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**WHAT'S HAPPENING – TERM 2**

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Another busy term is ahead of us looking at the calendar!! Congratulations to this week’s Pathways Team who presented a refreshing way of how to follow the school rules. “Eddie” (alias Miss Wilson) did a great job of comparing and the characters were hardly recognisable in their wigs and outfits. Well done!

Further congratulations to:
- Alex Macnamara Yr 4 Books in Homes National Winner
- Schakarne Aitkens Yr 9 Vibe Alive Basketball Champion Winners Mt Isa competition
- Alex Broome Yr 10 Vibe Alive Basketball Champion
- Daniel Hegarty Yr 8 Vibe Alive Basketball Champion
- Gully Jacob Yr 12 Vibe Alive Basketball Champion
- Victoria Hardingham Yr 11 Leading singing at Anzac Day
- Melissa Couchman Yr 11 Leading singing at Anzac Day

This Friday everyone is invited to attend our Annual Cross Country for all our Prep to Year 12 students. Distances vary for different age groups and fitness levels. Dressing up is encouraged and points can be won for your team.

Who will take out the Champion Team Shield this year I wonder?!

Could it be **WILLS** who won this years swimming carnival or **BURKE** who is on the comeback trail?!

How proud we all were to see so many students and staff marching in the Anzac Day Parade last Wednesday. It was such a pity that the weather turned cold and our students couldn’t be viewed in their Gold, Grey and Black school uniforms. I guess on the bright side it was beautiful weather for marching. Thank you to all parents who supported and encouraged your students to march.

LEST WE FORGET.

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**FRIDAY 4 MAY**

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Approximate conclusion time: 10:30am Lynette Kim Sing

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**Principal’s Pen**

**Excellent!!**

WILLS

BURKE
If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please forward your email address to admin@cloncurryss.eq.edu.au to be added to our mailing list.

NAPLAN testing time again
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing next month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 15-17 May 2012.

NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year.

Further information is available on the ACARA website. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school. http://www.nap.edu.au/

Pathways presentation at Monday’s Parade “How to be a PBillionaire” hosted by Alicia “Eddie McGuire” Wilson and featuring Nola “Bob Marley” Mc Clafferty.

A very humorous account of how to follow The School Rules to win PB’s

★ Be a learner
★ Be respectful
★ Be responsible
★ Be safe

Books in Homes
Every school term “Books in Homes” run a competition where Students are asked to read an inspiring role model story and answer questions. In term 1 the story was about champion athlete Jacob Groth. There were over 500 hundred entries from all over Australia and only 10 winners.

Guess what …?

Cloncurry State School has one of those 10 winners – our very own Alex Macnamara from Year 4. Alex completed an outstanding entry and was awarded his prize pack on Parade last week.

Congratulations Alex……

Students who received prizes this week at SWPBS draw on Monday’s Parade were:

★ Jamie Wheeler - Yr 4
★ Bianca Sarmardin - Yr 9
★ Monique Tapp - Yr 11
★ Alan Land - Yr 4

**BOOK FAIR SHOWTIME**
Your Ticket to Read!

Come and check out the wide variety of books, including whacky stationary and posters, that will be available at Cloncurry State School’s term 2 Book Fair!

**Date:** Tuesday 8th until Friday 11th of May

**Opening hours:** 12:40 to 1:15pm (second lunch) and after school from 2:30 to 3:30pm every day. On Thursday 10th there is a special opening time from 5pm to 6pm.
Where: Cloncurry State School Resource Centre (Library)

Students, their families and the community are invited to attend this fun bookstore event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers!!

Karla Baker

**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.

**7 - 12 Secondary Tutoring**

Tutoring for students from Year 7 to Year 12 are 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.

**Parent Information Evening**

This Thursday night we are hosting a Parent Information evening for our “Biennial Educational Excursion to Sydney, Canberra and the Snow”

Date: Thursday 3 May 2012
Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: Japanese Room in E Block

All Parents of students attending this excursion are required to attend!
Please contact Anthony Tidball for further information.

**Chaplain's Chatter**

A PROUD MOMENT... I am sure I speak on behalf of all staff and parents when I share the pride I felt with being a member of staff when we held our Anzac Day Memorial service. This service was beautifully orchestrated by our teachers Erin Armstrong, Nola McClafferty and Berenice Cumming. The students were so attentive as the visual presentation of our Anzac’s was shown. There was a touching moment when the song ‘We are One’ was being played and the younger students started to sing softly to the lyrics. Our Diggers would have been very proud of the manner and respect that was shown for Anzac Day and that was consistent when we had many staff and students marching in the Anzac Day Parade. Yes.....a proud moment.

