WHAT’S HAPPENING
- P&C Meeting – Thursday 10 November
- Remembrance Day – Friday 11 November
- Awards Night – Thursday 17 November
- Last Day for Yr 12’s – Friday 18 November
- Senior Formal – Saturday 19 November
- Last Day for Yr 10/11’s – Friday 25 November
- Last Day Term 4 – Friday 2 December

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE
We are into the final weeks of 2011 and planning and preparation has begun for the 2012 year.

A letter was posted home this week giving details of our organisation and staffing for next year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the North Queensland Regional Principal’s Meeting in Townsville. It is expected that over 100 Principal’s will be in attendance and I am looking forward to interacting with others from across our area to reflect and share practice regarding continual improvement in student achievement locally and nationally.

Next Thursday night is our Annual Presentation Night. As the Shire Hall is unavailable we will be hosting the night in the school grounds. Should the rain move in on us and ruin the night we will present all prizes on a special parade on Friday morning.

Final Assessments are in full swing so please ensure students are at school every day. Final reports will be posted home in the last week of term so please make arrangements between now and then to meet with teachers to discuss your child’s progress and achievements this year. Till next week ..... Christine Norton.

Get involved with your child’s education by joining your local Parents & Citizens Association. Next meeting Thursday 10 November.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Friday is Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day. This day commemorates the end of World War 1 and the signing of the Armistice on 11th November 1918. On this Remembrance Day Cloncurry State School students will be holding a commemorative service at school at 10.55am. Our School Captains will be laying a wreath at the Cenotaph.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS
2012 is fast approaching and for our Year 10 students this means some big changes to their schooling.

Under the Government’s “Earning or Learning” Act after Year 10 students must either:
- participate in education and training for a further two years; or
- until they have gained a Senior Statement or Queensland Certificate of Education; or
- until they have gained a Certificate III vocational qualification; or
- until they turn 17; and
- provide exemptions for students who enter full-time work after they either completed Year 10 or turned 16.

Parents and guardians play a vital role in helping students plan for their future. For this reason, Senior Education and Training Plans are constructed in conjunction with parents and the school. The SET plan outlines the future ‘learning or earning’ intentions of students. This meeting should take approximately 30 minutes. It is vital that all year 10 students establish a SET Plan and we will need a plan finalised together by Friday 25th November. Please contact the school office to arrange a time that suits you. Looking forward to meeting with you. Alicia Wilson – Head of Department

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
| Ellie Woodfield       | Yr 12 Prevocational Maths – Creative Minds |
| Skye Brunker         |                                           |
| Sarah Parker         |                                           |
| Josh Gabbert          | Trying super hard during writing groups and producing a very interesting information report in Prep |
| David Hartig          |                                           |
| Kathtyn Schneider     |                                           |
| Joel Earl – Yr 3      | Being Honest – Handing in money           |
| Sionne Rankine – Yr 3 |                                           |
| Jannika Flower – Yr 3 |                                           |
| Darnell Lucas – Yr 3  |                                           |
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HEAD LICE

- Head lice have been reported at school. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

TERM 4 – PRIMARY SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Commmenced in Week 2 and concludes in Week 9

**MONDAY**
- 9:10am -10:10am – Green A
- 11:40am-12:40pm – Green B

**WEDNESDAY**
- 8:40am – 9:40am – Purple B
- 11:40am – 12:40pm – Blue A
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm – Purple A

**THURSDAY**
- 8:30am – 9:30am – Prep Class
- 11:40am – 12:40pm – Blue B and Red A
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm – Red B

CONDOLENCES

- Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the

- Shepherd, Sarmardin and Hill families on their recent loss.

CLONCURRY AUTHENTIC TAEKWON-DO CLUB NEWS

The Cloncurry Authentic Taekwon-Do Club travelled to Townsville on Friday morning to compete in a competition on Saturday and also take part in a Grading (exam) on Sunday.

- Zac March Yr 8, Bron Charles Yr 8, Kolt Ferguson Yr 9 and Erica Waters Yr 10 were part of the group of 9 TKD students (Erica also with the added responsibility of being their instructor presenting her students for Competition and Grading.

The tournament on Saturday was the first in a round of 7 tournaments titled “Towards the Worlds” which are being used as a qualifying tournament to select a junior and senior Australian team for the World Championships being held in Florida next year.

- Bron Charles was awarded third place in the Junior Intermediate Sparring.
- Erica Waters was awarded second place in Senior Ladies Patterns and also Senior Ladies Special Technique.
- Bron and Kolt both advanced to the second round of patterns.

This was their first exposure to a real tournament and all students showed great determination and perseverance at the tournament.

At the “Grading” the following Sunday morning (commencing at 7:30am. Erica put forward Zac, Bron and Kolt for promotion to their next belt level. This grading required students to be examined in their patterns, a theory session, and for Kolt also 2 different board breaks (1 hand and 1 foot).

Zac excelled and was promoted 2 belt levels (i.e. double graded) to a yellow belt.

Bron was promoted to the next belt level (Green Stripe)

Kolt was promoted to next belt level of Red Stripe (3 gradings away from black belt).

Erica was also commended for not only her talent in the sport but for her leadership in stepping up at such a young age to assume responsibility for a club and present very competitive students. Congratulations to all students who participated.

BRAVEHEARTS’ VISIT

**Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure! Education Program**

Providing our children with the basic principles of personal safety, providing

- them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children’s

- safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to “abuse-proof” our children.

