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WHAT'S HAPPENING
• P&C Meeting 16 February 2012 @ 5pm
• P&C Annual General Meeting 15 March 2012 @5pm
• Swimming Carnival - Thursday 9 February
• School Photos - Tuesday 21 February
• Yr 11/12 Fundraiser-BINGO-Sunday 11 February @12.30
• Teacher-Parent "Meet & Greet" Evening 20 February

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PRINCIPAL’S PEN

The Annual School Swimming Carnival will open our very busy school calendar this year at the town swimming pool this Thursday morning and evening.

The junior school from Prep to Year 3 will "swim off" from 8.30am. Teams will assemble under the Tuckshop Area and will be led to the pool by some good old fashioned drumming. Miss Patch assures me there will be records broken as the students will be so pumped to compete when they arrive at the pool.

The senior carnival "swims off" from 4.30pm and students have been overheard planning some fantastic Burke & Wills outfits and war cries. Staff might be outdone this year........watch our for Mr Keen’s outfit!!! Will the "green" pyjama pants make an appearance again?!?!?!

Congratulations to our Sport Captains who we are assured will lead the event with great pride and sportsmanship.

BURKE HOUSE:   Aaron Bickerton         Amy Hetherington
              Thomas Kunde            Mikaela Tapp
              Cindy Mc Leod            Frances Cole
              Skyla Sarmardin  Chantayra Moreland
              Cindy Mc Leod            Frances Cole

WILLS HOURS:   Shane Crisp               Telisha Crisp
               Megan Robertson          Jessica Davis
               Jonathan March           Eric Fraser
               Taylah Juhas

Principals Awards for this fortnight demonstrate our continued commitment to educational outcomes and the adoption of the National Curriculum. Congratulations to the recipients and keep up with your "Focus on Learning".

The P&C Teacher/Parent "Meet & Greet: Celebration will be held this year in Week 5 on Monday 21st February. Parents and family members are invited to visit the classrooms and introduce yourselves to our school staff. Seniors will be fundraising for their Biennial Educational Excursion to Canberra, so bring $2.00 for a sausage sizzle to save "cooking tea"! Hoping to meet with you all.

Have a great week.......... Christine Norton

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Arnav Maharaj  Yr 1  Applying short vowel patterns into everyday spelling.
Declan Molloy  Yr 1  Applying spelling of words with short vowel patterns into sentences.
Codie Leigh Ketchup  Yr 1  Using and comparing ordinal numbers in everyday life activities.
Nathaniel Armstrong  Yr 2  Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
Tahlia Keen  Yr 2  Achieving 15 out of 15 for spelling.
Skhaya Doolan  Yr 2  Improving so much in spelling in the last fortnight.
Kunj Patel  Yr 3  Total commitment to and participation in class work.
Bronwyn Keen  Yr 3  Commitment to extending her highly developed spelling knowledge.
Katie Lamont  Yr 4  Achieving 100% for week two spelling.
Chelsea Wehrman  Yr 4  Achieving 100% for week two spelling.
Jamie Wheeler  Yr 4  Achieving 100% for week two spelling.
Skye-Taye Wehrman  Yr 5  Correctly answering all the NAPLAN practise questions.
Rollando Ernanto  Yr 5  Correctly answering the majority of the NAPLAN practise questions.
Shye-Leigh Rankine  Yr 6  Receiving a good result in week two spelling test.
Keelieah Bowen  Yr 6  Receiving a good result in week two spelling test.
Abbigael Noon  Yr 7  Focussed learning and completing set tasks.
Jonathon March  Yr 7  Focussed learning and completing set tasks.
Nicola Anderson  Yr 8  Excellent effort in science.
Brian McLeod  Yr 9  Application to learning.
Zachariah March  Yr 9  Application to learning.
Sally McGee  Yr 10  Focussed learning and completing set tasks.
Terri Paine  Yr 10  Focussed learning and completing set tasks.
Megan Robertson  Yr 11  Being focussed in learning in ICT.
Samillee Kum Sing  Yr 12  Excellent year 11 Results in 2011.
Emily Johnson  Yr 12  Excellent year 11 Results in 2011.

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

- Lakisha Douglas  (Red)
- Darnell Callope  (Blue)
- Toby Couchman  (Crimson A)
- Leikasha Donahue  (Crimson A)

Congratulations to all students who qualified for the first rewards activity. It was great to see so many students being acknowledged for their fantastic behaviour.

Pete Keen

Swimming Carnival

When: Thursday 9 February 2012
Where: Cloncurry Town Swimming Pool
Who: Prep to year 3  @ 9am to 12 noon,
Year 4-12 commencing @ 4.30

P-3 Carnival – Students will march to the pool in their sports teams shortly after 8.30am.

4-12 Carnival – There will be an alteration to the school day with Years 4-12 allowed home at the beginning of lunch (12:45) to enable them to ready themselves for their Sun Safe Carnival commencing 4.30pm. Should parents wish their children to remain at school (Yrs 4-12) after lunch please advise the Admin Office on 47 428 333.

