The school continues with its busy buzz this week as teachers and students settle into the routine of school life for term 1. The implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program has been a resounding success, the PB (Personal Best) tokens being a major attraction. Congratulations to the following students who were the lucky winners of the PB Prize Draw on Mondays Parade.

- Seth O’Neill
- Shamica Stretton
- Tamika Herson
- Zac Morrison

I was very impressed last Friday by a Year 10 spokesperson who advised me as I passed them waiting outside their classroom that they were getting ready to learn!!!!!

Well done Year 10.

Homework Classes are underway this week and will be held in the Purple Class Learning Centre. Miss Janelle is coordinating the program with Ms Rainnie. All students are encouraged to attend as it is a chance to receive tutoring support if needed as well as students getting valuable help to complete their homework.

Don’t forget the Burke V’s Wills Annual Swimming Carnival is on next week. Pathways Parade re-energised the “healthy” rivalry between the teams so all is looking set for two great carnivals. Hope to see all parents there!

Have a great week..............

Christine Norton
Homework Classes

Homework classes have begun again and are held in the Purple Classroom in B Block. Classes are held Monday through to Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Congratulations to the 4 students drawn out of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support PB boxes this week on Monday Parade. All students who received a PB during the previous week for demonstrating excellent behaviour in line with our new school rules go into the draw.

Prizes this week were iTunes vouchers. This week’s winners were Seth O’Neill, Tamika Herson, Shamica Stretton, and Zac Morrison. Great work! We will have 4 new winners at next Monday’s Parade.

At the end of this week classroom teachers will be tallying up the number of PBs awarded to each of their students over the first fortnight of school. Students who have achieved the required number of PBs will be rewarded with a small prize.

P-3 students will receive an icy pole on Friday at lunch. Yrs 4-6 students will receive an ice cream cone on Monday at lunch. Yrs 7-12 students will be able to choose between a snow cone or a milkshake at Tuesday or Wednesday lunch.

I’m looking forward to being able to congratulate all the students who have been seen doing the right thing so far this year!

Pete Keen

"Pathways" - 30-01-2012

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

This fortnight’s pathways topic, ‘Slip, Slop, Slap and Support Your Team’ is all about sun safety and team spirit in preparation for our school swimming carnival next week.

Monday’s parade told a story of two new students to school and their journey through learning what a swimming carnival at Cloncurry State School is all about. As Students sat in their team groups, Burke or Wills, and learned war cries and cheered for their team.....LOUDLY!!!!

It was great to see their team spirit is already so strong! It will be great to see everyone getting dressed up and supporting their team next week. Don’t forget to slip on a shirt, slip on sunscreen, slap on a hat, slide on the sunnies, seek shade and support your team!!!

Go Burke! Go Wills!

CLONCURRY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Cloncurry State School community would like to congratulate the following for their Australia Day Awards.

Erica Waters (Year 12 student) - Young Citizen of the Year

Troy Mara (past student) - Senior Sports Person of the Year

Elizabeth Rainnie (Staff member) - Sports Administrator

Lynette Kim Sing (Staff member) - Services to Rugby League

both School and Community

Chaplain’s Chatter

Hello from the Chaplain,

Parents and Carers on behalf of Miss Patsy, Hombre and myself, you are invited to our regular MORNING TEA 11AM WEDNESDAYS in our ‘Family Friendly Room’. Incidentally, we are seeking a new whiz - bang name for our room. So get your thinking caps on! This regular morning tea could develop into a craft group or something similar……………so if you have other ideas PLEASE come along and share your thoughts on this over a cuppa and something yummy to eat.

YOUTH GROUP will resume next week along with the RELAXATION class for seniors. Looking forward to a great year. Bring on 2012!

I have to say it is wonderful to see our new teachers embracing life in the ‘Friendly Heart of the North West’

We tested the endurance of everyone by throwing in 45Degrees for 3 days, then a storm on Tuesday at 2.15pm just to see how good the contingency plans went. Then to top it off we had 8 inches of rain in 24hrs from Friday 9am!!!!! Everyone survived and all is still bright and cheery.

Love it! Blessings to you all…….

Miss Jenny
Swimming lessons timetable for P - 6

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All those who are available to assist with swimming lessons, please notify the class teachers.

Internet & Media Agreement Forms

Please ensure your student has signed and completed an Internet & Media Agreement Form and returned their form to Admin as soon as possible. This will ensure students have access to the internet at school and their photos can be printed in school material and the school magazine. These forms can be downloaded from our website: www.cloncurryss.eq.edu.au or collected from the Admin Office.

