**Cloncurry State School COOE**

**Prep—Year 12**

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- Deb Twomey - QCPCA

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- Principal: Christine Norton
- Deputy Principal: Pete Keen
- Head of Department: Alicia Wilson
- Head of Curriculum: Elizabeth Rainnie

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### Reducing our Carbon footprint

The school weekly newsletter will be emailed to families. Printed newsletters will ONLY be available upon request.

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### School Calendar

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Welcome to our 2013 school year.

A very special welcome to all our new students, families and staff. We hope you settle well into community life in this wonderful town of ours ‘Cloncurry’.

It was great to see all students back and looking splendid in their uniforms. The beginning of a new school year is always exciting as students return to make new friends and to settle into the year’s program of learning. I was extremely impressed with the list of Principal’s Awards for academic learning after only being at school for 4 days. Well done students and keep up the hard work.

Things can happen very fast around Cloncurry and the calendar is already filling fast with numerous events and the organisational plans are being put into place...thankyou Mr Keen.

The first event for the year came somewhat as a surprise last week. This Thursday two of our Year 7 Student Counsellors are travelling to Townsville as school representatives in a new initiative between the National Women’s Basketball Team ‘Townsville Fire’ and BHP. This is a fantastic opportunity, and a very welcome surprise to our students who put their name forward just last week to be student counsellors. Congratulations to Shanaye and Denny Rae. We know you will represent our school admirably. We also look forward to a following visit of the ‘Townsville Fire’ to Cloncurry State School with great anticipation as this will be a first national women’s sporting team to visit the schools. St Josephs and Julia Creek State School are also participants in the program.

The new and improved version of the school uniform has been met with great delight from the student body. Many thanks to the Parents & Citizens Association who worked tirelessly to enable the uniform to be ready for the beginning of the school year. Many complimentary comments have been received from both students and parents. A reminder that everyone is welcome to attend the P&C Meetings which are held in the Senior Room at 5 pm once a month. The first meeting will be held on 14 February. Hope to see you all there. Your involvement in your child’s education matters greatly.

How special was Australia Day and having Olympian Lisa Curry in attendance! It was very special for Cloncurry State School as Lisa’s visit was due to knowing, yet never having met, our Prep Teacher Nijole McClafferty. To have the opportunity to interact so personally with such a great Olympian and Australia Day Ambassador as Lisa was simply amazing...good things happen when you are in Cloncurry! Lisa personally signed and donated a copy of her book ‘Fit For Kids’ to the schools and the town library. We found Lisa to be a down to earth country girl at heart and we wish her and Joel all the best in their travels around Australia and can’t wait for them to return to ‘The Curry’.

Finally on a sad note I make a very special mention of Mr Keith Douglas Snr who was farewelled by his family and community last Saturday. Our condolences to Mrs Douglas and all the family as we know that Keith with be very sadly missed by many, many people, from all walks of life and for many different reasons. As the P&C President, some 35 years ago, Keith was the key agitator to secure years 11 & 12 at Cloncurry State School. I would imagine it was no mean feat in those days for a man from a ‘bush town’ to be truly heard from the politicians of the day. Well done Keith and thank you. The enormity of this achievement for Cloncurry is not to be underestimated. I calculated that it has since enabled perhaps over 350 young people, from possibly over 200 individual families, to successfully complete their senior studies in Cloncurry. Many of these young people are now the backbone of our small community. Every year since, Mr Douglas has donated a special pen to every graduating Year 12 student. I still have my daughter’s pen from ‘Old Keith’ and I will forever treasure it as a memory of how one person can commit to helping others and make such a positive difference to an entire rural community.

Til next week...every day at school learning!!!
Primary Parades
Wednesday 27th 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.

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

EFTPOS facilities are now available.

Ties for senior students will be available soon.

Homework Club

Homework Club is an initiate at Cloncurry State School to encourage and assist students to complete tasks assigned by their teacher/s.

Students bring their homework or assessment tasks and assistance is given. Students also practice their reading, spelling and number facts in small groups or individually.

On completion of the set tasks students may log onto Mathletics or Reading Eggs to participate in internet based programs.

Homework Club students also receive Afternoon Tea.

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.

