Staffing for 2013 is almost completed. The final touches are being applied to the secondary timetable. Years P-8 will be organised as per the following:-

Class Groupings and Teachers for 2013.

- Prep        – Mrs Nijole Mc Clafferty
- Year 1     – Miss Marina Childs
- Year 1/2  - Miss Jemma Regan
- Year 2/3  – Mrs Dearne Hodge
- Year 3/4   -  Ms Lizzie Keim
- Year 4/5   – Miss Katrina Madigan
- Year 5       – Miss Claire Oates
- Year 6        -Miss Rachel Rozynski
- Year 7        – Mrs Erin Armstrong
- Year 8        – Mrs Bereniece Cumming

Next Thursday at 11:00am will be the year’s Grand Finale: ‘The Christmas Pageant’. It will certainly be a fun and entertaining way to bring closure to a great year of learning at Cloncurry State School.

Hoping to see you all there.

Till next week..................

Christine Norton
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Students who received prizes this week at SWPBS draw PB’s (Personal Best) at Pathways on Monday were:

- Tayla Wanchap Yr4
- Kristine Hill Yr4
- Samantha Coffison Yr4
- Kailem Semple Yr4
- Zekiel Shaw Yr9
- Tegan Nothrop Yr10

Keep up the great effort CSS students!!

Cloncurry State School is celebrating a full year of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

A large percentage of the school have been working very hard to achieve great results. Each term we have celebrated with a mid and end term reward.

This term we are rewarding the students with a Celebration Party!

Place: Burke & Wills Shed
Date: Friday November 30th
Time: Prep – Yr 3 9am – 10.25 am
Yr 4 – Yr 7 10.55am – 12.40pm
Yr 8 – Yr 11 1.20pm – 2.30pm

*FREE Sausage Sizzle & cold drink first lunch at the undercover area

Sionn Rankine Year 4 – Achieved a Distinction for Science (One question away from a High Distinction!) under the “School / State / National Achievement Australian School’s Competition”

And

Emma-Jade Molloy Year 8 for being awarded the - Shan Swalling Award at the Annual Awards Night. The award is presented to a Year 8 student who deserves recognition for their participation in extra curricula cultural events.

Uniforms For Sale

Cloncurry State School P&C will now be selling school uniforms from the school. We will be selling polo shirts, microfiber shorts, skorts, hats, formal shirts, formal skirts, formal boys shorts and ties. For next week the available times are outlined below. If you have any queries, please contact Deb Twomey at the school on 47428333.

Where: Cloncurry State School - Upstairs A Block (Old Office)
When: Wednesday 5/12 and Thursday 6/12
Time: 2:30 - 3:30
Cost: Polo Shirts $29 Shorts $29
      Shorts $19 Hats $15

At this stage it will be CASH ONLY. However, next year EFT-POS facilities will be available. Also available from the office in the first week of the holidays.

"Pathways"

School Rules:

Be A Learner
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

This week’s Focus: Clean up after yourself!
Put rubbish in it’s place.
As we approach the Christmas break may I share with you all a topic I have been discussing with Youth Group, fondly known as 'The Kingdom Kids' ............................Every year we decorate our Christmas tree, yet have you ever stopped to think of the reason behind why we have a Christmas tree? This goes back to the early Christian times in Europe and today we still decorate the same, yet this has a lovely Christian meaning.

The evergreen tree- Meaning God's love forever eternal and the green means life.

Triangle shape of tree- The trinity shape; Father Son and Holy Spirit. The pine needles point upwards toward heaven to symbolise the glory in Heaven!

Candy cane- Represents the Sheperd's crook; turn it upside down and it is the letter 'J' for the good Shepherd Jesus.

Bells - just like sheep we become lost sometimes. So lambs wore a bell around their neck so they could be heard and found by the Shepherd in the field on a cold a bleak night.

Gifts hung on the tree- Remind us of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to the new born king, baby Jesus. We share gifts with each other for love and good charity.

Christmas stocking- Three poor girls were in dire need of money for their wedding many years ago. One night they hung stockings to dry out over the fireplace. Saint Nicholas, the first Santa Claus, upon finding about their need, left gold coins in each of their stockings.

Lights- Represent Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

Star or Angel- Star of Bethlehem guided the 3 kings who were also called wise men because they were Astrologists to where Jesus was born. The Angel appeared to the shepherds telling them of the good news.

Wreath- In the shape of a circle means no beginning and no end......God's love is eternal.

Candles- Christians worldwide light candles when singing carols or ornament candles are hung on a Christmas tree to symbolise the birth of Christ Jesus.

So...... whilst your trimming the tree this year take time to think of 'The Reason for the Season'

Ms Jenny School Chaplain

Reducing our Carbon footprint

In line with the Queensland Sustainable Schools Program and the reduction of our Carbon Footprint, from the beginning of the 2013 year our school weekly newsletter will be emailed only. Printed newsletters will ONLY be available upon request.

