WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

Rodeo season is upon us and I’m very much looking forward to getting out to have a look at some of the local events happening over the next month. Next Friday (5th August) is the Mardi Gras parade which marks the start of the Cloncurry Merry Muster weekend. The theme this year is Hot, Hot, Hot! The school will be entering a float for the parade and any students interested in being part of the parade should be at the school ready to go at 1700 hrs that afternoon. Staff will be on hand to assist students and let them know what the game plan is. They are encouraged to dress up in clothes consistent with the theme.

On a completely separate matter, we have welcomed three new staff members to the school this term. Mr John Lavers has replaced Ms Bianca Williams and is teaching Japanese and Art. Ms Katrina Madigan has replaced Mrs Joy Paap in the Blue classroom and Ms Christine McClymont has replaced Ms Aeryn Bassett in the Crimson C classroom. Make them feel welcome if you see them around. Have a great week and I might see you at the Western Games junior rugby league games or Quamby this weekend!

Pete Keen

“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.

GROCERIES WANTED!!!

Cloncurry State School P&C are having a raffle to be drawn at the Variety Club Bash breakfast on Wednesday 10th August, 2011. The prizes for the raffle are varying size hampers filled with a range of everyday grocery items but we need your help to put these together. Any donations of non-perishable food items such as biscuits, coffee, nuts, chocolate, fruit cakes, etc would be greatly appreciated. Please take all donations to your child’s classroom teacher by Monday 1st August. The class that collect the most items will be rewarded. All proceeds from the raffle go to the P&C Association.

HELP NEEDED FOR VARIETY CLUB BASH BREAKFAST

Cloncurry P&C is cooking breakfast for the Variety Club Bash on Wednesday 10th August. Please contact Karen McGee on 0419717207 if can help out on the morning. Volunteers are required from 6am to 9am.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

Period of Relief: Monday 8 August 2011 to Friday 9 December 2011.

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.
The 2011 Census of Population and Housing takes place on the 09 August 2011. Census occurs every 5 years. Census is important to Communities and Councils as they receive funding for services such as schools, hospitals, housing, roads and infrastructure based on how many people live in a defined area. Service providers also receive funding for community programs based primarily on Census data.

Census collectors start dropping forms off to households from the 29 July and then return after Census night to collect the forms. You will be able to identify Census collectors by their yellow satchels and Census identification cards, that are normally worn on neck lanyards.

If you are out of town on Census night, say at a motel a Census form should be provided to you by the motel staff and you will be counted back to your home community.

If you require assistance to fill in your Census form, you can ask the Census collector to help you. If you reside in a major centre such as Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Normanton or Burketown you can also get help from various Support Centres, that are being advertised within these communities.

**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 PROFILES**

Hi, my name is Kaitlyn Hohns. This is my fourth year at Cloncurry State School; I spent my first year here teaching in Red Class and then went in to Green Class where I have been for three years now. I love teaching the younger children and being able to see them learn new things all the time (not to mention the funny things they say and do along the way)!

I grew up in Pittsworth on the Darling Downs where I completed primary and high school. I also lived in Toowoomba for four years while I studied at university and worked in Oakey at the childcare centre. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Cloncurry so far as I have been able to meet a lot of new people and experience a lot of different things.

Hi, I’m Jean Tapp. I have been a Teacher Aide at Cloncurry State School for 28 years. I have worked with both Primary and Secondary students, although at present I am working with Home Ec students and the 7/8’s. I enjoy Fund Raising and am currently the Fete Convener, so I am on the lookout for people to help out at our Fete in September. I enjoy working at the school; it’s a great job as you get to know the teachers and keep an eye on your children as well.

**Rainbow (Prep) News**

Wow, what a time our Prep children had with the farm animals from Animals on the Move last Friday. We had chickens sitting on kid’s heads, guinea pigs being fed, ducks quacking, pigs squealing, goats and calves sitting and munching. It was a fabulous day had by all!

**Homework:** Please help your child complete their homework during the week and bring it back to be marked each Friday. You wouldn’t believe how much this helps consolidate their learning and helps us put value on education when the wonderful parents of our children are involved!

Have a great week - Steph and Lesley

**Green (Year 1/2) Class News**

It’s week 3 already and so much has happened (and is happening) in Green Class. Students thoroughly enjoyed the ‘Animals on the Move’ visit last Friday (as well as the teachers). We got to hold and pat piglets, chickens, guinea pigs, lambs and much more. Please see the page of photos attached.

In Maths this fortnight we are focusing on fractions. Students are learning that objects can be broken from a whole into parts. We have been using fruit as an example to demonstrate this. Next week we will be focusing on addition and subtraction stories as well as the count on and count back strategy, using a number line. In English, students have just completed writing a book titled ‘I went exploring’ and they have now started writing another book titled ‘The healthy Grub’. Students are doing a fantastic job!

In science over the next fortnight, students will be studying ants and butterflies. We are in the process of building an ant farm for students to observe. Students will be studying the features, characteristics and behaviours of different insects and will be comparing these with other insects. We are really enjoying making the ant farm and can not wait until we can observe them and investigate them further.

Have a great week, Miss Hodson and Miss Hohns

**Blue / Red (Year 4/5/6) Class News**

Can you believe it’s week 3 already! It’s amazing how fast the time has flown. This week we welcome a new teacher to Blue Class, Miss Katrina Madigan who has joined us from Brisbane and is replacing Joy Paap. Katrina is looking forward to working with her new class. This week we have been looking at smooth moves and some classes have made some mini parachutes. The students really enjoyed this and also predicting which parachute would win. On Friday each class got to visit “Animals on the Move” where all the students were able to pat and feed lots of different farm animals. Some students were a bit nervous but they went in anyway and had a great time in the end. Over the next few weeks classes will be beginning the QCAT tests which involve English, Maths and Science. These will be completed by the end of the term. Have a great week :) Rachel Rozynski, Katrina Madigan, Deanne Hodgetts and Kelly Rozynski.

**P&C / Tuckshop News**

**P&C Meeting**

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

**Community News**

**Promise of the Week**

“If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20b

**SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX**

| PH: 47241400 |
| 36 Short Street Cloncurry |

| New Opening Hours |
| Monday | Early Morning Session | 6.00-8.00am | 11.00am-1.00pm | 4.30pm-8.00pm |
| Tuesday | | | | 4.30pm-8.00pm |
| Wednesday | 6.00-8.00am | 11.00am-1.00pm | 4.30pm-8.00pm |
| Thursday | 4.30pm-8.00pm |
| Friday | 6.00-8.00am | 9.30am-12.00pm |
| Saturday | Squash Court | 2.00pm-5.00pm |
| Sunday | Hire: Opens anytime |
**LOST DOG**

Dog lost from Ham Street. Border Terrier cross Jack Russell. Tan, wiry coat, white chest, grey face and black ears. Wearing a red collar with registration tag. Greatly missed by family. If found, please phone 0404 053 172.

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CHIROPRACTIC

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Wednesdays from 2:00 pm

@ Cloncurry Pharmacy

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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.

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PETER KEEN
Principal (Acting)