Welcome to the 2015 School Year. We have had a fantastic start to the year with the ‘learning buzz’ alive and well across all sectors of the school. Uniforms look great and we apologise for running short in some of the shirts and shorts sizes.

On Monday’s Whole School Parade we welcomed Miss Hannah Bradley and Mr Zane Smith to the position of School Captain of Cloncurry State School P-12. I trust you will do yourselves, your family and your school proud throughout the year and I am looking forward to working closely with you as you join our leadership team to lead our school to bigger and greater things in 2015!!!

Congratulations to all 2014 graduates on gaining employment ‘out there in the real wide world’ and special congratulations to those who sat the QCS ( Queensland Core Skills) Test and attained an OP (Overall Position). Well Done!!! We wish you all the best in your future pursuits. If you are heading off to university this year… head down and study…study…study!!!

The Term Calendar is filling fast with our first excursion seeing our Year 11 students heading off in week three on the Annual Yr 11 Leadership Camp.

I extend a very warm welcome all new families in our community and we look forward to meeting and working with you in the weeks to come.

Parents are always welcome at our school and the Parents and Citizens Association would welcome your contributions and membership.

At School Every Day Learning! Have a great week.
School News

SWPBS ~ School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Learning Behaviours

Classes will be deconstructing
‘What makes a good learner’

FAFT ~ Families as First Teachers. (Birth to Pre-Prep Age)

Where: Cloncurry State School - Prep room

When: TBA

If you are interested in attending the FAFT program please contact Patsy Tyrrell at the school Phone 4742 8333

Head Lice

Keep a Look Out, As Lice are About
Stay Aware, Please Treat with Care

Lost Property

Lost property is now located in the ‘Meet & Greet’ room with Miss Patsy. Items include lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers/jackets, pants and hats. If parents or students would like to have a look please see Miss Patsy.

Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday from 8:00 - 8:25am.
Breakfast Club is available to all students.

School Uniforms

School Uniforms can now be purchased at the Tuckshop during the following times:
Monday to Friday - 8:00–9:30

Around the Classrooms

Rainbow A - Prep

I am very happy to welcome our new Prep students to the Rainbow A classroom. Students have settled in very quickly to school routines and are becoming more independent as each day passes. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning with the children.

Classroom reminders:
- Our library borrowing will commence Friday 6th February and students require a bag to keep their book safe.
- Parents wishing to volunteer to assist with HPE swimming lessons please see me so I can pencil you in. Any level of assistance is appreciated and no experience is necessary.
- Whole school parade is held each fortnight at the undercover area beginning Monday 2nd February.

Nicole Jonkers

Welcome back for 2015 in Rainbow B!

During week 1 students in Rainbow B did a fantastic job at adjusting to new routines, trying new things and having a go.

Rainbow B will start homework this week. Students will bring home a home work sheet and some home readers. Students are encouraged to read each book more than once, reading to different audiences if possible. Students are welcome to change over their home readers at any time during the week.

Weekly reminder:
- Library: Friday - Students to bring a library bag so that they can borrow books.

Have a fantastic Second week of Term 1!

Miss Bischof

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break. This term will be very busy with lots of learning happening. Homework and home reading will be starting in week 2. Please ensure that homework is completed weekly and returned to school on Friday. I look forward to working with all students and families in Purple Class. If you have any questions please come and see me.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome to the start of another booktastic year! I am your Librarian, Miss Karla Baker, and I am joined this year by a former teacher of our school, Mrs Erin Armstrong. Together, we are bringing about many exciting changes and events to the Resource Centre, most of which will commence this term.

- Weekly Book Review (see below)
- Lunchtime Bookclub
- Books of the Week – 10 Junior Fiction and 10 Fiction (on the display shelf)
- Rearranging the Library to make it more reader friendly J
- Lunchtime Reading Time with Mr Curran once a week (we have yet to decide which day)

More information on these events will be available in next weeks newsletter.

**Weekly Book Review:**

**Inkheart**

Ever wished you could meet a story character or visit a fictional world? Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. This "story within a story" will delight not just fantasy fans, but all readers who like an exciting plot with larger-than-life characters.

That's all for this week, folks. Happy reading! Miss Baker & Mrs Armstrong

**Green Class - Yr 3**

Hello to all our parents, family and friends. Wow what an exciting start to the term we have had. It has been great getting to know all of the new Green Class students. This week students completed a writing task where they wrote about what they were most looking forward to at school in 2015. Some of our students’ responses are below.

This year I am most excited about...

- **HPE, Science and getting lots of ticks** - Jaheim Chong.
- **Playing with my friends, learning to read and music** - Destiny Smith.
- **Learning new things, making new friends and going into a new class** - Jillian Connolly.
- **Using the school iPads, English and Silent Reading** - Rogue Stevens.
- **Playing with my friends, making new friends and being good** - William O’Keefe.

It is great to see everyone making a big effort to be at school every day and on time.

Until next week. Warm regards,

Asha Schumacher

**Blue Class - Yr 4**

What a fabulous start to 2015 and my time in Cloncurry. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of the Blue Class students and they have made me feel truly welcome. We have spent the past week ‘getting to know’ each other and establishing class rules and expectations.

Our units of work are well under way and we are having many laughs reading The Twits, as part of our Narrative writing unit.

Swimming will start next Wednesday 11th February, first up in period 1 - 8:25am.

A reminder to all that homework is due on Friday mornings.

A very big welcome to all and thank you for a fabulous week, we have certainly laid a great foundation for a successful 2015.

