) and Jason Taumalolo (NRL squad) from North Queensland Toyota Cowboys
Get Active

Get Active is up and running again from week 2! This term we will be swimming at the pool each Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Students must meet Miss Oates and Miss Turnbull in front of the Resource Centre at 2.30pm sharp to walk over to the pool. All students who wish to participate this term MUST have a permission form signed and returned to Miss Turnbull prior to Monday 15th October 2012. Students must ensure they pack swimmers and a towel. A healthy afternoon tea will be provided. Permission forms will be delivered to classrooms this week. We can’t wait to see you all there!

Miss Turnbull & Miss Oates

PB Reward ‘Cuppa’s Party’

On Wednesday some special students were rewarded for their Excellent Positive Behaviour in Term 3. They were given an invitation to attend a party at our local Cloncurry Coffee shop CUPPA’s. The students got to eat lots of nice hot mixed finger food and drink a nice cold milkshake. All the students took the opportunity to eat and just relax. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Cuppa’s for such a wonderful party and thank you to the students for such great behaviour...

Primary Parades

☆Wednesday Nov 7
9am Grades 4 - 7
1:30pm Prep - Grade 3 (Week 5)

☆Wednesday Dec 5
9am Grades 4 - 7
1:30pm Prep - Grade 3 (Week 9)

Resource Centre

We welcome all Parents/Carers to these parades to support our students as we celebrate the achievements of our students.
Last week was a very busy week for our Rock Poppers! We had a full dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon which was very busy working out what students needed to get. On Wednesday we travelled to Mount Isa to practise on the stage which was fantastic for the students as they got an idea of what to expect. Thursday afternoon we were lucky enough to have Miss Lizzie come and do some drama work with us to help us get into performance mode. Then the big day was Friday. We got into our costumes and did one final practise in front of some classes and then it was very busy for Miss Beavis and myself as we were rushing to do everyone’s hair and makeup but we were successful in getting everything done and were outside and ready to jump on the bus at 4.00! We headed to Mount Isa where we arrived to hundreds of people already set up to watch the performance. The students were nervous but super excited and we were the first performance of the entire night! It was great to see the students so focussed and committed!

We went on stage at about 7.15 and the students were absolutely incredible! The timing was perfect and they were in performance mode the entire time. I, as well as many others, was incredibly proud of the way the students presented themselves and performed. They should be very happy with their performance. Unfortunately we didn’t take out any awards but we had a tonne of fun doing it and I’m sure the students would happily do it all again! Congratulations Rock Poppers!

Thanks to all the wonderful helpers! Thanks Pete Keen for driving the bus till all hours of the night!! Thanks Miss Lizzie for assisting with preparing the children and helping them get home safely. Also Miss Rachel Rozynski for helping motivate the students and Miss Beavis for doing hair and makeup and working with the students on the dance. To the parents who helped out, it was greatly appreciated we couldn’t have done it without you!

Kelly Rozynski
Week 2 is here and the students have settled in amazingly well. We have been down a few students, but at least they haven’t been sick. Everyone should be back soon.

"Home Fun Folders" will be going home to all students who have returned them, so if there is one still at home please return it with the sight words and home reader.

Students have been working hard with their counting and number work, which is great to see. Thank you to parents who are working with the students at home.

As part of their Social and Personal Learning, the students all worked well together last week planting our seedlings in our little garden bed, and we are also growing some beans in the classroom. The students worked out a watering roster. Everyone is welcome to have a look at how our plants are progressing.

Please remember swimming is on Wednesday morning, permission notes and payments need to be taken to administration as soon as possible please. Please be aware that the school swimming program should not replace Learn to Swim lessons provided by a qualified instructor.

The weeks are moving along quickly so until next week, have a good one.

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood.

**RAINFROB A (PREP) NEWS**

Week 2 is already upon us! Last week students learnt about singular and plural nouns. They know that if a word ends in ch, sh, x or ss that es needs to be added to make it a plural. Students continue to practice correct letter formation in handwriting activities. Throughout mathematics activities students revisited the hundreds board and identified 10 before and 10 after particular numbers. They also used a number line to assist with count on and count back maths operations. The students also studied the concepts of digits making numbers. For example – 74 has the digit 7 and 4. The week saw students being introduced to the text type of a procedure and hence students are using their knowledge of sentence structure including punctuation.