The newsletter is uploaded to our website: www.cloncurryss.eq.edu.au and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CloncurryStateSchoolP12

Please ensure you advise the Office of your email address to be included in the weekly distribution list OR alternatively email your address to: admin@cloncurryss.eq.edu.au

YES HOMEWORK CLUB IS STILL ON!
P - 6 Homework Club
Monday to Thursday afternoons – 2.30pm to 3.30pm
In the Resource Centre - Contact – Elizabeth Rainnie

7 - 12 Secondary Tutoring
Monday to Friday Mornings 7:45am—8:25am
Monday & Wednesday Afternoons 2:30—3:30pm
Please make arrangements with Ms Warren before hand.

Get Active
Has finished for 2012.

Miss Turnbull & Miss Oates

Cloncurry State School 3
We invite you, your staff and members of your school community to participate in an online survey. The purpose of the survey is to assess the learning needs of educators in relation to the Disability Standards for Education (DSE). Responses to the survey will help the development of an e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education, which will be available to Australian schools in 2013. Further background information is in the attachment.

The survey will open at noon on 23 November, 2012 and will close at midnight on Friday 14 December. Access details are as follows:

If you are a principal/education leader, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEeducationleaders

If you are parent/carer, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEparents_carers

If you are office, reception, maintenance or other ancillary staff, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEancillary

If you are a teacher or allied health professional, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEteachers_alliedhealth_EC

If you are an educational assistant/teacher’s aide, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEeducationassistants

The survey is part of research which has the approval of the University of Canberra Committee for Ethics in Human Research. Your responses to the survey will remain anonymous and no school or system will be identified in any subsequent analyses or reports.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing theeducationinstitute@canberra.edu.au [please include DSE SURVEY in the subject line]; or phone: (02) 6201 2382.

Thank you.

Professor Louise Watson
DSE Project Manager

Dr Chris Kilham
DSE Project Leader
### Junior Primary Awards

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<td>Working really hard in all areas of learning</td>
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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Doing very well in reading activities</td>
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<td>Chyanne Land</td>
<td>Prep</td>
<td>Being a cooperative and caring classmate</td>
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<td>Matthew Walden</td>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>For using his sight words in context and improving his PM level</td>
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<td>Kowathun Doyle</td>
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<td>For asking if a class mate was okay after she had fallen over at lunch</td>
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<td>Kaylee McMahon</td>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>For showing enormous growth in all areas of learning this year. Kaylee should be very proud of herself</td>
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<td>Kyle Wanchap</td>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>For building a positive and determined attitude towards learning which has been reflected in his amazing results!</td>
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<td>Luke Land</td>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>For improved attendance</td>
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<td>Iddo Putura</td>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>For consistently working hard and making significant progress</td>
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<td>Paipi Uiduldam</td>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td>For achieving 100% recall of his 0-12 times tables</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>For demonstrating a strong commitment to her learning in mathematics</td>
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<td>Krystian Bevan</td>
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<td>Accurate and detailed mapping in Geography</td>
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<td>Ellie Harrison</td>
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<td>Improvement with multiplication and division facts</td>
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<td>Lladyssa Douglas</td>
<td>Year 7</td>
<td>Excellent work on song lyrics</td>
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<td>Jessica Davis</td>
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<td>Detailed and insightful interpretation of song lyrics</td>
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<td>Cody Walker</td>
<td>Year 8</td>
<td>Making good choices and finishing all his work</td>
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<td>For moving up or achieving a higher level in Pat R Stanine 4</td>
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<td>Year 11</td>
<td>Excelling at school commentary and researched argument</td>
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<td>Kristine Adcock</td>
<td>Year 11</td>
<td>For working hard to submit a draft in Science 21</td>
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<td>For completion of all set tasks to a high standard</td>
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<td>Megan Robertson</td>
<td>Year 10</td>
<td>Paying attention in class and writing comprehensive notes</td>
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Primary Parades

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

Resource Centre

We welcome all Parents/Carers to these parades to support our students as we celebrate the achievements of our students.
School holidays are nearly upon us, only 2 weeks to go. Assessments and data collection are done, reports are nearly complete but the learning continues.

We will be starting our Celebration activities this week. These will be different activities but there will still be lots of learning involved which will include reading, handwriting, numeracy, fine motor skills and social interaction and last but not least creativity.

Swimming will continue on Wednesday morning 28th November, but please be aware due to the P-3 parade being held in the morning of Wednesday 5th December, we will have our swimming in the last session after 2nd lunch.

Please take note for your interest –

P-3 Parade – Wednesday 5th December – 9am (ALL WELCOME)
Christmas Pageant - Thursday 6th December – after 1st break in the Undercover area, this will be followed by a “Celebration and Presentation” for Rainbow A students in the classroom. Parents and family are welcome.

