This week I would like to highlight the importance of parent involvement in the success of the child at school. Think back to your own childhood. How often do you recall your parents ’being there’, attending school functions and meetings with your teachers? Were they at your sporting carnivals, parent teacher reporting meetings or perhaps the school fete? Do you recall how you felt?

Many times I have witnessed the elation of the child who spots mum or dad (or even better – both), in the crowd. I’ve seen the payoff and how it made them feel valued and important. I’ve seen how it made a big difference to have the child wanting to do their best at school, little ones and teenagers alike. Don’t believe your teenagers when they say they don’t mind if you can’t make it to things. They do notice and it does impact on their confidence. There are periods in a teenager’s life when it would appear that it’s not cool to have parents around. This however, is also the period of their life where risk taking behaviour is at its peak and signals that this is the time that perhaps parents need to be most involved. I have a favourite saying when asked about working with students in a Prep to Year 12 environment; ‘The only real difference is their height’.

In my eyes they are all children with the same basic needs who need to be cared for. Never underestimate the positive effect you can have on your child’s success at school, simply by being there! Yes, it can be that simple!

Hoping to see you all at the many, many events we have on our calendar as the school year draws to a close.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 4

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### Remembrance Day Service

**CLONCURRY STATE SCHOOL**

Friday 9th November
10.40 am – Under Cover Area
Family and Friends welcome

### Attendance Matters

**Last Day:** 7th December 2012
Until Next Week.
Christine Norton  Principal
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

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

- Kal Gabbert - Yr 8
- Sheena Sarmardine - Yr 10

Congratulations

Keep up the great effort CSS students!!

Year 11 Student Shane Crisp

Shane proudly displays his Manual Arts wood work craftsmanship, a coffee table. Shane then kindly donated the coffee table to the school so it could be auctioned at our recent Chaplaincy Dinner. To our surprise the coffee table auctioned for a large amount of money. Thanks Shane for helping raise money that is used to benefit our school.

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

Like

Cent Sale - Thanks!

Thank you to everyone for your support on Thursday night at the Cent Sale. It was a great success.

Cloncurry State School P&C

Cloncurry State School P-12

QUADRENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW

Open Invitation

In line with the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting Framework, all Education Queensland schools are required to review progress and develop for implementation a 4 year plan referred to as ‘The School Plan’. The plan must be approved by the Assistant Regional Director and will act as the key driver for the school’s improvement agenda in the years 2013 – 2016.

The review is conducted with input from all members of the school community. Below are a list of dates that School Focus Groups will be meeting to engage with interested persons from across the community for feedback and input. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

‘Focus Groups’

Supportive School Environment : Mon 12 Nov @ 5:30 Resource Centre
Curriculum : Wed 14 Nov @ 5:30 pm Resource Centre
Senior Schooling : Tues 13 Nov @ 5:30 pm Senior Room
Student Support Services : Mon 12 Nov @ 5:30 pm Senior Room
Facilities, Finance & Grounds : Tue 20 Nov @ 5:30 pm Resource Centre
Parent & community involvement matters in a child’s education!!
Books in Homes
Last Thursday six representatives from Ernest Henry Mine came to our school to hand out the latest sets of books from the amazing Books in Homes project. Xtrata is a major sponsor of this program through which students from Prep – Year Eight receive nine free books each year.

John Twomey, Nathan Bullock, Peter Christen, Percy Scobie (ex CSS), Vesna Rendulic, Brendan Callaghan and Ryan Turner are all managers at Ernest Henry Mine and they visited a classroom each to hand out the books. The visit was co-ordinated by Lily Charles who is also an ex Cloncurry State School student. Percy was singled out with some special treatment from our Prep Class when he received hugs from all. Ms Rainnie

Phil Kettle Writing Workshops
Phil Kettle is one of Australia’s most popular award winning children’s authors with over 150 published books. Phil’s books include:

TOOL COOL, BOYZRULE, GIRLZROCK, BILLY KOOL, MARCY, GET REAL and the very popular OUR AUSTRALIA series

Phil will present workshops to Grade 3 – 7 students on Thursday November 8 in our school library. The sessions are free to all students.

