WHAT’S HAPPENING - TERM 3

Thursday 30 August
Linda Nooteboom Service 3pm

Wed/Thurs 4 & 5 September
Yr 12 QCS Testing

Wednesday 5 September
Motivational Media Presentation Yr 4-12

Thursday 6 September
Jump Rope Demo Team Excursion

Sunday 2 September
Father’s Day

Tuesday 11 September
Let’s Get Party Started

Thursday 13 September
P&C Fete

Monday 17 - 27 September
Seniors Educational Excursion to Canberra

Congratulations to Thomas Kunde (Yr 11) and Hannah Bradley (Yr 9) who each received Credits in the University of NSW International Writing Assessment. This is the first year we have had students participate in the Writing Competition and we encourage even more to enter next year.

Maybe the next JK Rowling will come from Cloncurry!

Last Thursday Cloncurry hosted the Annual District Grade 8 Mathematics Competition. Two teams from Good Shepherd Catholic College and one team from Spinifex Junior competed against two teams from our school. It was a very close competition with Good Shepherd Team 1 winning by two points from the Cloncurry 1 team of Toby Couchman, and Brodie Mazlin. Cloncurry 2, consisting of Charlotte Fitzgerald, Nicola Anderson and Hayley Chambers placed fourth. Well done all our junior mathematicians and a special mention to Hayley Chambers who filled in at the very last minute. The best outcome of the competition was that all students enjoyed participating.

Thank you to our Parents and Citizens Association who provided the food for the visiting teams and teachers.
Only three more weeks of school to go until the holidays after this week which means there will be a lot of culminating assessment tasks happening in the lead up to reporting. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like any information relating to assessment tasks. Reports will be posted home at the end of term.

Still lots of things happening before the holidays. Next week our Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration Team will be travelling to Julia Creek and Richmond to deliver the healthy heart message, to perform a skipping routine, and to encourage students at those schools to be physically active for life. Our Demo Team has performed publicly at a few events this term and those who have been lucky enough to see them would agree they are doing a fantastic job. Huge thanks needs to go to Ms Beavis for her hard work in coordinating the training schedule and routines for the students. We also have the Motivational Media people coming to town next Wednesday to deliver a message on making safe choices to Yrs 4-12 students. They will be at the new Shire Hall from 0900 hrs and the presentation will go for about an hour. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend.

The Queensland Core Skills Tests will be held next week for our Yr 12 students intending to achieve an OP score at the end of this year. Cloncurry State School has been listed as one of the best schools in Queensland over the past 5 years for students getting university places in the courses they wish to study. 100% of our students in that time frame who wanted to go to university received a placement offer, usually their first choice as well. I'm sure this year will be a similar story and I wish all of those students the best of luck.

On a sadder note we will farewell Mrs Linda Nooteboom at a memorial service this week. Linda worked in the front office for about 25 years and was a fierce supporter of our school and our students. She will be dearly missed. The service is at the Uniting Church in King Street at 1500 hrs on Thursday. Students and parents are welcome to attend.

There are plenty of other things happening but too many to mention here. Our school is a busy, busy place providing opportunities for our students to engage in a host of different experiences. Have a great week!

Regards,
Pete Keen Deputy Principal

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<td>Showing great consideration for other students in the class</td>
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<td>Working hard to learn 2 sightwords</td>
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<td>Year 1</td>
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<td>Lindsay Owens-Smith</td>
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<td>Working independently in class and also improving the number of sightwords she can read</td>
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<td>Alyssa Bell</td>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Doing very well in her spelling</td>
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### Junior Secondary Awards

- **Jordan Sarmardin** Year 7: Greatest individual improvement in Pat Reading
- **Justin Sealy** Year 7: Greatest individual improvement in Pat Math
- **Wade Wiles** Year 8: Thinking outside of the box in science and creating a Rube Goldburge experiment that achieved very high standards
- **Clay Kunde** Year 8: Thinking outside of the box in science and creating a Rube Goldburge experiment that achieved very high standards
- **Coby Walker** Year 8: Thinking outside of the box in science and creating a Rube Goldburge experiment that achieved very high standards
- **Hunter Chong** Year 9: Attention to detail in completing the QCAT task
- **Khan Simpson** Year 9: Attention to detail in completing the QCAT task
- **Daniel Mackenzie** Year 9: Attention to detail in completing the QCAT task
- **Zachary Morrison** Year 9: Attention to detail in completing the QCAT task
- **Gavin Crisp** Year 9: Attention to detail in completing the QCAT task
- **Zekiel Shaw** Year 9: Excellent attitude and application to all facets of his music studies
- **Abby Walsh** Year 10: Finishing mosaic/collage to a high standard
- **Sheena Sarmardin** Year 10: Excellent attitude and application to her studies in year 9/10 music
- **Sharlene Hill** Year 10: Excellent attitude and application to her studies in year 9/10 music

### Senior Secondary Awards

- **Victoria Hardingham** Year 11: Consistent high results in Maths A
- **SamileeKum Sing** Year 11: Consistent high results in Maths A

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**CONDOLENCES**

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Doherty, Schneekloth family and friends on their recent loss.

