State Education Week


State schools across Queensland will celebrate State Education Week 2012 from Sunday 20 May to Saturday 26 May by opening their doors to the community. The annual week-long celebration is an opportunity to recognise the talent and achievements of students and teachers in state schools, and showcase their wonderful work to the wider community.

We will be holding events throughout the week to help us celebrate. These events will be:

- Senior Schooling Information Session - 6pm Thursday 24th May in the Resource Centre. The information session will celebrate all of the opportunities our senior students have at Cloncurry State School, from Virtual schooling lessons to school-based apprenticeships and traineeships. Come along and find out more!
- Open classrooms throughout the week. All parents and caregivers are invited to come and have a look around your child's classroom at a time that suits you.

“A State Education Is A Great Education!!”

The Student Investiture Ceremony was held during Parade on Monday. Thankyou to all parents, friends & community who attended. It is important that our young leaders are acknowledged by the wider community for them to have a real sense of their responsibility.

Activities continue this week and I encourage all to participate.

Congratulations to Kieren Moseley who has won selection in the Queensland Schoolboys U19 Rugby League team. Kieren ventured to Kirwin State High School as a Home Stay Student in Year 11.

Hope to see many of you at our Education Week activities. Till next time……. Christine Norton
• **P&C Day on Friday 25th May** where we will hold a morning tea @ 10.30 with our Student Leaders and Staff to recognise and acknowledge the great work of our P&C volunteers throughout the year. They do such a fantastic job!

• **P&C Trivia Night on Saturday 26th May** in the Undercovered area at school. Come along and test your knowledge of the obscure and trivial.

As part of our State Education Week we would like to invite all Parents and Caregivers to the finals of the Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee will be held in the Resource Centre on Thursday May 24. Please refer below to the timing of each event.

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Our school community will celebrate P&C Day on Friday 25 May with a morning tea in recognition of the fantastic support and achievements of our P&C.

Last Friday (18th) the first Primary Parade of Term 2 was held in the Resource Centre. We had wonderful performances from:

- Rainbow A who sang “I Can Sing A Rainbow”
- Rainbow B who recited their very descriptive joint construction of a fictional character AND

Red Class who showed us the work they have been doing around our solar system and size and scale of the planets in the system.

We were all amazed at the size of the Sun compared to Earth and the distances between the planets!!

Many students were recognised for their improvements and these achievements have been listed below. Well done to all students, their Teachers, Parents and Teacher Aides.

**Junior Primary Awards**

- Matthew Hewlett Prep Knowing seven sight words
- Aaron Cook-Dixon Prep Knowing seven sight words
- Kyanna Wirth Prep Knowing seven sight words
- Syneita Fewquandie Yr 1 Moving two PM reading levels
- Jackson Bell Yr 1 Moving three PM reading levels
- Liam Bevan Yr 1 Moving three PM reading levels
- Kavya Peiris Yr 1 Increasing her bank of sight words by 66
- Namoi Burke Yr 1 Achieving 147 sight words
- Declan Molloy Yr 1 Achieving 186 sight words
- Arnav Maharaj Yr 1 Achieving 167 sight words
- Alyssa Bell Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Renee Dolan Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Kaylee McMahon Yr 2 Advancing three reading levels
- Libby Hinds Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Seth O'Neill Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Dylan Rankine Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Shakaya Doolan Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Mykahlia Douglas Yr 2 Reaching the target of 220 sight words
- Adelaide Waskiw Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Stephanie Lamont Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Maddie-Lyn Hartig Yr 2 Advancing two reading levels
- Bronwyn Keen Yr 3 Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
- Lorelie McMahon Yr 3 Advancing three levels on Pat-R assessment
- Ethan Macnamara Yr 3 Advancing four levels on Pat-R assessment
- Ethan Burke Yr 3 Advancing two levels on Pat-R assessment

**Primary Awards**

- Chelsea Wehrman Yr 4 Advancing two levels on Pat-R assessment
- Sionne Rankine Yr 4 Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
- Jamie Wheeler Yr 4 Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
- Tayla Wanchap Yr 4 Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
Tony Fewquandie  Yr 5  Advanced spelling achievement
Taylor Cole   Yr 5  Advanced writing achievement
Christopher Walker  Yr 5  Advanced one level on PM reading scheme
Keeleah Bowen  Yr 6  Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
Mick Coffison  Yr 6  Advancing two levels on Pat-R assessment
Ieysha Cummins Yr 6  Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
Denny-Ray Hill  Yr 6  Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
Skye-Leigh Rankine Yr 6  Advancing one level on Pat-R assessment
Jack Lawlor  Yr 6  Advancing one level on Pat-R

