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WHAT’S HAPPENING - TERM 2

Tuesday 15 TO Thursday 17 May
NAPLAN Testing - Yrs 3,5,7,9

Sunday 20 May
Prize Bingo-Senior Excursion Fundraiser

Sunday 20 May TO Saturday 26 May
STATE EDUCATION WEEK

Monday 21 May
Student Investiture Ceremony

Thursday 31 May
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 26 May
P&C Trivia Night

TERM 3

Thursday 19 July
P&C Cent Sale

Sunday 29 July
Prize Bingo-Senior Excursion Fundraiser

Thursday 30 August
Father’s Day Stall

Sunday 9 September
Prize Bingo-Senior Excursion Fundraiser

Principal’s Pen

Next Monday Cloncurry State School will be hosting our 2012 Leaders Investiture Ceremony. The ceremony will be held during parade starting at 8.30am and all members of the community are welcome.

Last week I met briefly with Mr Peter Kelly, the newly appointed Education Queensland Assistant Regional Director for our region. Peter is doing a site visit to our school this Friday. Peter’s last principalship was of Caloundra State High School and his most recent position was as a State Teaching and Learning Auditor. We welcome Peter’s visit and look forward to developing a close working relationship with him in our endeavours in providing “Excellence in Education in the Outback”.

Don’t forget Bingo on Sunday and Years 1-4 parent permission forms for “James and the Giant Peach”

Till next week....

Christine Norton

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:

- The Student Investiture Ceremony during Parade on Monday 21st May starting at 0830 hrs. The student leaders for 2012 will be acknowledged and presented to the wider school community.
- 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.
- P&C Day on Friday 25th May where an event will be held 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 Burke & Wills shed at school. Come along and test your knowledge of the obscure and trivial.
Reading Awards
Several of our students have been awarded Excellence Certificates in relation to their Lexile Scores. These students are:
- Skye Taye Wehrman Yr-5
- Brodie Mazlin Yr-8
- Nicola Anderson Yr-8
- Sally McGee Yr-10
- Stacey Mazlin Yr-11
- Jill McGee Yr-12

Each student was also awarded a $10.00 Book Fair voucher for their achievement.

Spelling Bee Yr 2 to Yr 12
Each grade is currently undertaking heats with the purpose of identifying the best two spellers. The finalists will compete in a Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday May 24 in the Resource Centre, commencing at 9am. This activity is scheduled as part of Education Week.

Students will compete in the following categories:
- Grade 2/3
- Grade 4/5
- Grade 6/7
- Grade 8/9
- Grade 10/11/12

Primary Parades
The first Primary Parade for Term 2 will be held this Friday May 18 in the Resource Centre. The parade for grades 4-6 will commence at 11:00am and for Prep – Grade 3, the parade will commence at 1:30pm. Both parades will feature items from Grade 5, Grade 1 and Prep.

Certificates will also be awarded to students who have improved in their school work. Come along and celebrate the wonderful work of our students, teachers and teacher aides.

Netball News
The Cloncurry U/12 team had their first win last Wednesday, beating Happy Valley by one point! The team will travel again today. More wins are on the cards with all girls training hard each Tuesday and Thursday lunch time.

ICAS Competitions
The first ICAS competition will be held on Tuesday May 22. It will be the Computer Competition. Following this will be the Science Competition to be held on June 7, the Writing Competition to be held on Monday June 18 and the Spelling Competition to be held on Tuesday June 19.

State Education Week 2012
20 – 26 May 2012

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.

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.

Chaplain’s Chatter
GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU........AND YOU. La la la. This is what I sing with the Prep and Grade 1 children as I introduce myself! This is a valuable time for me to engage with our young people who are proving to be great listeners and singers too!

MEET & GREET - A friendly reminder to parent’s and carers to share a cuppa with Patsy, Hombre and myself for a nice morning tea and good conversation.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA - Please pencil in your diary the upcoming ALL DAY BIGGEST MORNING TEA starts at 10.30am 31ST MAY AT DAINTREE STREET ENTRANCE. Just look for YELLOW AND BLUE BALLOONS. Cakes, biscuits and slices with tea or coffee till it runs out! Please contribute to this worthy cause for Cancer Council by donating something yummy.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - For the past fortnight the students have been very busy creating their own designed card for Mothers and Grandmothers Day last Sunday. Woah! their would have been some very happy ladies out there receiving such beautifully cards. We resume our study on great women of the Bible this week. This topic has created great conversation and personal reflection on the value of women in society. Miss Jenny
Mrs McClafferty has been ill this week so no great Prep News to write.
Have a great week.

A couple of friendly reminders -

- Library is on Thursday- no bag- no book
- Students still need their hats everyday - no hat - no play
- We are looking for volunteers to help in the classroom. If you could spare an hour for our Literacy and numeracy groups or in any way at all that would be great.....many hands make light work- as the saying goes.