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.
School Based Youth Health Nurse

Queensland Health employs School Based Youth Health Nurses (SBYHN) to work in state secondary schools across Queensland. The role focuses on preventative health for young people and provides:

- a confidential health service for consultations
- health information to students, teachers and the school community
- referral and links to other services as required.

I am available to students, staff and parents at Cloncurry State School on Wednesdays. Please contact administration for further information.

Jenni Wood School Nurse

School Swimming Trials

This Thursday February 7 we will hold swimming trials for students who wish to compete at the Mid-West Primary School Swimming Trials on Wednesday February 20.

The trials will be held at the Cloncurry Pool and will commence at 4pm. Students from St Joseph’s Cloncurry will also be in attendance at the trials from which a Cloncurry Primary School Swim Team will be selected.

Students who are eligible will turn the following ages:

- 10 years of age in 2013
- 11 years of age in 2013
- 12 years of age in 2013

If a student is unable to attend these trials but wishes to compete please see Liz Rainnie and an alternative can be arranged.

The team must be selected by Friday February 8.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Our first week back at school students were reintroduced to the SWPBS programme and the PB System. They learnt what the system is about and how it works within the school. This helped student’s refresh on their knowledge of the School rules and expectations. It was also a great opportunity for new students to learn all about SWPBS.

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

This week at our first parade for 2013 we had eight lucky student names drawn for PB prizes.

Student Names follow

- Leikasha Donahue Yr9
- Lincoln Quakawoot Yr9
- Max Turner Yr 8
- Shanaye Bevan Yr 7
- Samantha Coffison Yr 5
- Bailey Harrison Yr 4
- Finlay Robertson Yr4
- Alysha Ernanto Yr 4

Congratulations students and keep up the great work!

Cloncurry State School Jumpstars

Welcome back to 2013! This year the Jumpstars are looking at improving their skills and enhancing fitness in the North West. The students started training last Thursday and they came back with great enthusiasm. We are currently organizing performances around the North West area and will keep you updated on the teams progress. This term training will be on a Tuesday and Thursday at big lunch, with the students taking one lunch a week to do Lunch Time Skipping with the rest of the school. The Jumpstars have lots of new and bright ideas for what they see happening in 2013, starting with their performance on parade in week 4. We hope to see you there!

Mrs Erin Armstrong & Ms Jami-Lee Hutley
Cloncurry State School 5

Community News

Girl Guides
Term 1 commences 14 / 02 / 2013
4:30 to 6:00 Guide Hall – Uhr Street
Urgently seeking community interest for Leaders/Helpers for Guides to continue into 2013. Meeting in regard to this matter will be held during Guides on 14/2/2013 at 4:45pm.

10 Yrs & Up
12 February 2013
6—8pm
New people welcome
Contact Judith March 4742 2112 or 0429 803 325

Scouts Australia

“the experience of accomplishment”
Cloncurry Authentic Taekwon-Do Club resumes training this week
Wednesdays evenings
5:30pm to 6:30 pm
St Josephs School
Every welcome to come along and try

JAZZ / FUNK
CLASSES
New venue: Shire Hall scarr st
What to bring
• Singlet / T-Shirt
• Towel
• Shorts ¾ &ghts
• Water Bottle
• Sneakers/Joggers
• Socks
Wednesday cost $5
Times
• Prep 3-3.30
• Gr 1-2 3.30-4.30
• Mrs Dearne Hogetts
• Gr 3-4 4.30-5.30
• Qualified dance instructor
• Gr 5-7+ 5.30 –6.30

If you have not signed up yet come along
Don’t miss out classes will fill quickly.

X BOX AND SKATE COMP
Where: Cloncurry PCYC King Street
Time: Under 12 5pm-7pm

GREAT PRIZES
For 1st, 2nd and 3rd

It’s On

COWBOYS on tour in February!

ChillOut

WHEN: 7TH February
3PM
WHERE: PCYC HALL
DAINTREE ST
WHO: GRADES 7-12
WHY: TO COME AND
HAVE A SESSION
WITH SOME OF THE
COWBOYS

Afternoon tea supplied
Proudly Funded by

Tony Hawk Ride

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Cloncurry State School 5
Japanese Corner

Welcome to 2013

We welcome back all returning students from last year, and extend a warm welcome to those who are joining the Cloncurry State School community this year! I hope all students had an enjoyable and fun holiday break and didn’t stress out parents and guardians too much!