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

Students who received prizes this week at SWPBS draw at Parade on Monday was

- **Mykalia Douglas** - Yr 2
- **Kristine Hill** - Yr 4
- **Keeleah Bowen** - Yr 6
- **Denny-Ray Hill** - Yr6
- **Mikaela Tapp** - Yr 11
- **Amy Hetherington** Yr 12

Keep up the great effort CSS students!!

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**School Rules:**

1. Be A Learner
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Responsible
4. Be Safe

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**P&C Fete Booklets**

This week we are collecting items for our Gardening Raffle: Plants or Gardening Items

Please “Have you missed a week?" Student may catch up at any time! Make sure your student has their item in and book stamped.
Congratulations to all of Cloncurry State School students that received Age Champion for their outstanding efforts in our recent Athletics Carnival.

- Sionn Rankine
- Samantha Coffison
- Lamah Stretton
- Alkyra Kum Sing
- Michail Coffison
- Minnie Rankin
- Daile Coffison
- Frances Cole
- Clay Kunde
- Hayley Earl
- Scharkarne A. Kum Sing
- Sharlene Hill
- Jordon Brown
- Tyler Chong
- Lachlan Duck
- Kayla Chaplain
- Aaron Bickerton
- Nikita Aitkens Kum Sing
- George Chong
- Telisha Crisp

WELL DONE!!

Get Active will be postponed for the remainder of the term due to lack of participation. We will hope to see more students participate for swimming next term. Miss Turnbull & Miss Oates

What are the shine students up to??

The shine students have been working away on their projects, but an extra dimension has been added to their learning. REFLECTION!!! Each student has been given two reflection sheets and are to fill these forms out on projects they have finished. It asks them questions like, what have they learnt, how they know they have learnt this and what they would do differently next time. Happy thinking super stars and keep up the great work.

Until next time, Miss B

No Homework Club This Thursday

**P - 6 Homework Club**
Monday to Thursday afternoons - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Contact - Elizabeth Rainnie

**7 - 12 Secondary Tutoring**
Monday to Friday mornings - 7.45am to 8.25am
Monday AND Wednesday afternoon - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Contact - Pete Keen

School Based Youth Health Nurse

This term I have introduced the teachers of YR 9 and 10 HPE and YR 11 and 12 WARS to an alcohol, tobacco and other drug education program called “Let’s Get the Party Started.” This was developed by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services (ATODS) in Townsville, to tackle the issue of ATOD use amongst school students. Throughout the education program students are educated about the detrimental effects of using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs on their physical and mental health in addition to the effect this has on communities. At the conclusion of the program is an Event for students to showcase what they have learnt.

Of particular concern is the effect of alcohol use on a young person’s developing brain which continues maturing until their mid-20s. Research has shown that the younger a person begins consuming alcohol, the more likely that they suffer from damage to the brain and addiction problems with alcohol. It is strongly recommended that young people don’t commence drinking before the age of 18 and in particular, do not consume any alcohol before the age of 15, as this is where the most significant damage to the brain can occur. For further information go to www.druginfo.adf.org.au/information-for/parents

Please show your support by attending this fully catered, fun evening on Tuesday 11th of September. Invites were sent out with students in Week 7.

Jenni Wood, School Based Youth Health Nurse

A Thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of.......

**LINDA NOOTEBOOM**
to be held 30th August at 3pm
Uniting Church,
corner of King and Meldrum Street.
Then afterwards at 'The Wagon Wheel'
Cloncurry Amateur Swimming Club Meeting
Friday 31 August 2012
5.30pm

Come join us at the pool

Queries in relation to swimming lessons, swim programs and opening times, can be directed to the pool operator at the Cloncurry Pool on (07) 4742 1403.

Welcome to week 8, the weeks are flying by, in no time at all it will be holidays.

Speaking of time that’s what we are learning about this week in Math’s. The preppies have a great understanding of the Days of the week and they are learning about how long it takes to do something; we have been having staring contests, balance contests and all sorts of other activities to see the length of time it takes.

We are working really hard on our sight words and our reading, please encourage your child by reading to them at home. We have also been looking at vowels, word families and middle sounds.

In Science we are continuing on with the weather and we have been looking at animals and the shelter that is required to protect them in all types of weather.

Our Hermit Crab "Goat" is happy in his new environment; I said we would have some new and unusual names for him.

As always please remember that your child needs a hat so that they can play and we also have a lot of students coming to school without a drink bottle, so don’t forget that as well.

It has been great to see a few of the students with their healthy lunchboxes, thank you and keep up the great work.

That’s all from me, so until next week, have a good one 😊

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood

Last week Rainbow B practiced the spelling and sequence of Months of the Year. 12 months and then you start back over….12 months are in a year…. J F M A M J J A S O N D!!!!! Shout out it with a cheer!!!!!

Well done to all students for neatly writing their character interview. It will be great to see their oral presentation of them next week. Parents and carers, could you please practice their interview with your child over the weekend? The students will be asking the questions aloud and another person (teacher / friend) will read their response aloud.

