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Primary Parades
Thursday 28th February

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

Resource Centre

We welcome all Parents/Carers to these parades to support our students as we celebrate their academic achievements.

Year 7/8 Camp, Parent Information Evening

Please come along and find out the Information regarding Camp in Term 2.
Light refreshments will be served.
Resource Centre 5-6pm
Thursday 28th February Mrs Cumming & Mr Green
We have now reached the middle of Term 1 and learning is in full swing. Term 1 also means lots of sporting trials for Mid West and North West selection. We convened the U12, U15, & U19 Mid West Swimming trials last week and the Cloncurry District were successful in winning the aggregate points trophy on the day. Great job to all the students who represented Cloncurry on the day! Special congratulations go to Mikaela Tapp, Nicola Anderson, Megan Robertson, Calum Robertson, Finlay Robertson, Brandee Ferguson, and Hannah Bradley for being selected to represent the Mid West team at the North West trials in Longreach this weekend. We know you’ll perform well. Special thanks go to Liz Rainnie and her helpers for the smooth running of the carnival.

This week we are convening the U15 & U19 Mid West Netball and Rugby League trials and have a lot of students involved. Good luck to all those having a go. Special thanks again to Liz Rainnie for organising the Netball and to Anthony Tidball for organising the Rugby League carnivals.

This coming Monday 4th March is our Student Investiture Ceremony where we will acknowledge our 2013 Student Leadership Group. It will be in the Council Precinct starting at 0900 hrs. All parents, carers, and community members are welcome to come and celebrate this great event with our students. Hope to see lots of people there.

There are a number of other things happening in and around school over the next few weeks as well but too many to mention here! Have a great week!

Regards,

Pete Keen
Homework Club will run
Monday – Thursday 2:30 – 3:30pm
In the Resource Centre and caters for students from Prep – 12
Teacher aides and teachers will be in attendance. All parents of Homework Club students will be required to complete an information form to let us know how, and with whom, their child/children will be leaving when Homework Club finishes.
Please contact Liz Rainnie if you have any questions or concerns.

Uniforms For Sale
Cloncurry State School P&C is now selling school uniforms from the school. We will be selling polo shirts, microfiber shorts, skorts, hats, formal shirts, formal skirts, and formal boys shorts.

If you have any queries, please contact Deb Twomey at the school on 4742 8333.
Cost  Polo Shirts $29  Hats $15  Microfiber Shorts $29
       Formal Shirts $44  Formal Skirts $36  Formal Shorts $29
       Skorts $19

EFTPOS facilities are now available.
Ties for senior students will be available soon.
Students who received prizes this week for the ‘PB’ (Personal Best) draw at Monday pathways parade were

- Cody Silver
  Yr 7

Students have been trying very hard to earn their rewards for their behaviour and using their four school rules.

- Be a Learner
- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be Safe

2013 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Take a Stand Together

Our school has registered to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday 15 March 2013. The National Day of Action is a day where school communities across Australia, Take a Stand Together against bullying and violence.

Cloncurry State School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together at Cloncurry State School, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time.

Cloncurry State School
Daintree Street Cloncurry QLD 4824
Ph: (07) 4742 8333 Fax: (07) 4742 8300

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place here at Cloncurry State School however our major program in place is SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour System), we are always working toward improving our program to support our students.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a major activity organised by Bullying. No Way! (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au). The Bullying. No Way! website, created by all Australian education jurisdictions, offers practical resources and information to help schools work together against bullying, harassment and violence.

Students and parents can also download the free iPhone app Take a Stand <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/take-a-stand/id507931486?mt=8> to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand.

I will keep you informed about plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence at Cloncurry State School on Friday, 15 March 2013.
Cloncurry State School is getting on board with Clean up Australia Day this Friday we will be doing a full sweep of the school grounds.

Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment.

In 2012 an estimated 591,400 volunteers cleaned up 16,169 tonnes at 7,363 sites right across Australia. But we can do better! So be a good sport and join the team to Clean Up Australia on Sunday, 3 March 2013. Cloncurry Shire Council has registered to participate in the event and will be encouraging all Cloncurry residents (and visitors) to participate.

Please meet at the Cloncurry Community Precinct, Scarr Street at 8am, before travelling to two selected locations. Following the clean up everyone is invited back to the Precinct for a FREE sausage sizzle! Please wear appropriate clothing, hat and footwear and bring plenty of water.

Regards
Cloncurry State School & Cloncurry Shire Council

Japanese Corner

We had our first Japanese Culture Club meeting last week, and I was really happy with the turn out! For the first meeting, we had about 15 students hand in their permission slips and turn up, which is a great number!