**LET’S HAVE A CAKE STALL!!!**

I say a big thank you to 3 of my youth group members - Skye-Taye and Chelsea Werhman and Sarah Bradley who managed the stall. We raised $400. 65. Yippee!

**AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**.....This will be the next big fundraiser for Student Council on 24TH MAY in the form of a morning tea.......maybe an all day cuppa with yummy cakes and slices. So WATCH THIS SPACE. More details next week.

Blessings to everyone....

Miss Jenny

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Ernest Henry Mining invites you to attend our

**Community Information Session**

Come along to hear the latest on our projects, progress and performance.

Myles Johnston - General Manager, will be there to provide updates and answer any questions you have.

**Join us for a sausage sizzle!**

**DATE:** Wednesday 9 May
**VENUE:** Cloncurry PCYC Youth Centre
**TIME:** 5:00pm - Chat with EHM staff and enjoy a sausage sizzle

**5:30pm – Presentation begins**
Rural and Remote Education Access Program (RREAP)

The RREAP Program replaces the PCAP program and Cloncurry State School is the Host School for the SCC(School Cluster Committee). In the Cloncurry Cluster is St Joseph’s School Cloncurry and Cloncurry State School.

Schools and school communities have access to this funding to support and enrich the educational needs of geographically isolated primary and secondary school students.

All guidelines and forms for the RREAP program are available on the home page of www.rreap.qld.edu.au

A Model Constitution has been developed to help School Cluster Committees with their processes and functions. This is a direct link to the Model Constitution http://rreap.qld.edu.au/files/cms/files/RREAP_Model_Constitution.pdf The cluster funds total $9,073.00 for distribution.

Membership on this committee consists of each School Principal or their representative and one school parent organisation representative from each school in the cluster.

CLONCURRY TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Reminder: Unregistered players who take the field will risk team forfeiting game, please ensure registration is paid in full.

Draw for Final Round 3—please note that Game 14 will be played Monday night instead of Wednesday due to State of Origin.

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Spinal Injuries Association

Award-winning injury prevention program, the Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT) run by the Spinal Injuries Association and accredited by Education Queensland, SEAT has a proud 24 year history having reached more than 1.4 million students and counting!

At the heart of the program are the 18 volunteer presenters based throughout Queensland, who all have a spinal cord injury and use a wheelchair. Because there’s no cure for a spinal cord injury, they’re committed to educating young people on how to stay safe.

The SEAT team reinforce messages like always wearing your seatbelt, wearing a helmet when on a bike or a skateboard, the importance of playing sports fairly and walking into any body of water to check its depth. These simple tips could save young people from sustaining a permanent disability.
Thanks to the generous major sponsorship by BHP Billiton Cannington Mine, the program is free until 30 June 2013. The Mine’s assistance, along with the support of other sponsors – the Queensland Government, the Motor Accident Insurance Commission and the RBSM Foundation – means the SEAT presenters are on track to speak to more than 100,000 children throughout the state this year alone.

For more information on how the Association supports 2,000 Queenslanders with spinal cord injuries, or to support the Association yourself, please visit www.spinal.com.au
Welcome to Week 3.
A sincere thank you to everyone who attended the Anzac Day school service, the preppies were amazing and worked really hard. The whole school was extremely proud of them.

School Cross Country is on Friday 4th May. It is held at the school. Students will be competing in their house groups - Burke and Wills. Of course Wills will triumph again!!!!

Just a reminder that Library is now on Thursday, please send in the library bags, as no bag = no book.

Please remember that all ‘home fun’ folders need to be returned by Friday, so that they can be organised for Monday. Please return all home readers and sight words with the folder also.

Until next time - have a good one. ☺

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood

Over the last week in mathematics students have been studying place value and time. We have played a game called ‘What’s the time Mr Wolf’, where students had to read half past and o’clock times on analogue clocks. Students are now using bundling blocks especially tens and ones. We know that 36 is 3 tens and 6 ones. As a routine Rainbow students are continually counting to 100 in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and backwards. During literacy Rainbow B students have learnt about the long vowels, a e i o and u. Ask your child about double ee, bossy e and ay, let them tell you what they know.

We have continued practising our handwriting and are now writing sentences in the red and blue lines. In our writing rotations we have focused on capital letters, finger spacing between words and full stops at the end of sentences. Whilst reading and writing students have explored adjectives, actions verbs and pronouns.

In SOSE students are looking at flowcharts of how people use plants as food. We have completed a flowchart on milking and on bread making.