This is going to be an exciting year for Japanese at Cloncurry State School, with the establishment of the Japanese Culture Club. We will meet every fortnight on Wednesday afternoons. There is also the possibility of a Japan Celebration Day (or week!) sometime throughout the year! Stay posted for notes home throughout the year and read the school newsletter as well for regular updates!

Did you know?
In Japan, it is considered rude to walk down the street while eating! Light snack food is very common and popular in Japan, but it is mostly eaten whilst standing outside the convenience store, at home, or whilst sitting down. Japanese people frown upon others who walk in public while eating. (I found this out by a stranger asking me to stop! How embarrassing!)

Japanese Culture Club

The Japanese Culture Club is a new club in 2013, and it is designed to expose students to Japanese culture outside the classroom. Activities will include: tasting Japanese food, trying on traditional clothes, watching anime and movies. The first club meeting is on the 20th of February. More information will be sent home closer to the date to interested students.

Mr Kelly Green - Japanese Teacher

Chaplain's Chatter

Welcome to everyone for 2013! It is lovely to see so many new students at our school who have come to embrace life in the North West.

BREAKFAST CLUB- Great to see everyone arriving within the designated time of 8AM TO 8.25AM. to enjoy a healthy breakfast to curb their appetite and kick start their minds for a busy day of learning. Donations of cereal, milo, bread and spreads most appreciated to keep this service running smoothly. Also parents and carers are most welcome to come and help during the allocated time and enjoy a yummy breakfast as well!

CARING FOR OTHERS-
I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone when we see the devastation of FIRES AND FLOODS that it leaves such sadness in our hearts. Yet, I was very humbled earlier this week when two students from Grade 5 Tamika Herson and Harry Rush came to me asking how could they help the people! They had put a lot of thought into who they could help and have come up with Bundaberg district. On behalf of these students I will make contact to this area to see what is the best method of supporting them. So watch this space..............I will keep you informed on how we can HELP!

Blessings from

Ms Jenny School Chaplain

Next week our year 11 students will be taking part in our first Year 11 Leadership Camp. The camp has been designed to help students sharpen their leadership skills, work together and build their communication and confidence. Students will travel to Charters Towers on Monday and take part in adventure-based learning, leadership and teamwork activities including a high ropes course, archery and canoeing on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday they are heading to Townsville to take part in the GRIP Leadership Conference. The conference concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders and our students will be working together from many others students from schools throughout the Townsville District. Mr Pete Keen and Miss Asha Schumacher are supervising – will be a great trip!

Ms Alicia Wilson - Head of Department Curriculum

Cloncurry State School
## Primary Awards

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<td>For demonstrating excellent listening and organisational skills in the classroom</td>
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**Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi**

Mrs Editha Cabanban becomes an Australian Citizen

Mrs Editha from Cloncurry State School displays her Certificate of Australian Citizenship. Editha recently become a permanent citizen in Australia. Mrs Editha was born in the Philippines and has been living in Australia in Cloncurry for five years.

Editha has been a Teacher’s Aid at the school for four years and is also the President of the Cloncurry Country Women’s Association.

We would like to say Congratulations Editha!!!!
Cloncurry State School welcomes their new Prep Students of 2013

Principal Christine Norton and Senior student’s welcomed the 2013 Prep class. The Prep class experienced their first parade on Monday morning and got to sing the Australian Anthem and Cloncurry School Song for the very first time.

Prep teacher Nola Mc Clafferty was also presented with a book that was donated to her personally to give to Cloncurry State School from Olympian legend Swimmer Lisa Curry. Lisa was in Cloncurry to help Cloncurry celebrate Australia Day.

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From the Guidance Officer:...

Some great ideas from Andrew Fuller...

“Set yourself up for a great year!”

by Andrew Fuller (Retrieved 4.2.13 from www.andrewfuller.com.au)

Make this the year that you will remember for the rest of your life as the time you really set yourself on the pathway to success. There are several sure-fire ways to make this a great year.