Since then I have already had quite a few more students hand in notes ready for the next meeting. The students really enjoyed learning about and doing traditional Japanese calligraphy – they learned the importance of calligraphy, how to make the ink and write the strokes carefully. All the students took a turn at grinding the stone into ink and they all took home a number of written characters.

Thanks for coming guys! Don't forget the next club meeting on the 6th of March (week 6)!

Keep those permission slips coming in!  
Mr Kelly Green - Japanese Teacher

Cloncurry State School P-12

This is the first Cloncurry State School P-12 Facebook page!

We intend to use this communication tool to pass on messages regarding things happening at the school. It would be great if you could 'Like' our page and pass the word to other people in the school community so the information can be passed on as widely as possible.

Thanks to all who assisted with the running of the Mid-West Swim Carnival. Cloncurry swimmers performed very well and we were the winners of the 13yr – Open (Secondary) section of the carnival. This is the first time in a long time the older age groups have been included and it was a definite success.

Thank-you to Ms Pommer, Ms Kelly and Mrs Tapp for their assistance and skill. Without them it would not have run so smoothly.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Ms Schumacher’s 11/12 Community Recreation Class. I could not fault their dedication to the tasks they were assigned. They represented themselves, their teacher and our school to a very high standard and I received excellent comments in relation to them.

Mr Green cooks a mean sausage too. Thanks for the help and support on the day. Liz Rainnie

Mid-West Swim Carnival
**Chaplain's Chatter**

Week 5 and look at us thrive!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- Held this Friday 1st March at St Joseph’s Catholic Church 6pm. All welcome! This is a nice way to fellowship with other Christians in the community and pray for local, national and international issues. Cuppa and cake after the service. All inquiries see Miss Jenny.

YOUTH GROUP- We now meet 2ND BREAK TUESDAY’S. Many of my interested students are enjoying netball on Monday’s and so it is best I change the day. We have been busy making Easter baskets and soon to start making Easter cards for friends and family.

MEET AND GREET- Just a reminder to parents and carers to feel welcome to call in any time for a good conversation and a cuppa. Just come to the office and Kerry will direct you to our room. This is a great opportunity to share any craft skill you have and maybe we could introduce your talents to the students. Until next time..................

blessings to one and all Miss Jenny.

Ms Jenny School Chaplain

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**Formal Fundraiser**

Sausage Sizzle and Icy cones: $2.50 each

on Friday 1 March 2013

first and second lunch.

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**Beauty of our Outback**

Early this term I had taken some staff out to see the beauty of our outback and to learn more of what we have out there. The staff got to do fishing, look at some camels, goannas, indigenous paintings, explore some of the old mine sites and identify some of the native plants and bush tuckers. This has been an experience for them to learn what we have out there to share.

Hombre Major - Indigenous Support Officer
Happy week 5 everyone,

It’s hard to believe that we are over half way through Term 1. Our learning points this week are

Sound and letters – C, K and E.

“**A tip**” – remind your child that a “sound” is what you hear and a “**letter**” is what you see.

Sight word – I and a. As you read to your child please let them try to find their sight word while you are reading.

Numbers 5

History – we continue our investigations into family.

Science – we are looking at The Needs of Living Things. Our family of mealworms has arrived and the students are enjoying observing them. We have been discussing how they will “metamorphasise” into beetles.

**News**

- Swimming continues. Please ensure your child arrives at school dressed in their togs and brings a towel, sun shirt, swimming cap or has their hair tied back. They will also need their undies to change back into. Parents/careers are welcome to come; your assistance would be greatly appreciated in and out of the pool. (Younger siblings will **not** be able to enter the pool while lessons are occurring due to safety reasons).

- Our first P-3 parade for 2013 is happening on Thursday 28th February. Parade starts at 9am and is being held in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- The students are now visiting the school library on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has a library bag so that they are able to take a book home. They are to keep the book for a week and return it on the following Wednesday.

- We have had some little visitors in our classroom, can you please check your child’s hair regularly.

- PLP (Personal Learning Plan) notice has been handed out to all families. These notes need to be returned as soon as possible so that appointments can be made.

Some reminders-

- Doors open at 8.15 am sharp, please do not leave your child alone outside the classroom door, please bring them in.

- School finishes at 2.30pm please ensure you are there on time as students become very distressed if you are late.