2012 School Photos

When: Tuesday 21 February 2012
Where: Undercover Area near Tuckshop

- Personalised Order Form Envelopes will be handed to students in their form class on Friday 3 February 2012.
- Spare envelopes are available from the School Office.
- Student ID Cards are available for any student - please indicate on the envelope if you wish to order ID Cards and list student names. These ID cards cost $10.00 each.
- All photos are to be paid in advance in the envelope provided, envelopes are to be sealed and list all students and year level.
- Please note NO MONEY OR CHANGE WILL BE HANDLED BY SCHOOL OFFICE, the School Office does not have the facility to provide quantities of change.
- Please return sealed envelopes with order and ensure all student names, year levels and correct money are enclosed to the School Office by THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2012.
- The photographer has advised late return of photo orders will incur a $3.00 late fee per order. Late fees will apply from MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2012.

Any queries re school photos can be forwarded to the School Photographer - Ros Bud of Outback Photographics by phone or email as per details below:
Phone: 47 495 031
Email: roslyn@outbackphotographics.com.au

Instrumental Music & Choir

Welcome back to the Instrumental Music Program for 2012! I hope you have all had a relaxing break as I am anticipating another big year ahead for our instrumentalists!

Our instrumental day has changed to a Monday/Tuesday split. Some students will have lessons on Mondays and some on Tuesday. To find out when your child/ren's lesson is, your child/ren's class Teacher will have a timetable in the classroom. There will also be one on the music room door. Our lessons will commence on Monday 6th February.

Please encourage your child to check their lesson time on Monday and Tuesday mornings as the schedule will be running on a rotation basis so students are not missing the same lesson each week to come to music. If there are any clashes, especially with senior timetables, please let me know so we can come to an alternative arrangement.

Concert Band Rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 8th February from 2:45 - 4:00pm.

Rock Band Rehearsals will commence on Monday 6th February from 2:45 - 3:45pm.

For new students starting instrumental this year, your forms must be in by Monday 6th February. Payment for the instrumental fees ($80 for instrument hire and $40 music levy) must be made by 13th February unless a prior arrangement has been made through the school office. If your child/ren’s has not been able to obtain all the requirements for their chosen instrument (method book, reeds, cleaner, etc.) and you require assistance in obtaining these items, please let me know and I can arrange it for you.

Any questions or queries don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Katie Patch
Welcome back to another exciting year of choir at Cloncurry State School.

This year our choir rehearsals will run on Wednesday and Thursdays at second lunch. If your child/ren are in Year 2 to Year 12 and are interested in joining choir, they can come and see me at the High school staffroom in E Block or anytime around the school this week to sign up. There is no cost involved to be in choir however when we do trips away for various reasons there will be costs involved to cover fuel / bus costs.

The choir has a uniform of black bottoms, black shoes and Cloncurry Music shirt. The Cloncurry music shirts are available to purchase for $20 from myself.

Looking forward to an awesome year with our wonderful students. Any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Katie Patch

Get Active for 2012 has begun:

When: Monday and Wednesday afternoon
Time: 2.30 to 3.45pm
Where: Burke & Wills Shed

This term students will be going to the swimming pool so please ensure students have their togs, sunscreen, towel and sun safe swim shirt.

This program is completely free making it a fun and worthwhile activity for all students from grades P-6. Afternoon tea is provided. Cheers Anthony Tidball

Excellent kids pony - 7 year old Appaloosa gelding $2,000.00 or nearest offer. Only selling because I never have time to ride him anymore. Will be sad to see him go. Contact Jami-Lee 0488 901 803.

CLONCURRY AUTHENTIC TAE-KWON DO CLUB

"the experience of accomplishment"

Training resumes this week
When: Wednesday evenings
Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Where: St Josephs School

Every welcome to come along and try!

SENIOR RUGBY LEGUE SIGN ON

When: Saturday 4 February
Where: QRI Hall, Seymour Street
Time: From 6pm
FREE BBQ!!

Come along and watch the “All Stars” Match

CLONCURRY SCOUTING ASSOCIATION

Cloncurry Scouts Sign On Day

When: Saturday 4th February 2012
Time: 10:30 - 11:30
Where: Scout Hut in Seymour Street Turn Northern end of Seymour Street at Cloncurry Kindergarten.

- Cloncurry Scouts caters for children aged 5 to 15.
- Existing and new members encouraged to attend.
- Come along and find out more about scouts.

For further information - Judith March 47 422 11

COMMUNITY NEWS

Promise of the Week

“He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” - 1 John 4:16c

P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS

P & C Meeting - 16 February @ 5pm Senior Centre
P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 15 March @ 5pm Senior Centre

Queensland Branch
Escape to Scouting
AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS

RAINBOW A (PREP) NEWS

Hello again here we are in week 2.
The children are settling quite nicely, getting to know each other instead of calling each other "boy" or "girl". They are developing a good understanding of both school and classroom rules and love the idea of getting a PB.

Chloe was our first class winner last week. I do encourage you to read to your child every night as that will help to consolidate your child’s learning.

All the children are looking forward to the swimming carnival next week. The children found what sports house (Burke-Red or Wills-Green) they were in today, if they can’t remember just let me know and I will advise you.