Workshop One Grade 3 – 4 10:00 – 11:00am
Workshop Two Grades 5-7 11:00am – 12:00

The workshops include: story planning, the writing adventure, character development and imagination brainstorming.

CAREER & OPPORTUNITIES EXPO
What careers and opportunities are available in your community??

Who - Everyone’s welcome to come down to get information, advice and meet organisations that service the Cloncurry Community

When - Tuesday 13th November
12pm-7.30pm

Where - Cloncurry Community Precinct

There will be FREE!!

Jumping castle
Live entertainment
Sausage Sizzle

Please contact Lethesia at the PCYC for further information on 4742 1523 or 0429 490 267 email lethesia.biffin@pcyc.org.au
Primary Parades

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

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

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**Pathways**

School Rules:

- Be A Learner
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

This week’s Focus: **Respect**

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**Get Active**

This term we will be swimming at the pool each Monday and Wednesday afternoon
2:30pm - 3:45pm

Students must meet Miss Oates and Miss Turnbull in front of the Resource Centre at 2.30pm sharp to walk over to the pool. Students must ensure they pack swimmers and a towel. A healthy afternoon tea will be provided. We can’t wait to see you all there!

**Miss Turnbull & Miss Oates**
Week 5 is upon us, there are not too many weeks left for our preppies.

This is a newsletter full of “thank you” as we had a lot of visitors this week.

Haven’t the preppies grown, that was very obvious at our Prep orientation morning last Tuesday? The students were very excited to show the new preppies what it was like in our prep classroom and they represented Cloncurry State School in an admirable manner. Thank you also to Alison, Kathleen, Michelle and Janelle for your assistance as our Prep Mums 2012, your support and friendliness to the new mums was greatly appreciated.

Another positive for our preppies was demonstrated by their “responsible” and “respectful” behavior at the performance that was held last week. The Australian Chamber Orchestra came to the school and the preppies were mesmerized by the musicians. I think we may have some students wanting to play the violin, viola or cello when they get a bit older. Look out parents!!!!!

We also had Mrs. Wirth come into our classroom to play the violin for us, thank you very much and you did an exceptional job. It really was a week of culture, this week and you are never too young or too old for a bit of culture in your life.

Thank you also goes to “Percy”, who came to present the “Books in Homes” to the students, he even read a story and the students were totally engrossed.

The last thank you goes to Constable Heidi (our Adopt a Cop), who came in on Friday to talk to the students about what to do in an emergency and in particular, when to ring Triple 000. The students enjoyed her visit and they learnt a very valuable lesson on responsibility.

The last two things are –

• P-3 parade on Wednesday 7th November – starting at 1.45. There are a lot of students getting awards and Prep is performing so please come along.

Remembrance Day Service on Friday 9th November, commencing at 10.40am in the under cover area – all welcome.

That’s about all for this week – until next week, have a good one.

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood.
This week in Math we have been looking at time (quarter past and half past). We have also been looking at digital and analogue. It would be great if you could look and discuss time at home.

In English this week we are looking at narratives and writing our new events from stories we have read in class.

Science is all about learning how to conserve our Planet Earth. We have looked at conserving water, what planting trees will do for our environment and how we can protect our planet at home and at school.

Could you please make sure your child is returning their homework. Homework is an important part of learning as it revises what the children are learning at school.

Also we need some more tissues for class as some of the children have colds.

Happy Learning Claire Oates and Dearne Hodgetts

Here we are!! Half way through Term 4!!

We have been busy creating poetry. Over the last week we have focused on prose, and have, in groups written ‘Theme Poems’ about our dreams! Remember, poems are deeply personal expressions of our selves – our feelings, ideas, thoughts!! The Arts reflect society, and society influences The Arts.