- Healthy lunches – Sandwiches, water & Fruit. No nut or nut products due to allergies. **Names on Lunch boxes please.**

- Students need to bring water every day, so please provide a drink bottle. **Names on Drink bottles please.**

- Cloncurry State School has a “No Hat, No Play” policy, so please ensure your child has a wide brimmed hat. Baseball caps are not suitable. We have very limited supplies of hats in Prep and for hygiene purposes it is not appropriate to share hats. If your child does not have a hat they will not be able to play. They will be required to sit in the undercover area for the lunch periods. Please ensure that your child has a hat and that their names are on their hat please.

Closed in shoes need to be worn at all times.

Helpers (Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers) in the classroom are always greatly appreciated, a roster has been placed on the wall outside the classroom, please have a look and see where you feel you can help.

**No experience is necessary and it is a great opportunity for you to see how your child interacts in the classroom environment.**

Well that is all the news for this week

Until next week have a good one.

Mrs McClafferty and Mrs Wood
Last week, in week 4, Rainbow B students completed the draft of their book talk presentation. Please be aware parents that students will be bringing home their written book talk to practice reading for presentation this Friday. Students explored the spelling process of diagraphs (two letters that make one sound sh, sh wh and th). During handwriting practice students wrote lots of Hh and Pp. The class revisited lists 1-6 as sightword recognition and practice.

Everyone worked really hard in writing, counting and making groups / multiples of two in maths activities. Of course, they are still working really hard to count all the way to 100 in ones. In their science lessons, students discussed and brainstorm things that animals and plants need to survive. Our science unit is coming to an end for the term and the class will be starting our technology unit on dioramas. Please send you child with a shoe box or cereal box for student to make their diorama. These dioramas will go on display at our Cloncurry Show next term.

During history students studied the concept of memories throughout different parts of life. Please send your child with a small toy or photo or something special which forms a memory to school. This will be placed in a time capsule (box) that will be opened at in week 7 of this term. When it is opened, each child with talk about their object and memory as part of their assessment. All items will be returned home at the end of the term.

Please make sure you child has the specified handwriting text – Write for Queensland Book 1 which can be purchased from the local newsagency for just under $20.

URGENT!!!! – All media and internet agreement forms need to be returned. Computer labs have been booked for learning experiences including the use of Reading Eggs. However if you and your child has not returned the form they will not be allowed on the computer.

All students need everyday– HAT, WATERBOTTLE, PACKED LUNCH, SCHOOL UNIFORM (grey and gold shirts) and pencils and scrapbooks. Please ensure that all students belongings are labelled with a PERMANENT marker.

Thanks and have a fabulous fifth week in term 1.

Miss Marina Childs

Wow how the term is flying!! This week we are officially half way through the term already. Week 5 is a big week in Yellow Class. This week we will be finished writing our poems and will have performed them for the class. Hopefully some of us will be brave enough to perform them for our families on Thursday night.

Thursday in particular is a big day with our first Primary Parade for the year. Ours is at 9am and all parents, guardians and family members are welcome to attend. Thursday night is the Yellow Class meet and greet. Come down between 5 and 6 to see what we’ve been up to this year so far.

We have PLP (Personal Learning Plan) meetings on the 14th March so please make sure you send in the note with your preferred times. If you need a new note please let me know and I’ll send one home for you. These meetings are important for not only establishing some goals for students to work towards, but also for letting students know parents and teachers will be working together to help them achieve success. I will send a slip home next week advising you of your meeting time.

Another A+ for attendance!! We have over half of the class that has come to school every day since the start of term.

Just a reminder that homework is due Friday. Please ensure folders are coming to school so we can change students’ reading books.

Have a great week everyone!!

Jemma Regan
In Purple Class homework is given out on a Friday and will need to be returned by Thursday. Could you please make sure your child is returning their homework as Homework is important part of learning as it revises what the children are learning at school.

There are still some students that are missing just a couple of things. All children will need four white board markers for Math lessons for the year. The grade 2’s will need the Queensland Targeting Handwriting Student Book 2. The grade 3’s will need the Queensland Targeting Handwriting Student Book 3. These books can be purchased from the Chaplin’s news agency in Cloncurry. Please purchase these as soon as possible.

Please remember to read with your child every night as reading is so vitally important in every aspect of your child’s learning. The children know thirty nights reading equals a prize, so please encourage them. It is GREAT to see so many of the children changing their books everyday it makes my heart sing.

Happy Learning

*Mrs Hodgetts*

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Hello Parent and Caregivers

This week will see us coming to the end of our first ‘5-week’ units of work. We will be monitoring progress, which will guide us as we move into Unit 2, out next ‘5-week’ unit of work.