Until next week, have a good one 😊 Nola McClafferty

RAINBOW B (YEAR 1) NEWS

Rainbow B = Year 1 News

This week students blasted off in their ‘days of the week’ rockets! Numeracy activities have been enjoyable with everyone placing their birthdays onto a calendar.

Students have been exploring literature and how illustrations add to the meaning of the text. ‘The Wonky Donkey’ book was introduced to students as they investigated how various words have similar meanings.

During handwriting, students revisited straight and loopy patterns and learnt our handwriting rhyme. What beautiful pencil grip our year 1’s have!

During science students have identified various animal body parts. Wow! Who would have thought there were so many living things in our school yard!

A big thank you to parents for attending the information session of home learning. If you were unable to attend please let me know and I will give you a ‘Helpful Hints to Home Learning’ package. Thanks Miss Marina Childs

PURPLE CLASS (YEAR 2A) NEWS

Wow! This week is already week 2!! I can’t believe it!!

Purple class is really working well. The children have been studying poems and deconstructing how they are written. We have also been looking at materials and their use and properties.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming togs, sun safety shirt & towel on Monday’s in preparation for their swimming lesson. Students can be collected from the pool at 2.30pm, please let the swimming teacher or teacher aide know.

If you have any concerns or enquiries please do not hesitate to come in and see me and an appointment time can be arranged through the Admin Office.

Happy learning.......... Mrs Hodgetts

YELLOW CLASS (YEAR 2B) NEWS

Week two is already upon us! Yellow class had a great first week as we settled back into school after the long break.

Homework was sent home with students on Monday and must be returned on the Friday. This week we are exploring poems, learning how the calendar works and also beginning our science unit which is focused on the properties of different materials.

Yellow class had their first swimming lesson yesterday which they were very excited about, and we are looking forward to the swimming carnival next week.

Just a reminder- we are in desperate need of tissues in yellow class, so if your child has not yet brought a box in, it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards Claire Oates
**GREEN CLASS (YEAR 3) NEWS**

Week 2

We are settling in to an excellent start to 2012!!! I am greatly impressed by our students' attitude to their work which they are treating their teachers and classmates. I see respectful, responsible, great learners all around me.

**HOMEWORK**

Cloncurry State School is a ‘homework’ school, and homework will be coming home with your child, beginning next week. I know parents differ on their attitude to homework!!

If homework ever becomes an issue which causes any stress or distress, please let me know!! I try to set homework activities which students are able to do on their own. This usually consists of reading, spelling activities and practising number facts. I will send an explanation of what activities can be done with spelling, and an explanation of how number facts work.

We will start one at a time, and next week will be reading.

Swimming carnival will be held next Thursday. Today students were given the opportunity to nominate for events they would like to swim in on the day. It would be wonderful if you too, could attend as it is a great day.

Don’t forget to wear your GREEN!!!!

Lizzie Keim

**BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS**

Week 2 already! As some of you are probably already aware we will be following the new National Curriculum this year for Maths, English and Science. What this means is that all students at state schools, regardless of where they are in Australia will be learning the same things in a similar timeframe.

In English we have started a unit where we are exploring humorous poetry and eventually we will be having a go at writing our own poems! We look forward to sharing some of these with you later in the term.

As a class we compiled a list of Authors, Topics and books that we are interested in. At the library we were able to find a wonderful collection of these books that we will be using in the classroom. It is also that exciting time again where we have chosen and look forward to receiving some lovely new books to keep, as part of the “Books in Homes” program. Till next week......... Katrina Madigan

**RED CLASS (YEAR 5) NEWS**

This week in Red Class we are continuing to learn about Fantasy. We will be looking at a range of different dragons and how they differ from country to country.

In SOSE we are starting our unit that is looking at the value of objects and how people used to barter with everyday items rather than with money.

We have started our art unit where we are learning how to add shades to pictures. We watched a clip that showed us how to draw and shade a pumpkin. The students drew some really great pumpkins!

We will soon start our technology unit looking at flight. We will begin by looking at the Wright brothers and how they got the first plane off the ground.

We have also started reading groups this week which the students are really excited about! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Kelly Rozynski

**ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS**

This week in Orange class students begin swimming lessons. Please make sure that students have returned their notes and paid their money to the office.

In science this week students classified kitchen items into 3 categories, solids, liquids and gases. Some items such as jelly provided a good discussion, is it a solid or a liquid? Did you know?

- Some solids maintain their shape and volume but are not necessarily hard (e.g. jelly).
- That a liquid changes shape to match the container and can be any substance not just water (e.g. oil).
- That gases can be weighed and can be visible (e.g. sulfur gas).

Throughout Science this term students will be investigating reversible and irreversible changes i.e. melting and freezing. It will be a very engaging unit and it even involves some cooking! More information regarding this will be sent out soon. Have a great week. 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