During mathematics time, last week students expanded their learning about tens and ones. They answered questions like…. 23 has 2 tens + 3 ones or is the same as 20 + 3. The students have had a ball
with our mega mix DANCE and a adding the finishing touches ready for our Primary parade performance at the end of term. Yes and it goes like this .... The Peppermint Twist...... Please ensure your students have the NECESSARY equipment for learning in Rainbow B. This includes: scrapbooks, writing books, rubbers and ruler etc. Thanks and have a fantastic week 6!

Miss Marina Childs

How time is flying!!!!! The end of term is nearing. Please ask your child/children if they need any supplies for school eg - pencils, glue, eraser and rulers. There are a lot of children who are asking for pencils etc so it would be advised to just check in with your child/children.

Thank you to all the parents who have made a wonderful effort to come in and discuss the Personal Learning Plans for your child. The feedback has been really positive and greatly appreciated by us. If you have missed out for any reason we will endeavour to catch up with you at another time that is suitable as this interview is so beneficial to all.

Please make sure that homework is being completed and returned. Some of the children have been coming to homework classes (held in Purple class) which is great to see. It really helps the children complete their work and consolidate what they have been learning.

Please make sure your child is at school as we are now in the assessment period and it would be a shame for your child/children to miss out. Happy learning,

Mrs Dearne Hodgetts and Miss Oates

GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS

We have had a very successful week in Year 3! Firstly, we have nearly 100% of parents and carers showing how much they value our children’s education by finding the time to meet with me for a Personalised Learning Plan. Thank you! I am in the process of ‘writing up’ what we discussed and a copy of this will be coming to you soon. I am also in the process of putting together any of the resources or changes we spoke about in that discussion.

I was pushed out of my comfort zone this week with the standard of oral retells the Year 3’s presented as part of their English assessment!!!! Because the standard was so high, I was forced to mark highly as well!!!! Around 80% of our students have achieved a ‘B’ standard for this part of their English mark. Highly impressive!!

In our Maths study, we are exploring multiplication and division. These are difficult concepts, but our kids are beginning to get the hang of it. We continue to work on place value. Our English study will take us to a writing focus, where we will actually be writing our own myth. This will be presented in a multimodal (many modes – images, sounds, words) way which will form our Technology study this term. I am hoping that we can get everything completed so we can have a presentation for families at the end of term! Have a great week!

Warm regard...
Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim)

BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS

Welcome to Week 8!
Thank you to all of the parents who have attended a Personalised Learning Plan Meeting. It has been wonderful to discuss your child’s education and collaboratively set goals to enable your child to achieve their personal best. If we haven’t been able to make contact already and you would like a PLP meeting please don’t hesitate to contact me via the school phone number or email address: kmadi3@eq.edu.au Last week in Science as part of our Materials Unit, we had a lot of fun making Slime. We
found out that slime actually has a number of useful purposes. Some creatures eat slime, others use it to walk on, some wear it as protection and some creatures even use it to fight with!
The polymer slime we made didn't work out the way it was supposed to, which in itself was a worthwhile learning experience. This week we have been able to have some great scientific discussion around possible variables and the importance of exactitude when conducting scientific experiments.
Have a wonderful week! 😊 Miss Katrina Madigan

This week in Red Class we have been writing Narratives. We first wrote a narrative together as a class where students came up with the orientation, complication and resolution. We then went back through the poem Waltzing Matilda and used the orientation, complication and resolution from the poem and turned it into a narrative.
In maths we have just started learning about graphing and data. We collected a range of data during the week and now we are analysing it and turning it into graphs so that it is easier to read.

In science this week we were looking at light and how we see colours. We learnt that if a chair is red it is red because it absorbs all the colours of the rainbow but it reflects red. It was very interesting to learn and some students ended up asking some pretty interesting questions to do with light.

In SOSE students were given their task sheet and have started doing their research of a famous Olympian and started to answer questions as if they were the Olympian. All this is in preparation for their assessment which will be a press conference where they have to pretend that they are the Olympian that they researched and answer questions about them.
It was also really wonderful to meet with so many parents to work on our personalised learning plans. It was great that parents and students came up with so many goals and ways in which they can improve their learning.

Another amazing week in Red Class. We hope you enjoy your week too!

Kelly Rozynski

Can you believe it’s week 8?
Last week the students created some weather measurement tools as part of their Science. A barometer and an anemometer were created. The barometer measures air pressure and the anemometer measures the wind speed. These devices will be used in the next few Science lessons. Students have completed their research for their SOSE task. This week students will be finishing their task by writing their information report. In Technology students have almost finished designing their Olympic uniform. I have seen some very detailed and creative designs.
The next few weeks are going to be very busy with finalising assessment. Please ensure your child is at school every day unless they are sick.
The personalised learning plan (PLP) meetings will be occurring next week for those parents who were unable to attend the earlier meetings. A note regarding this will go home this week. Please ensure the notes are returned to the school by this Thursday. 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.

PETER KEEN
Deputy Principal