ARHHH we have a sticky problem - the glue has run out. EVERY CHILD needs to bring in 2 glue sticks with their name on them this week thanks.

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, broad brimmed hat and full school uniform.

Have an amazing week! Thanks, Miss Marina Childs

Week 3 Term 2 2012
I would just like to say how proud I was of all the children who marched at the ANZAC day parade. It was wonderful to see the respect and manners from our children on such a momentous day.

This week in Purple Class we have been practicing writing our alternative character descriptions for English, Oh we are working so hard! In Math we have been focusing on fractions and 3D shapes.

Please remember to read with your child every night as reading is so vitally important in every aspect of your child’s learning. The children know thirty nights reading equals a prize, so please encourage them.

Please remember to send items in for the children’s Science project by week 5, as we will be starting to build our toys in week 6 (please ask your child about this). This Friday is cross country and the children will need to bring broad brimmed hats and water bottles.

GO WILLS! and Burke (maybe)...

PURPLE CLASS MOTTO
Happy learning…..Mrs Dearne Hodgetts
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Last week we were very excited to see our little seedlings start to appear out of the soil! We have lots of tomatoes and lettuce sprouting, however only two snow peas decided to surface! Although they are small, they are a great sign of what's to come.

This week we have the cross country carnival on Friday which will be great. Hopefully we fit in some time for training! **GO WILLS!**

Some students are being very forgetful when it comes to homework but hopefully this week we will see a bigger effort!!!!!!

If those students who have not yet brought in a tissue box could do so that would be greatly appreciated as we are definitely hitting that time of year when tissues are relied upon!

See you next week!

Claire Oates

GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS

I would like to say a very big thank you to Miss Emma Wiggins, who took my class while I was recently on sick leave! Emma did a wonderful job and I know that the learning continued at a very high level!

In maths we have embarked upon problem solving activities, learning and using the strategies used to solve problems. This week our concentration has been on 'finding the pattern'.

Our new reading groups are formed, and a very large majority of students have recorded improvement in their reading comprehension ability. Spelling groups are also back on task again, with the large majority of students having made progress. Again, an extremely full-on term!

Warm regards....

Elizabeth Keim

BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS

Year 4 students enjoyed participating in a group dance workshop and performance which was conducted with the DanceNorth dance crew.

Big congratulations to Alex Macnamara who won first place in the Jacob Groth, Books in Homes competition. Alex's entry was judged against hundreds of entries from children in schools all over Australia.

Homework this term will be allocated on a Wednesday and due on the Tuesday of the following week. This will allow students the option of completing their homework over the weekend. I welcome your feedback in regards to this new homework cycle. I also strongly encourage students to attend homework classes and change their home readers regularly.

Library borrowing will continue Mondays on a weekly basis. There are currently 12 students in Blue Class with overdue library books. If your child has outstanding books could you please help your child locate these books and return them, so they are able to borrow new books from the library?

Your help in providing a healthy lunch for your child and reminding your student to bring a broad brimmed hat to school daily is also appreciated.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me on the school phone number or via the email address below.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Katrina Madigan
kmadi3@eq.edu.au

Persuasive text continues as our main area of study again in the first half of Term 2. However, we are viewing it in terms of comparing it with other text types. This week we have looked at how to add impact to a persuasive text by the order of our sentences.
RED CLASS (YEAR 5) NEWS

It is hard to believe that it is week 3 already! This week students will be looking at a range of different news articles and the different features and point of view of the news article. Students have been enjoying learning about puns, direct quotes and the structure of a news article.

In Science we will be looking at famous astronomers and what their contribution has been to astronomy. We will also hopefully construct a telescope.

Last week students got to investigate the distances between the planets and the comparative sizes of the planets. It was really interesting to see Pluto compared to the sun. There is a MASSIVE difference in size!

This week is our Cross Country carnival on Friday 4 May. Please encourage your child to participate so that they can earn a point for their team and it is also great exercise. Students need to remember to bring a broad brimmed hat and some water as it will get hot when they are running.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week. Feel free to come and contact me at any time.

Kelly Rozynski

ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS

Orange class this week will be continuing to focus on decimals, fractions and percentages.

In Drama students will work in small groups to practice a play. I’m really looking forward to seeing all students acting.

This week in science the class will be looking at electrical circuits and putting one together. This will be really exciting and I know the class is looking forward to it.

Cross country is on this Friday. Please encourage your child to have a go. Everyone who participates receives a point for their team.

A reminder that students need to bring a water bottle, broad brimmed hat and wear comfortable shoes. 

GO BURKE!!!!

Keep up the great work Orange Class.

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