Rainbow “A” Celebration & Presentation
When - Thursday 6th December
Where – Rainbow A classroom
Time – after Christmas Pageant – 12.30 pm
Please bring a plate of food to share.
ALL WELCOME

The end of the term is drawing near, so until next week, have a good one.

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all students who have attended learning experiences in Rainbow B this year. Lots of learning has taken place and I look forward to watching all the students continue to learn and grow throughout their years at Cloncurry State School. Also thank you to parents for your friendly communication in the mornings and afternoons and helping with various class activities when required. It is a big bye for me this week as I will be away in the final week of term. Take care over the holidays and stay safe. Remember to get the kids to read over the break whenever you can. Thanks and have an excellent eighth and ninth week in term 4.

Miss Marina Childs

Well we are nearly there!!!!! This week the students have been busily finishing assessments for English, SOSE, Science and Math. Please make sure that your child is still at school as there is still assessment that need to be finished as children have been away. Also homework will need to be in this week as next week there is no homework. Please make sure it is finished or students will be completing in class time.

Next week will be full of fun and learning, tidying up and taking home our belongings. Could you please send in a garbage bag with your child so they can put their belongings into this. This Friday is our PB reward for the term, so make sure your child is at school to receive their reward.

Happy Learning

Happy Learning Claire Oates and Dearne Hodgetts
As this term, semester and year draws to a close, I would like to congratulate the students of Year 3, 2012. I have watched a group of individuals grow personally and as a team! They have developed academically and they have grown as people; as citizens. As I watch them now, working in groups on the carpet they display confidence, cooperation, courage and a desire to learn which is underpinned by enjoyment! I have had many moments of happiness working with this team. They are caring of each other and caring of me! They have a fabulous sense of humour and really have developed strong ‘student-like’ behaviour! I have the greatest confidence that this mob of kids will move forward next year, and take with them all the positivity that I have had the pleasure to experience this year. Thank you Year 3!

Warm regards Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim)

We are working hard to complete assessments and are looking forward to the many end of year celebrations that are coming up in the next couple of weeks. This Friday at first lunch, students who earned 120 or more PBs this term are invited to an end of year celebration and sausage sizzle in the C Block undercover area. In addition, Year 4 Students who have demonstrated excellent behaviour this term will be invited to participate in a Gold Pass Christmas Cooking Celebration in the Home Ec. facilities next week. Students are asked to bring in $6 to cover the cost of ingredients and ensure that there are enough Christmas Goodies to take home and share with their families. I also am asking if parents and carers don’t have the responsibility of caring for younger siblings at that time, and are available to assist with this activity, please let me know - we would love your help!

We look forward to seeing many of you next Thursday at the Christmas Pageant. Year 4 Students have formed a choir and have been working very hard with Miss Warren to learn a very special song. This song was written by our very talented Miss Warren and is an ode to the special people in our lives that make the world a beautiful place to be! Next Thursday will be the debut performance of this song by our wonderful year 4s. Included this week are some pictures of us testing our sail boats at the pool. We have Alex Macnamara with “The Good One,” Hannah Costello with “Burning Fire,” Harmony-Rose Stegman with “Queen Elizabeth II,” Kristine Hill with “The Sea Sail,” Jamie Wheeler with “Scaly,” Shari Douglas with “The Beast,” Tayla Wanchap and Grace Couchman with “Sparkles,” and Harry Rush with “The Victorious.”

Miss Katrina Madigan

Not long to go now. Congratulations to the students of Red Class for getting all their assessment done nice and early. This week we are still continuing to learn. In English we are writing a review about the film The Polar Express. Students have been rating the plot, characters and theme on a scale of one to ten and then justifying why they have given them that score. It has been interesting to see the different opinions the students have about the different features of the film.
In Maths this week we are doing some work on our multiplication skills and looking at multiplication in number stories. We have also been doing some problem solving and using different skills to solve them.

In Science we have gathered our experiments and are putting all our information into our booklets. So far we have found that liquids in the sun evaporate quicker than placing them anywhere else. We also found that liquids in the fridge didn’t evaporate at all and that there was no difference in the type of cup that we used.

In SOSE we have been mapping and it was great to see how well students were able to label the different states and territories of Australia and also the different continents of the world.

In Media students have finished their presentations and written a reflection about them. Students will be showing their presentations on Primary Parade.

This week we will also continue working on our ‘Rap’ for the Christmas Pageant. Some students have solo parts and have been practising like mad. Please remind students that in the last couple of weeks they still need to be attending school and continuing to follow the rules.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Miss Kelly Rozynski 😊

**ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS**

Well the 2012 school year is almost over! The majority of assessment is complete. Well done to all students for putting in their best efforts for these tasks. This week’s focus is on their dance assessment and practicing our song for the Christmas pageant. Students have created some great dance moves so far. It’s great to see the students working as part of team to complete a task. Next week there will be a primary parade on Wednesday. It would be great if parents could attend to share in their students’ success.

Have a great week!

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
Principal