1. **Build positive relationships with everyone you know.**
   Parents, teachers, friends, everyone! One of the ways of reducing your stress levels is to set out to have as many positive friendships this year as you can.

2. **Challenge yourself.**
   You are much, much smarter than you know. If you practice doing your best in life you will succeed because very few people ever practice doing their best. To do your best you have to get out of the habit of predicting that things won’t go well for you. If you look for what’s going to go wrong, you will always find it. If you look for what works, life just gets a lot easier.

3. **Prepare yourself for learning.**
   Thinking positive isn’t enough for successfully achieving goals. Implement ways to reduce distractions, at least for a few hours at a time, else learning will become a frustrating experience. Human nature is such that not everyone in your life will be a wellwisher in your self-improvement and learning plans. They may intentionally or subconsciously distract you from your goal.

4. **Get enough sleep.**
   Getting enough sleep helps you to manage stress, stay happy and also increases your marks. You need at least 8 hours and sometimes as much as 9 and a quarter hours a night.

5. **Eat breakfast**
   A lot of people skip breakfast, but you often learn best at school in the morning and it helps to have some protein in you to feed your brain. A lack of protein can actually cause headaches.

6. **Do the most important things first**
   Get into the habit of being effective. Write a to-do list each week. Ask yourself the question, “What is the one thing I could do this week in each subject area that would improve my results?” Then do it.

7. **Use your time well**
   Many people muck around in school and then wonder why they have to do so much work outside of school. If you can focus and listen well while at school you can save yourself endless hours. Some people find if they sit at the front they are less distracted. Teachers want their students to do well. Watch your teachers closely. Observe the things that they emphasise or repeat. Take notes of these things. It is a fair bet that these things will feature in tests and exams.

8. **From little things big things grow**
   Do a little bit often. Succeeding at school can be easy if you do a little bit each day. The best learning occurs when you do repetitive interval training. This means do a little bit of practice every day. Interval training is especially powerful in subjects like maths and the sciences.

9. **Focus and immerse yourself.**
   For at least some time every day switch all forms of technology off and focus on whatever you’re studying. Don’t try to watch TV, listen to music or gaze at a screen at the same time as learning something. Technology is not going to be there in exam rooms so you need to be practiced at performing without it.

10. **Don’t try to predict the future.**
    Most students are really bad at predicting how well they are going to do. In fact, they are hopeless at it. So don’t spend the year thinking how awful your results could be. Just do the most important things first and do them regularly.

11. **Be curious.**
    Think of someone you know who always seems to know interesting things- weird facts, strange occurrences, funny jokes, and whacky stories. Try to be one of these people. Look out for and learn things that are fun and interesting.

12. **Play more**
    Get active, break out into a sweat now and then. Lack of blood flow is a common reason for lack of concentration. If you’ve been sitting in one place for a while, stand up and stretch or bounce one of your legs for a minute or two. It gets your blood flowing and sharpens both concentration and recall. Even if you are really busy three twenty minute bursts of exercise a week makes a massive difference to your stress levels, happiness and sleeping.

13. **Decide to be happy.**
    Lots of people wait to be happy. They wait for the situation to be right. Or they wait for the right friends to show up. Some people spend their entire lives waiting to be happy. Decide to be happy now. Have a look at the things in your life you can feel lucky that you have. Appreciate the people who like you and love you. Make the most of the moment and seize the day. Have a fantastic year! Meegan Brown Guidance Officer
Hi to everyone, here we are in week 2 already. It has been a pleasure getting to meet all the new preppies and their families. It is great to see that all students in Prep are coming to school with smiles on their faces and appear very keen to learn. I must say thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have been so supportive and positive as that always encourages the children to come to school.

Last week was spent teaching students about school routine, and they are all very quick learners. We have been learning our school rules

- Be a Learner
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

We have also been learning our class motto which is:

“Some classes are good
Some classes are better
But Prep is THE BEST”

As parents and teachers we need to ensure that these amazing little people come to school everyday with a positive outlook and attitude, this will enhance their learning experience through out their entire school experience.

There are a few things happening on top of the students learning. The students are attending Dance Fever sessions on Friday mornings, if you wish to come and watch please feel free to join us. Mrs Wood and I are outstanding HIP HOP dancers.