All students need – HAT, WATERBOTTLE, PACKED LUNCH, SCHOOL UNIFORM and pencils and scrapbooks. Please ensure that all students belonging are labelled with a PERMANENT marker.

Thank and have a fantastic week.

Miss Marina Childs 😊

**RAINFROB B (PREP/yr 1) NEWS**

Last week we kicked off our term swimming lessons and the kids had a blast! Just a reminder that next week the student’s will be doing their swimming on the Wednesday instead of the Tuesday as the swimming teacher is away. In week 4 we will go back to our usual time on the Tuesday.

At the moment we are learning how to identify the beginning, middle and end in narratives. The students have picked this up very quickly!

We are also developing our computer skills by playing around in Microsoft Power Point!

Until next week...
Hello! I have a sneaky suspicion that this term is going to ‘flash’ past us, and before we know it, it will be Christmas lunch!

We are now in Week 2 of a nine-week term! During this term, we will be working in the wonderful world of poetry in our study of literacy, literature and language. We will explore the world of feelings and ideas through a host of different poems. We will understand the different forms of poetry and learn to use and identify devices that poets use. We will ‘become’ poets and write a variety of poetic forms, experimenting with alliteration, simile, metaphor and rhyming couplets. We will enjoy poetry readings and will critique the work of other poets in our poetry society!

In Maths, we will be delving into the world of ‘money’ - looking at identifying all our currency, knowing how to write amounts of money and the very important skill of knowing how much change we need to receive! If you could save any old packets or tins, or any objects that we could set up a shop with, we would be most grateful. Perhaps if you could send things in next week, we could set our shop up in Week 3! We are also focusing on our number facts. Students have been given different facts to practise at home, so if you could assist them that would be wonderful.

Swimming – Thursday 9.40 Week 2 and Week 3

HATS!!!!!!!!
Violets and red
Roses are blue
We love poetry
And so will you!

Warm regard… Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim) ☺

Welcome to Week 2, Term 4!
I would like to extend a warm welcome to Cyiantha Dotoi, Tahlia Doyle and Paipi Uiduldam, who have joined Blue Class this term. We welcome them and their families to Cloncurry State School and the wider community.

It is that time again for “Books In Homes” and students have enjoyed filling out their preferences for some lovely new books that will arrive for each of them a bit later on in the term.

Homework has begun again this week and will follow the same format as Term 3. Homework will be allocated on a Monday and due on the Friday of the same week. Thank you in advance for ensuring your child hands in their homework each week. Students are strongly encouraged to attend homework classes which take place after school, Monday through to Thursday each week.

Have a fantastic week!

☺Miss Katrina Madigan

Week 2 already and I feel like this term is going to fly by! This week we are continuing to look at comparing novels and films. We have been reading Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax and we are watching little clips and comparing them. We have been discussing the language that has been used and then discussing some of the differences between the novel and the film and talking about why we think they may be different.

In Maths we are starting to look at chance. We will be playing some maths games and discussing the outcomes and talking about the language that goes with chance.

SOSE will see us looking at a map of Australia and labelling all the states, territories and capital cities. We will even be adding key features such as The Great Dividing Range, The Great Barrier Reef and Uluru.

In Science we are looking at gases. We are investigating air to see if it is a gas and whether it is has mass. It will be interesting to find the results!

In Media this week we will be watching clips from movies and discussing the mood of that scene and talking about what things have been added to the clip to help make us feel that emotion. Usually it has a lot to do with colour, music and body movements.
If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Kelly Rozynski 😊

This week in Orange class we have been learning about Moon Bears. We have focused on the text “Moon Bear Rescue” and the website about how to save them. Thousands of bears are kept on bear farms in Asia where they will spend their entire life locked up in a cage. The bears are kept in their cages to drain bile from their gall bladder which is then used in shampoos and skin care products. We have been looking at both texts to analyse which one is the most informative. Students will be debating this topic later throughout the term. This week in Maths students will be investigating angles and classifying them as acute, obtuse or right angles. Science last week involved students beginning the process of growing beans. This term we are investigating how plants grow and what is needed for them to grow. Already we have seen some sprouts occurring. The kids are enjoying monitoring this process and taking care of them. Students predicted how long it would be until sprouts appeared. Later on this term students will be growing mould for their science assessment.

Have a great week!

😊 Miss Rachel 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