But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Promise of the Week**

"Whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21b

SUZY’S GYM & RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

36 Short Street Cloncurry

PH: 47421400

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P&C MEETING

General Meeting: Tomorrow Thursday 10 November in the Senior Room at 5.00pm. All parents and guardians invited.

P&C HOMEWORK SUPPORT CLASSES

Monday – Thursday

Homework Classes are on at 2.30pm to 3.30pm at the School Library. Everyone who has homework is welcome. Hope to see you there. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer.

MUSIC NEWS

Choir News

The Cloncurry State School choir is still in full rehearsal mode for our up and coming performances. We are rehearsing at lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have two performances left for 2011:

- The choir will be performing the national anthem at our Awards Night on Thursday 17th November and the final performance for 2011 will be at the Community Christmas Festival on Friday 25th November, more information for these events will be sent home.

Thank you to all my lovely choristers, it has been a fantastic year and I can’t wait to see what we can achieve in 2012.

Instrumental Music News

On Friday 28th October we were joined by 52 Instrumental music students from Townview and Barkley State Schools for an intense one day Workshop at the PCYC Activity Hall. All students involved worked extremely hard and all their hard work showed off at the Concert at the end of the day for the Whole School. We did our school proud.

On Saturday 5th November Zekiel Shaw Yr 8, Daniel Crisp Yr 6, Grace Milton Yr 11, Chantara Moreland Yr 6 and Emma-Jade Molloy Yr 7 travelled to Mount Isa to perform at the Civic Centre for the Mount Isa Gala Concert with all of the Mount Isa instrumental Music students as well as students from the School of the Air. The students were commended on their enthusiasm, conduct and behaviour throughout the day. We set off at 9am and did not get back until 9:45pm but a great day was had by all.

This Friday will be the last day of instrumental music lessons for 2011. Concert Band has also finished for 2011. Thank you to all my fabulous instrumental music students for your enthusiasm and dedication to your music studies throughout 2011, you all rock and I look forward to working with you next year.

From Week 7 I will be starting to recruit students for our instrumental music program in 2012. If your child/ren are in grades 4 - 12 next year and would like to try out to play an instrument in our program, they need to give their name to their classroom teacher who will then pass it on to me. I will then test any interested students on all offered instruments and send a letter home to parents informing you of your child/ren intent to learn an instrument and which ones suit them. The instruments we teach at this school are: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, French Horn, Keyboard and Percussion.

If you have any questions about the instrumental program or Choir Program don’t hesitate to contact me at school. Katie Patch.
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**RAINBOW (PREP) NEWS**

During literacy learning the children and I will be learning all about narratives. We will be reading and writing them. They are so clever now with their reading and writing that we can't wait to see the final creations.

Money, money, money is the topic for our maths this week. The kids seem to like this idea! I wonder why?

Our crazy scientists have decided that we will be inventors, so this week we are inventing something that helps people. Ask your little inventor what they are creating and how it helps others.

Have a great week … Steph and Lesley

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**GREEN (YEAR 1/2) CLASS NEWS**

Well we've finally finished all of our weaving, cutting, gluing, painting, sculpting, folding, covering, beading and taking photos and are ready for our much awaited market day! So don't forget:

**Green Class Market Day**

When: This Friday 11th November at 2:00pm

Where: Green Classroom

Nothing over $3

The children can't wait to show off all of their hard work and earn some money for our Gold Pass celebration.

Gold Pass notes will be going home at the end of this week; notes will need to be returned by Wednesday 16th (next week) so that we can organise catering for our sleep over/pizza night.

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**PURPLE (YEAR 2/3) CLASS NEWS**

Purple Class are working extremely hard at the moment, making sure they are completing their final assessment tasks. Students have continued to write fictitious recounts and comprehend various texts in literacy. During numeracy activities students have revisited learnings from over the past year. They are really showing how much they know!!! What a bunch of ACADEMIC SUPERSTARS!!!! Paper helicopters have been flying around the room… all of which have allowed students to explore the scientific element of air flow or air pressure. AND yes let the force be with you for this week!

Students need to bring hat, shoes, healthy lunch and water bottle - EVERYDAY!

HATS!!!!!! All students are EXPECTED to wear a hat during class and play time. Does your child have one?

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**BLUE / RED (YEAR 4/5/6) CLASS NEWS**

Well we are in the middle of our term now and we are starting to get right into the assessment of our learning. Students have been working tirelessly in SOSE learning about natural disasters. Last week we looked at droughts and floods and this week we will take a look at cyclones and how they are formed.

In science we looked at the different phases of the moon and students have been asked to go outside in the afternoon and see if they can find the moon in the eastern sky and look at what phase it is in. It is going to be a full moon this Thursday. Students have really been enjoying learning about space this term.

Everyone is excited to be started work on our spaceships for technology. I know a lot of students have got great ideas as to how they will protect their 'egg' when we drop it from a height. We will just have to see if they have protected the egg enough to stop it from breaking…..could be messy!!

Red and Blue Class have also been completing wonderful activities around character descriptions and narratives and are about to write their own narrative with a natural disaster as the main complication within the plot.

This term is certainly flying. I think the students are starting to get excited about Christmas.

Please ensure you are sending your child to school as it is assessment time and even one day missed can be detrimental for their learning.

If you have concerns or questions please feel free to see us.

Kelly Rozynski, Katrina Madigan, Rachel Rozynski and Deanne Hodgetts

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.

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**CHRISTINE NORTON**

Principal