Tony Fewquandie  Yr 5  100% in spelling assessment
Alkyra Kum Sing  Yr 5  100% in spelling assessment
Tony Fewquandie  Yr 5  100% in spelling assessment
Skye-Taye Wehrman  Yr 5  100% in spelling assessment
Telisha Ned  Yr 6  Big improvement in her reading and comprehension
Patricia Wall  Yr 6  Improving her spelling results and is now consistently returning her homework

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Chloe Parkes Yr 7  Detailed drafting of a Biography and Information Report
Lladyssa Douglas Yr 7  Spelling Bee finalist
Clay Kunde  Yr 8  Excellent attention to detail and putting in extra time to do well
Liam Chaplain Yr 8  Effort during Naplan testing
Latoya Hayes  Yr 8  Effort during Naplan testing
Hunter Chong Yr 9  Striving to improve in class work
Brian McLeod  Yr 9  Attention to assessment tasks in class
Zac March Yr 9  Quality work and effort in Art
Alex Wall  Yr 10  Attention to classwork and completion of tasks

Senior Secondary Awards
Kristine Adcock Yr 11  Seeking clarification on tasks and editing work thoroughly
Jill McGee Yr 12  Excellent planning and draft work
Jill McGee  Yr 12  Completion of all set homework tasks to a high standard in Science

Cloncurry 1 worked hard for another win last Wednesday beating Happy Valley 15 – 2.
However we lost to Central in the second game.

Even though Cloncurry 2 did not win as each week progresses the team is getting closer and there is a definite chance this week to record their first win.

It should be acknowledged that we have two teams in the U/12 Mount Isa Competition and the second team is made up of girls who are 9 or 10 years of age. These players are all first time netballers and will form our future Cloncurry 1 side.

In most games they are competing against girls who are 12 or 13 years of age and who have played netball for several years. We have a long term plan and in a few years these girls will be the team to beat!!!!!
**Schools Competitions**

The ICAS Computer Skills Competition was held yesterday and a reminder that the Science assessment will be held on:

- **Wednesday 6 June** for Grades 7 - 12
- **Thursday 7 June** for Grades 2 - 6

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**Seniors Fundraiser**

**Cloncurry State School P&C**

**Senior Trip & Formal Fund Raiser**

**Trivia Night**

- **When:** Saturday 26th May 6.00pm for 7.00pm start
- **Where:** Undercover Area, Cloncurry State School
- **Cost:** $10.00 per head
- Teams: maximum of 10 per team (Nominate on the night)
- 10 spot questions – prizes
- 10 rounds of 10 questions – 1 x major prize

**Licensed Bar**

**Food on sale**

**Expression of Interest**

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from members of the community to nominate for appointment to the positions of chief community representatives for the senior student Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test.

The chief community representatives work on behalf of the QSA to ensure the accountability, security and proper conduct of the test. The test will be held here at school on Tuesday 4th September and Wednesday 5th September.

A chief community representative will be paid $437. Please ask for a QCS chief community representative application form from our school office and return the form by Friday 11th May. The supervisor for this year’s test is Alicia Wilson.

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**7 - 12 Secondary Tutoring**

Tutoring for students from Year 7 to Year 12 is held in the Senior Room (A Block) Monday through to Friday mornings from 7-45am to 8:25am and Monday and Wednesday afternoons only from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. All students welcome to attend. Please contact Pete Keen if you have any queries concerning this tutoring.

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**Get Active**

A reminder to all Parents and Students that Get Active has commenced for Term 2. This term we will be meeting each Monday and Thursday afternoon under the Burke and Wills shed for a variety of ball games and fitness activities. All students from P-7 are welcome to attend. We spend the afternoon making new friends, getting active and eating a healthy afternoon tea.

We look forward to seeing you this Thursday!

Miss Turnbull & Miss Oates

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**Staff Profiles**

Hi,

My name is Valerie Constantinides and I have been a Teacher Aide at this school for 7 years. Previously I was a volunteer for 18 years helping out in my children’s classrooms as well as the tuckshop.

I work within the Primary School and you will also see me in the tuckshop every big lunch. I can usually call every student who I serve by their first name. WOWEE!!!