Until next week, have a good one
Mrs Nola McClafferty and
Mrs Lesley Wood

These each week with you child for homework. Addition and subtraction problems were a main focus in mathematics. Students now know how to read, write and answer addition and subtraction operations in vertical layout. In SOSE students are looking a flowcharts of how people use plants for clothing. They looked at photos of a cotton bush. If you have time show your child a real cotton bush with buds located at the back of the showgrounds on Station Street near the cattle yards.

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, hat and full school uniform...

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

Many Thanks,
Miss Marina Childs

This week in Purple and Yellow Classes we are finishing our alternative character description for English. We have been really working hard on our descriptions and we are very proud of all the children, as this has not been the easiest of assessment tasks. In Maths this week we have been concentrating on 3 digit numbers. We have been learning how to write numbers in words and what number comes before or after a number.

It would be greatly appreciated if the children in Purple and Yellow classes could bring in one tissue box each, as we are running out due to a lot of colds and sickness at the moment.

Also could you please return your ‘James and the Giant Peach’ money, note and medical form, as this is due by Friday so that we can finalise numbers and buses.

The other day a note about the nurse went home. It is important that this note be sent back to school as soon as possible, please.

Lastly don’t forget to ask your child what they need to bring in to make their push or pull toy for Science. These things will need to be brought in by week 6 next week, Thank You very much.

“Happy Learning”

Mrs Hodgetts and Miss Oates
**GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS**

Hello to all our Cloncurry Families! I have been very impressed with the strong development I have noticed in most Year 3 students this week. I can see developing maturity in their social and learning behaviour.

This week our focus is NAPLAN Testing. Tuesday, the students will be put through their paces in Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation). This will be followed by a writing task, where students must compose a written persuasive text. Reading Comprehension will be tested on Wednesday and on Thursday a Numeracy test will be sat. Friday will be a catch-up day for any students absent on the day on the exam. I have been very pleased with the attitude and application of students towards the testing so far. Results will not be available until September.

Thank you for returning your payment and forms for ‘James and the Giant Peach’. It should be wonderful. Thank you also for returning your permission form for your child/children to undergo health checks. Until next week.

Warm regards
Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth Keim)

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**BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS**

Welcome to week 5! Sadly our beautiful Miss Madigan is away for a few days after a little accident last week. However she is on the mend and will hopefully be back on deck on Thursday. We wish her all the best in her recovery!

NAPLAN week! This week the students from years 2 through to 9 will participate in NAPLAN tests. The students in Blue Class will be doing practice tests to ready them for next year. I am sure they will all do their very best!

Next Thursday there will be a Spelling Bee and our representatives from Blue Class will be; Chelsea Wehrman and Harry Rusli! Well done to those two for scoring the highest spelling results in Blue Class and GOOD LUCK next week against the year three representatives!

The students will also be studying ‘Yinbarr’ later in the week when Miss Madigan is back. ‘Yinbarr’ is the Maitakoodi word for shelter or grass hut. This is their technology project for this term and they have been asked to bring in objects from the natural environment to construct their Yinbarr. I am sure the students will really enjoy this unit of work!

Thanks for having me Blue Class, it’s been a pleasure :-)

Yours with the warmest regards..... Miss Wiggins (Internal Relief Teacher)

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**RED CLASS (YEAR 5) NEWS**

Well it is THAT time of year again! Yes it is NAPLAN time! This week will be a busy week for our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students as they participate in the NAPLAN tests. Students in red class have been preparing for weeks now and should be well and truly set and prepared to do a great job in all the tests. Students were reminded today to make sure they have a nice healthy breakfast and try and get lots of sleep so that they are working at their best.

This week because it is NAPLAN our routine has been changed a little bit. We will be doing some work that can be entered into the show and we will also be continuing learning different styles of dance.

Students have been doing a wonderful job with their news articles and it is really impressive to have them demonstrate what they have learnt throughout the term so far. We hope to have them finished very shortly and then students will be able to take them home and show you.

This Friday is primary parade and our class will be doing a short presentation to show you what they have been learning in science this term. Please feel free to come along and watch. It will take place at the resource centre on Friday at 1.30. I hope you all have a wonderful week and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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**ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS**

Kelly Rozynski

Can you believe we are in week 5 already? At the end of this week we are half way through the term!

Wow that time has gone fast! Last week for Science the students were able to work in groups to create electrical circuits. If students connected the circuits correctly the light bulb came on. The students were then able to connect the circuit together to turn a fan on. It was great to hear the discussion from these activities. I really enjoyed seeing how all the students worked together to complete the task and the excitement on their faces when they connected them correctly. Some groups even connected a circuit that sounded an alarm when it heard clapping. Now that’s impressive!

This week in orange class students will begin their research task for SOSE. Students will work with a partner and use the computer lab to research information on rainforests. The students will then use that information to write a persuasive argument. Students need to decide whether rainforests should be protected or not. I look forward to seeing their arguments. As always, it’s another busy week in orange class.

Until next week......

Keep up the great work Orange class!!

Miss Rachel Rozynski
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

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