All races are 25m however some students will be racing the clock to break records in 50m events.

Order of events is as follows:
- Freestyle, Medley, Butterfly, Skins, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Relays
- Parents are encouraged to swim in the relays with the teachers against the students.

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. Town pool kiosk will be selling drinks and packet potato chips.

As limited seating is available at the pool so please bring a chair for your comfort.

Ms Norton has promised to wear GREEN for a week if Wills wins!! 😁
Homework Classes
Homework classes have begun again and are held in Purple Classroom in B Block. Classes are held Monday through to Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please contact Elizabeth Rainnie if you have any queries concerning homework classes.

Due to Staff participating in PD on the following dates there will be no Homework Classes every second Thursday for Term 1, 2012.

- Thursday 16 February
- Thursday 1 March
- Thursday 15 March

Senior Camp Fundraiser
What: PRIZE BINGO
Where: ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
When: SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2012
Time: 12:30PM
Light supper and soft drinks available.

"Pathways"
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 on Thursday.

It is great to see team spirit is already so strong and students/staff/parents/caregivers ready to get dressed in their house colours supporting their teams at the swimming carnival on Thursday!

Don’t forget to slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, slide on the sunnies, seek shade and support your team!!!
Go Burke! Go Wills!

Chaplain’s Chatter
Hello from the Chaplain,
So lovely to see green grass, it really lifts your spirits. May we be mindful of our friends who are still dealing with floodwater. Somehow, in adversity it brings people closer together as a community. My prayers go out to these families.

BREAKFAST CLUB- I take this opportunity to thank Gary and Wendy Baker who generously sponsor the ‘Breakfast Club’ for another year. It has been well supported by students of all ages. I welcome parents/carers to assist with this service for our valued students.

Also I thank those people who have been donating food stuffs to maintain the smooth running of breakfast. Last year I was successful in receiving a grant from BHP Billiton to support my breakfast club. So I purchased a fridge and freezer from our local Retravision Store.

GARDEN CLUB- I received lovely native grasses from ‘Southern Gulf Catchment’ to add to our front garden. So once we feel a glimmer of autumn, in they go!
Also I will resume our terrace garden upper A block affectionately called ‘Burke and Wills Garden Terrace’.

COME FOR A CUPPA! Don’t forget EVERY WEDNESDAY at 11am in the ‘Family Friendly Room’ we would like parents/carers to share a cuppa and nice slice with us. See you then!
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.

Please ensure your student has signed and completed an Internet & Media Agreement Form and returned their form to Admin as soon 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 were handed to students in their form class last 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

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

P&G / TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLONCURRY TOUCH ASSOCIATION
GAME 1

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NB: Please note times start at 6.30 pm not 6.00 pm as originally planned

Cloncurry Community Kindergarten
Invites families and friends to
Picnic in the Park

When: Saturday 11 February 2012
Where: Mary K Park
Time: 3pm
What to bring: A picnic rug, your own picnic food and drinks.

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and games. Everyone is welcome.

- Do you like soccer?
  - Are you interested in playing?
  - Do you have a couple of hours a week spare time that you could volunteer to help with training and on game day?

My name is Krystle and I have a 7 year old son who wants to play soccer. I recently approached the PCYC to see if we could get some teams together.

They were more than happy to help if we could get enough children together and volunteers to assist with coaching/refereeing.

I you are interested in playing or coming to help out, could you please call me on Phone 0419 448 099.
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!

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CLONCURRY GIRL GUIDES

Sign on: Thursday 9 February 2012
Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Where: Guide Hut, Uhr Street
Contact: Mel Smith  0439 999 554
Hi again to everyone, isn’t the time flying, we are in week 3 already.
All of the students in Prep are coming to school with smiles on their faces and are still very keen to learn. I must say thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have been so supportive and positive as that always encourages the children to come to school.

We have our swimming carnival on Thursday, this is my first at Cloncurry so I am just as excited as the preps as I do not know what to expect but I know it will be great, particularly I hear if Wills wins!!!!!!

If you are unsure of your child’s house just ask so that you know what colour to put them in for the carnival. All children need to bring their togs, hat, sun safe swim shirt and towel. Please remember to be sun safe by Slip, Slop and Slapping.

We are also starting our visit to the school library on Tuesdays, so your child will need a library bag so that they can bring a book home for you all to enjoy.

Please remember that every child needs to wear a broad brimmed hat when they play outside, this is an important part of their learning and socialisation. The school has a No Hat No Play policy in place. We have very limited supplies of hats in Prep and for hygiene purposes it is not appropriate to share hats, so from week 4 if your child does not have their own hat they will not be able to play outside with the other students. Broad brimmed school hats can be purchased at the Office for $5.00 each.

Hopefully we will see you all at the swimming carnival.
Until next week, have a good one 😊

Mrs Nola McClafferty and Mrs Lesley Wood

Rainbow B = Year 1 News

What ORDERING students we have in Year 1! Yes, that’s right they have been using ordinal numbers to place objects in order from 1st to 10th. Lucky, this will come in handy when everyone is racing and having a go at our swimming carnival THIS THURSDAY.