DREAMS
Waking up in the middle of the cold, scary, dark night
Running, running, running – a murderer with a sack in his bloody hand
Waking up – red blood on the floor, a scary, dark, slowly moving figure at my window
Dreams
In the middle of the cold night, in the middle of the bush
A large black creature – my dog flat with burns
In a white and black taxi
Big, green, scary Zombies crawling silently around me
Dreams
Cousin dead on dirty brown Circus Island
TERROR! Parents fall into filthy green salt water-alone with little siblings
Dreams

by Iddo Putra, Ethan Macnamara, Geoffrey Silver, Matthew Twomey, Lorelie McMahon

Dreams
Waking up in the middle of the night
My sister trying to murder me
What does it feel like to have a dream?
Dreams
Waking up, balloons floating everywhere
Seeing my mum dead on the floor
Find it hard to dream
Dreams
A miniature clown, holding a knife
My family sleeping. Alone on the lounge,
People tapping, banging, knocking. LET ME IN!!!
Dreams
Giving the bride away, blood dripping from flowers
Running, running – trying to reach the door . . . but can’t
by Baileigh Harrsion, Jaylee Zaro, Alysha Ernanto, Tasma Davies, Dre Slater

Dreams
Running, running from the Zombie, blood dripping from his head
Running from the murderer on the wet and slippery roof
Everything goes to plan when you are in love
Dreams
Sleeping, all I see is pitch black
Holding on tight as I slip off the roof
Running to the nearest shelter from the burning rain
Dreams
Running through one dream takes me to another
Hard to see things when I’m sleeping
From a bad dream, I close my eyes and dream about Ponies, lollipops and rainbows
by Rebecca Waters, Jacqueline Douglas, Riley Rush, Finlay Robertson, Dakota Shaw

Warm regards Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim)
Happy Melbourne Cup week! 😊

Thanks for your helping your child bring in recycled materials ready for the construction of their sailing boat for their technology task. Most students have now brought in materials and this task will take place on Wednesday of this week.

In English we have been working hard at analysing persuasive devices used in advertising. We have been looking at a range of still and moving image advertisements for products including chocolate, PS3 games, lego and many more! We have been considering design elements such as how the images are framed and placed, backgrounds, what colours are used and why they were chosen, the size of the images, what camera angles were used to shoot the images, do the moving images tell a story about the product, what sound effects are used, is there a song or a jingle, and which persuasive language features are effective at persuading the reader.

If you are watching television with your child, I would encourage you to discuss the advertisements with them, considering some of the elements that we have been discussing in class.

Have a great week!

Miss Katrina Madigan 😊

Welcome to week 5. This week in English we will be starting to write our comparison. We have just finished watching Storm Boy the movie and are now looking at the significant changes that the film maker has made from the novel and we will be talking about why we think they were.

In Maths we are talking about Inquiry. We played a new version of scissors, paper, rock and at first we thought it was a fair game but the more we play the more we realise our results aren’t indicating this. We are now working out how to test if it really is fair or not.

In science we are looking at evaporation. We have started an experiment to test whether water in the sun evaporates quicker than water in the shade. We made predictions about what we think will happen and we will just have to experiment to see if we are right!

In SOSE this week we will continue to label the continents of the world. It is interesting to see how much the students are learning. We will also be labelling some key features, countries and labelling the oceans.

In Media the students will be choosing a mood that they wish to use for their short movie. They will then plan how they are going to make the movie work and accurately show that mood.

This week is primary parade. Congratulations to all students who have worked hard and received an award.

Have a wonderful Week.

Kelly Rozynski 😊

Last week in Orange class we began another science experiment. Previously students had grown beans in plastic bags using tap water. This time the students are investigating the effects of salt on plant growth. Two lots of beans were prepared. One will be watered with tap water and the other one will be watered with salt water. Some students predicted that the beans will grow with the salt water as they believe that seaweed can stay alive in it. Others however think that the salt will prevent the beans from growing. We will be monitoring their progress closely. In English students have been practicing their rebuttal skills. This is an important skill that they will need to complete their debate for their English assessment. I can definitely see some students are very talented when it comes to debating their chosen topic. The focus in Maths has been calculating the perimeter and area of shapes. Students have been using grid paper to make this process easier. In SOSE this week Hombre will be coming to talk to the class about traditional trading and bartering systems. I’m sure this will be a very educational lesson for all students.

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