I have had 5 children schooled here at Cloncurry State School with only one still here doing Year 11. My four other children have all got themselves good jobs so I believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel - you just need to look for that light! I also strongly believe if you put your mind to something and work at it you will achieve!!

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**P - 6 Homework Club**

Homework classes are held in Purple Classroom in B Block Monday through to Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please contact Elizabeth Rainnie if you have any queries concerning homework classes.

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**Chaplain’s Chatter**

GOING POTTY????? Hello readers, as part or of the Student Council fundraiser event next THURSDAY 31ST MAY being the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’ we are having a
TEA POT/TEA SET display just for interest sake. This was a great conversation piece last year when we held this Cancer Council fundraiser. So, join in the fun and bring along your favourite pieces and let's GO POTTY!!!! (P.S. Items will be on display for this day only and cared for by myself Miss Jenny).

Remember PLEASE donations of cakes, slices, biscuits and a gold coin donation to charity.

GARDENING GROUP - Now into autumn, the shrubs need plenty of TLC so we have a number of students who enjoy chipping around the shrubs and pruning to maintain our beautification program. This has been a great interest for so many students and I am sure when they have their own properties, gardening will be one of their hobbies.

EISTEDDFOD FEVER - It is on again! The Annual Mt Isa Eisteddfod. I am proud to announce students have nominated themselves in the Speech and Drama section. That being: Set Poetry and Bible reading. This is NOT about winning but gaining confidence in public speaking and personal development. So if you are free on the weekend come along to support our wonderful young achievers! Good luck to all competitors from Cloncurry State School. Blessings to all…..

Miss Jenny

P&C NEWS

A friendly reminder to Parents/Caregivers
School uniforms are available from Lemmons and Cloncurry Travel (Good Homemakers).

SHIRTS are available from Lemmons and Cloncurry Travel (Good Homemakers)

SHORTS/SKIRTS/SHOES etc. available from Lemmons.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Cloncurry State School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program fundraiser.

We would love all members of our community to collect the stamps when you shop at Woolworths and return them to the Office.

This fundraising program gives our School the chance to collect and redeem points and win some fantastic resources for both Classrooms and Library and Art and Craft materials. The more stamps we collect the more resources we can earn.

May 23rd
GO MAROONS!!!

Woolworths Earn and Learn

1st state of Origin on the BIG SCREEN
WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY DOORS OPEN 7PM
PIE & TINNY NIGHT
(SOFTDRINK)
Entry $5.00 PCYC
Including a pie & soft drink
Great atmosphere and viewing on the BIG SCREEN
Extra pies & soft drink on sale $2
Hi again, week 6 is now upon us and we are half way through the term. Where does the time go?

I have a list of thankyous this week, so here goes - Thank you to everyone who donated to our Mother’s Day raffle and also thank you to everyone who bought tickets, we raised over $500.00 and also a huge thankyou to the parents of Rainbow B students for their support as well. Congratulations to our winner from Rainbow B.

What an outstanding performance by Rainbow A at the P-3 PARADE, we may be performing again at our whole school parade, I will let you know.

Another friendly reminder –

- School starts at 8.25 – please assist your student in being punctual
- School finishes at 2.30 – if you are going to be late to pick up your child a courtesy phone call would be appreciated.
- A number of students do not seem to have hats, the school policy is NO hat – NO play so it would be great if you could please ensure your child always has a wide brimmed hat in their bag so that they can play in the playground.

Until next week, have a good one©

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to all students who completed their character description on Henry or Rose.

Students certainly used actions verbs, adjectives, pronouns and made inferences about the characters. WELL DONE!!! Please come and check out your child’s character description during EDUCATION WEEK – this week in the Rainbow B room.

During numeracy students have continued counting in 1s 10s 2s and 5s to 100. Please practice these each week with your child for homework. Money, especially cent coins, have been a strong focus in mathematics. Ask your child how many cents are in a dollar. Students have been making different coin combinations to cents and one dollar. They are progressing to look at how much change is given this week.

In SOSE students have continued their exploration on how things are made and how they are consumers. Students watched a variety of video clips on how sheep produce wool and the process it goes through so people can wear and use woolen things.

Many thanks to all parents who have ensured your child has their homework in on FRIDAYS. This is MUCH APPRECIATED!

REMINDERS for EACH day - packed healthy lunch, WATER BOTTLE, wide brimmed hat and full school uniform...

Permission notes that need to be returned... HEARING, SIGHT, JAMES and GIANT PEACH (form and money).