Swimming starts in Week 3, forms have gone home. They need to be returned. Swimming will be first session on Wednesday 13th February and for the rest of the term. Students are to wear their togs to school, and bring their uniforms and undies to change into. Please remember a towel, sunscreen, sun shirt, goggles and a swimming cap for the students with long hair, or please tie the hair back.

Free hearing tests are also occurring in the next few weeks, please return the form.

A huge thank you to the parents who have returned the “getting to know your child” note.

A few reminders-

- Doors open at 8.15 am sharp, please do not leave your child alone
- School finishes at 2.30pm please ensure you are here on time as students easily become distressed.
- Healthy lunches – Sandwiches, water & Fruit. No nut or nut products due to allergies. Names on Lunch boxes please.
- Students need to bring water everyday, 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, so from week 4 if your child does not have their own hat they will not be able to play outside with the other students. Names on hats please.
- Closed in shoes need to be worn at all times.

Helpers in the classroom are always greatly appreciated, please let me know if you are interested.

I am including every week a “Learning Point for the week” so that you know what specific sound, letter, sight word, number we are learning so that you can assist at home. I hope you find this helpful.

Learning Point
- Sound /Letter – S and A
- Sight Word – and
- Number/s – 1 and 2

Until next week have a good one.
Mrs McClafferty and Miss Wood

Welcome back to all our Preps who are now big year one students! It is terrific to see all the healthy packed lunches. Keep them coming! This week students sorted their books into learning areas. Thank you to all parents who labelled books and individual pencils. Students settled into our daily routine and discussed school rules, revisited the alphabet and numbers one to ten.

They also completed reading, spelling and comprehension tasks.
The year ones identified the difference between living and nonliving things. They now know that there are lots of different external features on animals and plants. During our history lesson, Hombre popped in and showed students how he made different toys out of plastic cups and string. This helped to understand how toys have changed over time. Yes, it is going to be a busy week so make every day count.

Reminders:
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.

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

Thanks and have a super second week in term 1.

Just a quick note about swimming this term. Swimming lessons for year 1 start on Tuesday 12th February (next Tuesday). Students will be swimming from 8:30am-9:40am. If there are any parents interested in helping out it would be greatly appreciated. No previous swimming teaching experience is required.

Please contact either myself or Ms Childs if you are interested. I hope to see you there!

Ms Jemma Regan

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Tuesday was our first day back and it was wonderful to see the children in Purple class so excited. On the first day we started with a little get to know you activity, so that I could get to know the new students in Purple Class. The students also learnt how to set out their books; they all did a great job.

Purple class will have Sport on Wednesdays. Next week we will start swimming, please make sure that your child brings their towel, togs, goggles and a water bottle to school as the weather is so hot at the moment.

Library borrowing will be on a Tuesday so please make sure your child has a library bag and returns their books on this day.
Parents please feel free to come and see me any time about any concerns or just to have a chat. Happy Learning

Just a quick note about swimming this term. Swimming lessons for year 2/3 start on Wednesday 13th February (next Wednesday). Students will be swimming from 1:20pm-2:30pm. If there are any parents interested in helping out it would be greatly appreciated. No previous swimming teaching experience is required. Please contact either myself or Mrs Hodgetts if you are interested. I hope to see you there!

Mrs Deanne Hodgetts & Asha Schumacher HPE Teacher

Hello and welcome to 2013 in Green Class. This year we are running a multi-age 3/4 and I feel so lucky to have three of my ‘old’ Year Threeers to help me establish our new routines!!

I won’t bombard you with too much this week! Thank you to everyone for having students’ equipment ready to go. It makes everything so much more efficient and allows everyone to get down to business quickly. The kids look great in their uniforms. Hats are so important, so please, if you have time, just check that hats are coming to school. I will let you know if hats are missing! I am really impressed with the quality, nutritious lunches that are being sent to school. There seems to be so much research that links breakfast and healthy food with greater learning capabilities. Keep it up!

Swimming begins next week (Week 3) on Tuesdays after second lunch. Students require swimmers, towels and sunscreen. Forms have been sent home and payment can be made at the office. Permission notes must be signed before students can enter the pool. ‘Get Active’ is up and running again this term and is a great opportunity for kids to meet others and have fun engaging in healthy activities.

