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WHAT’S HAPPENING
- P&C Meeting – Tuesday 21 July
- P&C Fete – Thursday 8 September

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE
Welcome back to Semester 2. It seems I wasn’t here last week at all as I flew out on Wednesday to attend The Northern Regional Principal’s Business Meeting. There were over 100 Principal’s in attendance. Our region covers from Proserpine, to Ingham on the eastern seaboard and west from Mornington Island down to Boulia out here in the west. We are the largest region in land span and it is always rewarding to meet as a group of colleagues to learn from each other and share the successes and challenging stories from our schools. There were many key speakers and the key agenda item was the National curriculum that will begin implementation in 2012. I believe our school is well placed to adopt this curriculum with very little adaptation to our timetabling structure as it stands now. We have a lot of work to do between now and the end of the year however to re-organise our English, Maths and Science curriculum as they are the first to be adopted.

With Semester 1 now completed I am hoping that all parents have received report cards and spoken with teachers in regards to your child’s progress. Please contact the office if this is not the case.

I am certain Semester 2 will fly by equally as fast and I impress that should you have any concerns regarding your child’s level of achievement and / or progress please don’t hesitate to get in touch as I invite your contact.

GET A LIFE, GET AN EDUCATION!
On Pathways Parade students were exposed to a range of possible career paths available to students within the local area and the educational requirements leading to those careers. Through a conversation scene involving two students discussing their options for the future, people with different occupations explained how they got their jobs and whether they needed to finish Year 10 or Year 12 and if they had to study at TAFE or university to gain employment. The occupations included football player, shop manager, doctor, engineer, hairdresser, soldier, stay at home mum wishing to continue her education and be her own boss one day and lastly an unemployed person who still hasn’t decided what they want for their future.

In MAG students will brainstorm different occupations, reflect on their own personal preferences for jobs in the future and explore the educational paths required for various careers.

Parents can support our pathways theme by discussing future career goals with their children and how they might be able to achieve those goals.

FOGS CAREER MARKET
Late last term, 73 high-school students from Cloncurry State School travelled to Mt Isa to attend the FOGS (Former Origin Greats) Careers Market. Students were able to talk to a variety of exhibitors about different career paths and options available to them in the future. Events like the FOGS Careers Market provide a fantastic opportunity to motivate students as it can help students set career goals and have something to work towards. Attending events like the FOGS careers market was possible by the generous sponsorship of Xstrata - Earnest Henry Mine and the Cloncurry State School P and C. Thanks for your support, the Cloncurry State School staff and students appreciate it.

Former Origin Great – Alan Langer with Cloncurry State School students at the FOGS Career Market, 2011.

The 2011 Census of Population and Housing takes place on the 09 August 2011. Census occurs every 5 years. Census is important to Communities and Councils as they receive funding for services such as schools, hospitals, housing, roads and infrastructure based on how many people live in a defined area. Service providers also receive funding for community programs based primarily on Census data.

Census collectors start dropping forms off to households from the 29 July and then return after Census night to collect the forms. You will be able to identify Census collectors by their yellow satchels and Census identification cards, that are normally worn on neck lanyards.

If you are out of town on Census night, say at a motel a Census form should be provided to you by the motel staff and you will be counted back to your home community.

If you require assistance to fill in your Census form, you can ask the Census collector to help you. If you reside in a major centre such as Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Normanton or Burketown you can also get help from various Support Centres, that are being advertised within these communities.
**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.

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**STAFF PROFILES**

Hi, My name is Pam Baker and I am in my 8th year teaching at Cloncurry State School. However, this does not reflect the years I have lived in the town being 21 years. I teach the secondary students (9/10 English, SOSE / History, 11/12 English Communication and 11/12 Prevocational Maths) and in the past I have taught other subjects such as Business Studies and Maths. However, being a P-12 school I have the privilege in getting to know other students in the lower grades when required.

My favourite thing about Cloncurry is my usual Friday night dinners at the Gidgee Inn. I love the food there. I love all types of food! But most of all, I love chocolate, hence the reason my favourite colour is brown. Throughout my years here at this school, I have been teaching the 9/10’s. The Seniors (11/12) are my ultimate favourite class of the lot. I really love my profession as a teacher and hope to stay teaching for many years to come.

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**P&C / TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**P&C MEETING**

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 21 July at 5.00pm in the school library.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Promise of the Week**

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”  Matthew 5:9

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**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**RAINFROW (PREP) NEWS**

Something out of the ordinary is happening on Friday this week Animals on the Move are coming to visit our school and are bringing a mobile farm with them! Students from Prep to year 6 will be able to interact with these animals and their carers during their allocated time on Friday. Have fun Preps!

Homework will commence next week so a friendly reminder to those who still need to bring in a folder, please do this by next Monday morning.

Please make sure your child is coming to school on time and is only having days off when sick. Remember attendance is the key!!

Kind Regards - The rainbow Class Teachers

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

We are well and truly back into the swing of things now as we have begun all of our units of work for Term 3. Last week we began deconstructing some examples of written procedures and paid particular attention to the ‘Materials’ and ‘Steps’ stages. We used a written procedure of how to brush your teeth to draw a concept map illustrating each step and making sure to draw all of the material that had been listed in each instruction. We will continue to deconstruct various examples of written procedures including recipes and instructions for games before we start writing our own procedures in class.

In maths we have been revising and expanding what we know about chance and data. We have conducted investigations involving predicting the outcomes of tossing a coin and rolling a dice and then using the outcomes to create graphs display the information.

Quite a few students in Green Class appear to have lost their hats since returning from holidays. It would be greatly appreciated if all children could be provided with a clearly named, broad brimmed hat for lunch times and specialist lessons as our rule is “No hat, no play.”

This week we have welcomed back our pre-service teacher Jemma Regan to Green Class. Jemma will be with us for the next three weeks!

Have a great week! Kaitlyn Hohns & Margo Hodson
PURPLE (YEAR 2/3) CLASS NEWS

Once again Purple Class students have settled into their school routine beautifully. CONGRATULATIONS! Students were busy, organising the layout of their books. Last week, students completed pre testing activities for spelling and reading comprehension. Ask your child what they had to do. Students participated in various activities focusing on the ‘when’ and ‘where’ in narrative text type (stories). If your child has a favourite ‘story book’ please let them share it with our class. During mathematics students revised over general number operations and fast fact recall. Students were introduced to our science topic, discussing the relationship the Earth has with the moon.

Student Equipment:
Does your child need any equipment such as pencils, rubbers, exercise books, rulers and colours? Please make sure all student belongings are named clearly with permanent marking. Thanks!

Reminders:
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?

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

Week 2 already! I have a feeling that this term is going to fly past us. Soon we will be preparing for Christmas! Well this week we are getting into all our unit work. In SOSE this week we are beginning to learn about Australia’s Government. Students will learn about how the parliament is set up and we will take a closer look at The House of Representatives and The Senate. Students will also learn about how the votes are counted when an election is held for each of these houses.

In English we are doing some preparatory work for QCATs and also beginning work on biographies. Students will be required to research a past prime minister and write a biography on them, as well as creating a PowerPoint presentation and doing a speech.

Students will have a very busy term learning lots of new and interesting things. Please ask your student if they need any supplies for school. There are a lot of students with out basic things like pencils, scissors and glue. Please also remind your student to bring a hat to school. We look forward to a wonderful term. Kelly Rozynski, Joy Paap, Rachel Rozynski, Dearne Hodgetts.