Education Week - 20 May to 26 May 2012

‘STATE EDUCATION is GREAT EDUCATION’
Come and view Rainbow B’s class learning.
Welcome to our Open classroom on THURSDAY 24TH MAY 2012 – 8:30am – 9:30am.

Thanks,

Miss Marina Childs
Week 6 is already upon us! Congratulations to all the students who won an award at the primary parade last week!

This week is Education Week where we celebrate State Education. The students have made posters to put up around the school and we hope to see you at our open classroom on Tuesday morning.

We are starting a new unit within English where we are learning about persuasion within texts! We are also looking at money within Maths so don’t be fooled if the students try to PERSUADE you to hand over some MONEY! Heehee 😜

There are still some students who have not brought their James and the Giant Peach forms/money back in and their health forms (vision and hearing and health check). Could these please be returned as soon as possible?

Signing out… **Ms Oates and Mrs Hodgetts**

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**GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS**

Hello to all our parents and families!!

This week, Week 6, we begin study of Procedural Text in English. We began yesterday with a really lively discussion about procedures. You know, ‘instructions’ and ‘directions’.

We decided that ‘recipes’ were the most common procedure that we had anything to do with. With our ‘prior knowledge’ (stuff we already know) coming to the front of our minds, we talked about how unsafe cooking areas can be and all the safety issues we need to be aware of. We are now going to surround ourselves (immerse) by recipes and cookery books and mags and so on… so by the time we finish that, we’ll have a pretty good idea of everything there is to know about how a procedure is put together!!

In Maths we are looking at the idea of chance - how likely or unlikely something is going to happen!! Simple as it might seem, in the big scheme of things, it’s a very important skill to have! The reason for teaching and learning this is based in being able to become a good decision maker! You know, weighing things up with a bit of nous!!

Anyway, we can’t sit around all day chatting - we’ve got work to do! Until next week……

Warm regards…..

Elizabeth Keim (Miss Lizzie) and Year Three

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**BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS**

We would like to welcome Sissy Doolan to Blue Class who joined us last week from Mount Isa.

Blue Class students have been planning and building their Technology Project, where they have used materials from the natural environment to construct a miniature “Yinbarr.” Yinbarr is the Mitakoodi word for shelter or grass hut. We have also been working hard on our historical recount assessment task for English.

Some exciting news in Science - our baby billabong bugs have hatched and are growing rapidly! We are enjoying observing their changes daily and are keeping records of these observations in our science books. As part of our life and living unit we have also each made and decorated a grass seed head and we’re looking forward to giving our seed heads funky haircuts as they grow.

As part of Education Week, Blue Class will be having an open day this Thursday 24.2.12 between 1:30 and 2:30 where we welcome and invite you - parents, carers, relatives and friends, to come and visit our classroom and learn some of the things that are happening in Blue Class this term. We hope to see you there!

Warm Wishes,

**Miss Madigan**
Wow!! Yet another wonderful week in Red Class.

This week we are adding the finishing touches to our news articles and double checking and triple checking to make sure that we are happy with them before we hand them in. We are also doing some maths assessment before we begin our next unit of work.

This week we will begin our next unit for English where we will be looking at comic books and how they are illustrated and at the end of the term students will be required to make their own small comic book and show it on PowerPoint.

In Science we are continuing to study the planets and categorise them. We are looking at how the outer planets are gaseous and the inner planets are rocky. We are also looking at the number of moons the planets have and the sizes of them. We will also begin looking at the phases of the moon.

In SOSE we are beginning to plan our town. We will think carefully before completing our town as we don’t want to put features in the wrong spots.

Dance is going well and we are all participating and having heaps of fun and getting a work out at the same time.

This week is Education Week. Parents are invited to come to our classroom from 1.30 to 2.30 on Thursday afternoon and watch as we do a lesson of Science and get to see around our classroom.

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

Kelly Rozynski

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In English students are finalising their assessment tasks. This week they will also have the opportunity to create their own advertisements. This will be great for them to demonstrate all of their learning from this term.

Students have also begun their research about rainforests. The students need to take on the role as either a tourism operator or timber getter and write a persuasion to convince us of the importance of their role. Orange class have been great at gathering the information they need.

Over the next few weeks in Science the students will be making a wind and water turbine. If you have any spare plastic bottles at home can you please send them in with your child. Any size bottle is fine. Have a great week!

Miss Rachel Rozynski

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 the office with your email address.

CHRISTINE NORTON
Principal