Until next week ...

Take care

Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim)

Welcome to the start of 2013 school year! What a busy start to year it has been and I am very pleased to report that the children of Blue Class are working and settling in well.

Blue Class welcomes Kaija Combo, Jack Davidson, Doris Page and Shanna Gibson who have joined Cloncurry State School this term. We welcome them and their families to Cloncurry State School and the wider community.

We have some new and exciting topics as we are getting into this term. For our first English unit we are learning about narrative writing. This unit of work is centred around the funny and fabulous book “The Twits,” by Roald Dahl.

Homework has begun and will be due on the Friday of each week. Students who are on levelled readers are strongly encouraged to change their home readers every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me in person, via the school phone number or by email. Stay tuned for our Blue Class term overview which will be posted on the school website.

Have a lovely week!

Miss Katrina Madigan
kmadi3@eq.edu.au

Hello! Last week students settled into their new environment in Red Class. All the students identified three goals for themselves to start off the year. A reading goal, writing goal and a ME goal, which could be in relation to anything at school. It was great to see all the students setting the bar so high!

We have also begun our learning units for this term! For example- Fantasy Genre in English, Adaptations in Science and Colonial Australia in History. Thank you to everyone for bringing in all their resources! It is such a big help! (Especially the tissue boxes!)
Students are already returning their swimming notes and money which is great. They will start swimming next Wednesday, so the notes/money need to be back this week.

Homework is being sent home this week and needs to be brought back in on Friday. Homework class is in the Library Mon- Thursday each week for any students who would like assistance with their work. It is vital that students do home reading each night and they will write it in their reading log book for someone at home to sign. See you next week!

Kind Regards
Claire Oates

Orange class has already been working really hard. Students have received a large amount of PB’s. These will be tallied weekly and they will go towards the mid and end of term reward.

Last Friday the students participated in a “Dance Fever” workshop. The students had a great time and were learning the dance moves quickly. These sessions will happen every Friday for the remainder of this term.

In Science we have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes. Students will conduct some experiments to monitor the speed at which certain materials melt. They will conduct these experiments using the sun and also candles. It will be interesting to see the difference in melting times.

The focus in English has been comparing short stories. Students have compared and analysed plot structure within short stories.

Prime and composite numbers were the focus for Maths last week. Students identified all numbers between 1 and 100 as either being prime or composite.

Well done to all students for arriving at school in week 1 eager to learn. Keep up the great work.

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
Principal
We are very excited to invite all new members (and any interested members who join our swimming club) to attend some fun and friendly training camps which are fully sponsored, so are at NO CHARGE to members.

We are an amateur club, and encourage all participants to remember that our swimming club has always focused on improving our members swimming skills, while still enjoying the fun and friendly activities our club offers, and offering the opportunity to go on to competitive swimming if they wish.

In the past we have had many talented state qualifying swimmers come from our club - so it can be as little or as much as the individual wants out of it.

These training camps will be focussing on stroke correction, team building, fun and fitness. We are very excited to be visiting both Julia Creek and Mount Isa for these camps.

Dates at this stage are as follows:
16 and 17 February
3 March
10 March
16 March (17th is Mount Isa Swimming Carnival)
24 March

We would also like to see as many parents as possible join us on one or all of these camps. All transport costs are covered if travelling with the group, accommodation for the weekend camp in Julia Creek is being organised by the community and is also included. In addition to this we are providing healthy snacks because we want the children to understand the importance of healthy eating and physical exercise. We are also going to try to fit in some cultural visits e.g. visiting the fossil centre in Mount Isa, and the bilbies and interpretive centre in Julia Creek if time allows, so very exciting times ahead.

We are all about encouraging our children to be healthy, fit and motivated. However we also remind our children that we play sport and swim for fun. They get to play with friends, meet new friends and learn how to do new things. They also gain valuable life skills when visiting other communities.

To register your interest please contacts one of the following committee members or a member of the Curry Crocs.

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We are looking forward to seeing as many kids as well as parents or guardians join in as possible.

A huge thankyou to NRW as our major sponsor of our training camps