We are now counting forwards and backwards from 20. Sight word games have been played throughout reading groups with recognition getting quicker each day. The book ‘Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good very bad day’ encourages to see how illustration plays an important role in the comprehension of emotions and feelings within a text.

Students have been learning the importance of using and reading full stops. Test your children students to identify full stops in texts you read at home.

Handwriting has taken a bumpy humpy journey with students writing the lower case letter m.

Many thanks to all parents who have ensured your child has returned their homework every FRIDAY. This is MUCH APPRECIATED!

REMINDERS for EACH day
- packed healthy lunch,
- water bottle
- broad brimmed hat and full school uniform

Thanks…… Miss Marina Childs

Purple Class (Year 2a) News

Third week!! Oh My Gosh the year is already flying.

In Purple Class this week for our Maths lessons we have been looking at counting in two’s, five’s and 10’s and regrouping with our paddle pop sticks.

In Science we are investigating the strength of common materials and how waterproof some materials really are.
In English we are learning about Common Nouns and have been using tasks such as word sorts to help us with our understanding.

I am very excited with the progress and enthusiasm of the students in Purple Class. They are always on time and are eager to learn. OUR CLASS MOTTO - HAVE A GO.

It is great to see the homework and home readers that are being completed Thank You parents and guardians for your time and effort it is greatly appreciated.

Keep up the great work and have a wonderful learning week. Mrs Dearne Hodgetts

Wonderful swimming lessons continue and on Thursday our students will put their skills to the test at our marvellous Junior School swimming carnival.

Students are settling well into their new class and class groups and are taking well to learning and reviewing reading strategies, and practising these during independent reading times. They are doing well with investigating the concept and measurement of time in maths and reviewing and developing concepts in 'number' study. They are also delving into the 'world of words' with focussed spelling lessons and consolidating activities.

Remember, we are here to address any concerns or questions you may have regarding our students' learning. It is best to make an appointment, so we can give you our undivided attention. Have a great week.
Warm regards.... Ms Elizabeth Keim

YELLOW CLASS (YEAR 2B) NEWS

Welcome to week 3! This week in Yellow class, we will be exploring number patterns, whilst learning about syllables and rhyming sequences!

We have our swimming carnival on Thursday so we are very excited to show off our swimming techniques. GO WILLS!! GO BURKE!!

While it is the student's responsibility to return their homework every Friday, it would also be great if parents/care givers could help ensure the student's homework comes back every Friday. Students need to glue in their new homework sheet on Monday's and this is not possible if their book is not returned on Friday. Kind Regards Miss Claire Gates

BLUE CLASS (YEAR 4) NEWS

Wonderful, wacky, whimsical, week three…. yes as you can probably guess we've been studying poems again... in addition to alliteration (words that are next to or near each other beginning with the same letter), we have begun to explore personification (giving human characteristics to an object or idea) and similes (comparing two things with the word like or as).

We are looking forward to getting all dressed up this Thursday in our team colours as RED as a fire engine or as GREEN as a rainforest and becoming as cool as cucumbers in the pool for the 4 – 7 Swimming carnival! Many of us have nominated ourselves for swimming events. Even if we're not a champion swimmer, it will be fun to have a go and each student swimming in a race will receive a point for their team!

Next week there will be a Primary School Parade at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon (17/2). We are looking forward to performing some funny poems and these funny poems are looking forward
performing to you too! ;) All parents / carers / friends and family members are welcome at this parade and we look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great week!  

Miss Katrina Madigan

RED CLASS (YEAR 5) NEWS

Wow time is really flying! It is great to see that we have had almost 100% attendance every day!

This week we will be learning about bartering and trading. We will also be learning about making tints and shades with paints. In Maths we will begin learning about decimals and fractions and in English we are continuing to learn about fantasy and how authors use descriptive language to make their writing more exciting.

This Thursday is the swimming carnival. Please encourage your child to participate and also come along to watch.

Students were really lucky to receive an ice cream cone for having over 10 PBs this term already. Home reading has started now and we ask that home readers get taken home and brought back to school every Friday.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to come and see me.  

Miss Kelly Rozynski

ORANGE CLASS (YEAR 6) NEWS

This week our swimming lesson time has changed. Students will now be swimming in period 3 on Wednesday instead of period 1.

Last week students investigated the text ‘Council Wombat.’ Within this text students looked at the structure of short stories as well as locating verbs and adverbs within the text. Students were able to identify a large amount of verbs and adverbs and differentiate between the two.

Last week in orange class students conducted a science experiment to investigate the rate at which items melt in the sun. After completing the task students found:

- That jelly melts faster than butter and chocolate
- That butter melts quicker than chocolate

Thursday is our swimming carnival. Years 4 - 12 will be starting at 4:30. Please encourage your child to come and participate. Every point counts! Go BURKE!!!

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