Monday we enjoyed a fantastic day as the students returned for the 2012 school year. Staff have already been hard at work since last Wednesday and were eager to begin working with students!

This year is very exciting for us on a number of levels. Firstly we have been able to rearrange our class spaces to enable a double teaching/single teaching space for each class. In my classroom visits to date, students have been enjoying this new structure with room for both desk work and floor work. Teachers report feeling very “spoil” and have great ideas for creating learning spaces.

We are very excited to be implementing the new Australian Curriculum. Education Queensland has designed units of work for all state schools which Cloncurry State School has adopted as our English, Maths and Science Curriculum. This ensures that our standards are aligned with the National Standards and that of all state schools in Queensland. Teaching ideas, resources and assessment instruments have been created for teachers. Parents can be assured that students attending Cloncurry State School are working at a National level.

The introduction of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program has got off to a great start with all students challenged to “achieve” as many PB's (Positive Behaviour Reward Tokens) as possible. Mr Keen assures us that there is a great reward heading our way next Friday. He says it is so great it is a BIG surprise. We think that perhaps he hasn’t really decided what it will be……but we remain “keen as” regardless.

The first big event for the year is our swimming carnival on Thursday 9 February. Please keep this date free. More detail will be published. The enthusiasm of our
students has not waned over the holidays and the positive rivalry between BURKE and WILLS is Alive and Well. I have promised to wear "GREEN" for a week should WILLS WIN!!!!.... Sports Carnivals are great opportunities for students (and teachers and parents) to learn and revisit how important it is to be a good "Winner" and "Loser". Sport should never be taken "too" seriously with "enjoyment" and "fun" being the focus. Hope to see you all at the carnival.

Last, but not least, I extend a very special welcome to our new families. We are sure your time in Cloncurry will be an enjoyable and rewarding time. Should you ever have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me. Regards.

Till next week……………….

Christine Norton

We welcome to our School community the following staff:

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And welcome back to our returning Teacher Aide - Deidre Dargan.

2012 has seen the introduction of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, (SWPBS) Program.

SWPBS focuses on the positive aspect of the school environment and rewards positive behaviour displayed by our students. The behaviours focus on the four school rules:

- BE A LEARNER
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE
- BE SAFE

Positive behaviours that students are seen to be displaying are publicly acknowledged through our reward system. Students can earn a PB (a Personal Best) for displaying appropriate behaviour. These are then collected in the classroom where a tally is kept for each student.

The PB’s can then be used for a range of rewards or prizes which range from in-class rewards to whole school activities in which students can participate if they have earned a predetermined number of PB's.

Great to see so many happy smiling faces at school on Monday our first day for the 2012 school year.

We welcome our new Teachers and I trust they will embrace life in the North West. I look forward to meeting Parents / Carers any time for a cuppa and a friendly chat. Breakfast club is already in full swing.

Blessings to all and hope you enjoy a wonderful school year.

Miss Jenny

A warm welcome to our new and ongoing students for 2012!}

A sausage sizzle and sno cones stall will be held at the year 4-12 carnival as a P&C Fundraiser. Sausages and sno cones are $2.00 each.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians for supporting our revised uniform expectations. The students look great!

We are well aware that there have been some issues around the supply of shorts and uniform polo shirts; however, we have been assured new supplies will arrive in the first week of February.

P & C Meeting - 16 February @ 5pm Senior Centre

The P&C Committee would like to warmly welcome all new families to our wonderful school and welcome back all our "old" families.

When:      Friday 27 January 2012-morning
Where: Undercover Area near Tuckshop
Who: Fundraiser for Senior Trip 2012
Cost: $2.00 each
If you do have second hand school uniform polo shirts your children have grown out of please bring them to the school office.

You may have noticed our new Year 4-6 playground on the Gregory Street side of the school. Many thanks to the Gambling Commission, Q Rail, Qld Cancer Council and BHP Cannington for their continued support of our school and such projects.

Many students have already been acknowledged for their continued compliance to our school rules – BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE.

We look forward to our school community fully embracing the school wide positive behaviour program and we fully support all initiatives emerging as part of this program.

Please don’t be a stranger around our school and we welcome all parents and guardians to our P&C group.

Liz Rainnie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Promise of the Week

"Those that seek me early shall find me."

Proverbs 8:17b

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Baker family and Burke family and friends on their recent loss.

SUZY'S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

36 Short Street Cloncurry
PH: 47421400

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Wednesdays from 2:00 pm

@ Cloncurry Pharmacy
RAINBOW A (PREP) NEWS

Hi, my name is Nola McClafferty. I am the new Prep Teacher working in the Rainbow building with my wonderful teacher aide Lesley Wood.

I have been living in Cloncurry for three weeks following my transfer from Birdsville and it has been a very pleasant experience so far.

This week is about getting the children used to the daily routine of school and school life expectations. We will be learning about friendships and sharing which I feel is an important aspect of a child’s early learning development particularly in a classroom environment.