Invitations to ‘Personalised Learning Plans’ (PLP’s) have been sent home. It is an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers and students to come together to have a meaningful discussion regarding the learning direction of our students. I found it so rewarding last year, having the time to sit with parents and students and discover what parents wanted for their kids. And it is wonderful for students to hear what their parents wanted for them. Everyone is different – goals varied from family to family – and every single one was relevant and meaningful and do-able!

Homework home this week.

Wishing you all a wonderful week

Kind regards

*Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim)*
Welcome to week 5! Miss Madigan is sick this week so Miss Wiggins has been in Blue class teaching. We have been focusing on learning our spelling words and using punctuation correctly. In Maths we will be practising our Multiplication tables and also working on solving Fraction problems! This has been challenging but we are getting the hang of it now! We are also working on our line drawings which involve drawing a picture using one continuous, unbroken line.... challenging but fun!

This week is our last week to collect PB's for the first half of the term, we need to get to 60 PB's to be in line to receive our ice block reward next week as it is our half term reward week! So far nearly every single Blue class student had made it to 60 PB's! What an amazing bunch of learners! Thankyou for having me in your class this week and hopefully Miss Madigan will be back tomorrow and feeling better!

Cheers and best wishes for the week to come,

Emma Wiggins (Internal Relief teacher)

This week in Red Class we are writing our first English assessment. We are writing a character analysis. The character we are writing about is Jarred from the Forests of Silence by Emily Rodda. We will be discussing how he is represented in the story, why he is an important character and whether he faces any dilemmas which change him. Within maths, we have been exploring different graphs. We have had collecting data to put into bar graphs and dot graphs. See you next week!

Regards

Claire Oates

Last week in Orange class students conducted a science experiment. Students were investigating the effects of heat on the rate at which salt would dissolve in water. Students had to add salt to both cold and warm water to see which one dissolved the most. After the experiment students learnt that the hotter the water is the more salt it will dissolve. In Maths the focus was on analysing different graphs and justifying a choice. History was about learning about Henry Parkes who was known as the “father of federation”. He was actively involved in pushing for the 6 colonies to unite and become one country. The focus in English was on how characters can be perceived through the words that the author uses. Students had to choose specific words for a sentence to show the character as angry or happy etc. Some great examples were shown. Last week also saw Miss Chen teach the students some origami. They made little men and next week they will be making baskets. In dance this week students have begun practicing a whole group dance. Students have to swap partners whilst dancing in a big circle. It is looking great.

Please remember to send in your PLP (Personalised Learning Plan) notes so I can organise my time for your meeting.

Student of the week: Zariah Zaro – for always being a helpful classmate. (Week 3) Krystian Bevan – for always participating in class discussions. (Week 4)

Have a great week!

Miss Rachel Rozynski
Invitation

for

the Cloncurry Community

We invite you to join us in celebrating our Student Leadership team for 2013.

at the

Cloncurry State School’s
Student Investiture Ceremony

As part of the Investiture Ceremony we acknowledge our School Captains, Sport Captains and Student Council Leaders and celebrate their successes as well as outline the Student Leaders’ visions for 2013.

DATE: Monday 4th March
TIME: 0900 hrs
WHERE: Council Precinct

Tea and coffee will be available for guests after the ceremony.

We would be delighted to have you in attendance.

RSVP by Thursday 28th February to Mrs Kerry Watson on kwats186@eq.edu.au or via the school office on 47428333.
Please check and make sure your child has returned this form. Forms can be found at the Office or Resource Centre.

This form allows the student to gain access to the internet and also the permission to be published in our school newsletter, school photos and also other publications.

**SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK, INTERNET AND EMAIL MEDIA AGREEMENT 2013**

**Student please tick below to acknowledge your understanding**

- I understand that by accessing the Education Queensland Enterprise Network (school computers) I must abide by the terms as set out on the logon banner.
- I understand that the Internet and Email can be a useful tool in my education, and that the Internet and Email can contact me with global information;
  - I will use it only for educational purposes that relate to the subjects I am taught
  - I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive
  - I agree to
    a. Clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen
    b. Immediately, quietly, inform my teacher.
  - I will not reveal home addresses or phone numbers – mine or anyone else’s.
    (I understand that it is illegal to do so)
  - I will not use the Internet or Email for personal use or to annoy or offend anyone

I understand that if The Principal decides that I have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. This may include loss of my school Internet and/or Email access (temporarily or permanently) or more severe action.

**I hereby give permission for my child’s media to feature in the following:**

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**Student’s Signature:**

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**Parent/Guardian’s Name:**

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Date:

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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 Principal**