My highlight so far is being told by Matthew that I am the best teacher. Pretty high expectations to live up to, so nothing like beginning the year with a little pressure!

I must say I am really looking forward to an exciting and interesting year ahead with Prep. Nola McClafferty

RAINBOW B (YEAR 1) NEWS

Rainbow B = Year 1
Welcome back to all our Preps who are now big year one students! It is terrific to see all the healthy packed lunches.

This week students will visit our new Resource Centre (Library) to collect classroom reading texts, settle into our daily routine and school rules, revisit the alphabet and numbers one to ten. They will also complete reading, spelling and comprehension tasks. Yes, it is going to be a busy week so make every day count.

A big thank you to all parents and carers for having student resources ready for this week. Marina Childs

PURPLE CLASS (YEAR 2A) NEWS

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Monday was our first day back and what a joy to see the children in Purple so excited. We started with a little “get to know your teacher” PowerPoint that I put together for the students. I also had a sheet called “All About Me” for the students to fill out, so that I could get to know them better. The students also had a Math lesson concentrating on addition and how to set out their books; what a wonderful job from the students...

Purple class will have sport commencing next week with Miss Kim Sing. Swimming will also start next week and a note will be sent home this week with more details.

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school as the weather is so hot at the moment. Parents please feel free to come and see me anytime about any concerns or just to have a chat. Thanks

Dearne Hodgetts

YELLOW CLASS (YEAR 2B) NEWS

Hello, my name is Claire Oates and I will be the Yellow class teacher this year in Grade 2B. I am very excited about getting to know all the little learners and eager to begin our learning journey.

We have numerous interesting subjects to explore this year and there will be a lot of opportunities for parents/carers to come and visit the classroom!

This week we will be learning the school and class rules and be introduced to the Yellow class routines. Homework will begin next week. It was great to see the students bringing in their lunch boxes and water bottles yesterday. A friendly reminder that students must always have a wide brimmed hat for all outside activities at school. As listed on the Year 2 booklist all students are to bring in two boxes of tissues per semester as the students regularly rely on this supply.

Thanks for your co-operation. If you have any concerns or would just like to come in and say hello you are most welcome at any time!

Claire Oates
GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS

Thank you to all our Cloncurry parents for sending this beautiful, well-mannered, clever mob of kids my way!! As we begin 2012 with re-structuring to aspects of our school, I feel a great sense of excitement and enthusiasm around our school, both with students and all staff!

Year 3 in Green Classroom is off to a wonderful start. I won’t bombard you with too much “stuff” this week, but a couple of things to get “under our belts”!!

NEW UNIFORM CODE:
Be aware that we have introduced changes to our school uniform. Uniforms have a significant role for students, so please follow our revised uniform code. It looks really good!

LUNCHES:
Nutritious lunches are so important to the functioning of students at school. Students require food for two breaks during the day. Keep sugar to an absolute minimum. Water bottles are also required during class time.

Looking forward to a hugely successful year for our kids in partnership with YOU!!

Warm regards
Miss Lizzie

BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS

I hope all families have had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We have had an excellent start to the year with the children working and settling in well.

It’s wonderful to see that the children are so well prepared for the new school year with uniforms, lunches, books, stationary and other school supplies. Thank you for your help with this - it’s wonderful to see the children so organised and ready to learn!

If you as parents or caregivers have any questions or need to contact me for any reason please do not hesitate to do so. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you already. I know we can all look forward to a very successful year for 2012!

Warm Wishes - Katrina Madigan
kmadi3@eq.edu.au

RED CLASS (YEAR 5) NEWS

Welcome back to school everybody. What a wonderful year we have ahead of us. There are lots of wonderful changes that are happening this year.

✓ We are enjoying a lovely double teaching space all to ourselves.
✓ We have seen the change in our classes from multi-age to straight grades.
✓ We are adopting a new positive behaviour system for our school.
✓ We are modelling a new uniform which is already making our school look very smart.
✓ Lastly, we are working with the new national curriculum which will make teaching and learning much more enjoyable.

There is not much to report this week as we have only been at school for a few days. However, it is great to see so many students coming to school with hats, healthy lunches, books and pencils and wearing the correct uniform.

This year we will be learning a range of wonderful things.

Students will get to participate in the NAPLAN assessments in term 2.

We have our swimming carnival in week 3 this term which will be thoroughly enjoyable.

I look forward to working with Red class and getting to know and working with all the parents of my students. If you have any questions on concerns please feel free to come and see me.

Kelly Rozynski

ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS

Welcome to term 1, 2012!
I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. It was great to see the majority of orange class here on day 1 with their books ready and eager to learn. This year we are implementing our positive school wide behaviour program. Students are receiving personal best (PB) cards when they are noticed doing a positive behaviour that links in with our school rules.

Students in orange class need to get 20 PB’s to receive a prize and already they are working hard towards that. 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 Linda at the office with your email address.

CHRISTINE NORTON
Principal