Kind regards, Laura Swan

**Red Class - Yr 5**

What a great first week we had!!

The students in Red Class have settled in very well! I am super excited to be working with a great bunch of students. We have dived straight into our science unit, where we are learning about different adaptions which help animals survive in their environment. The students are looking forward to creating their own creature at the end of the unit. Homework is already underway so please have it in by Friday! See you next week!

Regards

Mr Harvey

**Choir**

Choir in the Music Room.
Thursday, second lunch.
All students welcome.
Hello and welcome to 2015. We have hit the ground running in Orange class.

This week in science we have started looking at the scientific terms of ‘reversible’ and ‘irreversible’ and questioning if you can turn chips back into potatoes. In geography we have been looking at place and diversity in developing a geographical understanding of the world. English we have been studying verbs, adverbs, adjective, nouns and the structure of a narrative. We will keep you posted with more exciting learning.

Just a reminder that Orange class have HPE on a Monday Period 3. Please make sure that children have a hat (board brimmed) and a water bottle. Please make sure your child’s homework is complete and handed in every week for marking on a Thursday morning. Homework is a vital part of a child’s revision for what they have learnt.

Happy learning Mrs Dearne Hodgetts

Comments from Year 7 students –
Joel – I really enjoyed the group work on persuasive text.
Sionn – I learnt about square numbers and now I am good at calculating them.
Taylor – Pastoral Care was exciting, especially receiving my own personal diary.
Hannah – Using a diary is really helpful and making trucks in Manual Arts is fun.
Tamika – In Junior Secondary we get to sit on chairs at Parade.
Sarah – I really like having different subjects.
Darnell – HPE is twice a week which I really love.

Comments from Year 8 students - Dayle Asquith and Hannah Love
This year we are proud to be leaders of Junior Secondary. We are most excited about travelling to Brisbane for camp. So far this year we have looked at different states of matter in science, how the Roman Empire fell in history and the differences between print based and web based news articles in English. We are hoping for a great and happy year with our new teacher Miss Kelly.

Year 11 Leadership Camp
Next week our year 11 students will be taking part in our Year 11 Leadership Camp. The camp has been designed to help students sharpen their leadership skills, work together and build their communication and confidence. Students will travel to Charters Towers on Monday and take part in adventure-based learning, leadership and teamwork activities including a high ropes course, archery and canoeing on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday we are heading to Townsville to take part in the GRIP Leadership Conference. The conference concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders and our students will be working together from many others students from schools throughout the Townsville District. Please contact Miss Hill at school if you have any questions. It will be a great trip! Cheers, Miss Hill
INTRODUCING….  
2015 School Captain's Zane Smith & Hannah Bradley

Our New Staff - (Back) Peta Aitchison, Noel Curran, Gene Harvey, Erin Armstrong, John Crozier, Ben Landers (Front) Laura Swan, Arlene Crozier, Tania Drenkhahn

The First and the Last

At school, we have a span of 13 year levels

The First year: Prep

Commencing school is a very important step. Prep year is a big transition for any child. Some things (not all) that you as a parent can ensure are,

- Mirror at home some things done at school, eg sight letters, sounds. Take time to talk with your child what was learnt during each school day
- Read regularly at home to your Prep student and get excited with them about what you read
- Send a good balanced lunch box with your young one to school
- Send a water bottle to school: it is essential that water is consumed through the day by your young one
- Enjoy the journey of school with your young one
- Talk with your child’s teacher about any developing concerns, whatever it is
- Talk with the Principal and School Specialists: Special Ed Teacher, Guidance Officer about ongoing concerns.

The Last year: year 12

Completing school is a very important step. Studies in Australia show that students who complete year 12, over their lifetime, earn significantly more than those who drop out of school, say at year 10. (this does NOT include those who leave school, year 10, to go into a full-time apprenticeship as this is still “school”). Some thoughts,

- Many students are still not sure of what they want to do as a career. This is not a major concern as long as students work to their potential at school and use the many options available eg work experience, in a professional way.
- Take risks in thinking about some potential careers – there is a shortage of trained nurses, paramedics and age care workers in Australia. Training in some of these can be done in Mt Isa.
- Use school resources eg Senior Schooling Staff member, Ms Tracey Hill, CEC Patsy Tyrell, Guidance Officer, John Crozier, a registered Career Counsellor, to assist in your plan
- Currently there is free local ie Cloncurry Certificate II and III training to ex year 12’s in a limited number of studies and some at TAFE Cloncurry and Mt Isa (to be confirmed 2015)
- There is potential support to, and advantage for, Cloncurry students applying for a university course.
- Studies show that parents and families have the most influence over career paths of students, so keep the discussions going with senior years students.

The intervening years are all important. Do make contact with class teachers and other school persons as concerns arise. Above all enjoy the journey with your child.

You are welcome to make an appointment through the front office at our school to see me regarding any concerns with your student/s at this school.

John Crozier  
Guidance Officer  
4742 8333
**Principal’s Awards**

**Junior Primary Awards**

- **Garry Rockland, Leonard Imhof**
  - Rainbow A Prep
  - Maths shoot out champion

- **Mehak Maharaj, Ebony Hill**
  - Rainbow A Prep
  - Being helpful and caring classmates

- **Murray Wallace**
  - Rainbow A Prep
  - Working hard to listen carefully and concentrate during learning

- **All of prep class**
  - Rainbow A Prep
  - For an excellent first music lesson full of fantastic leaners!
  - Miss Donovan

- **Tim Coffison**
  - Rainbow B Year 1
  - For consistently giving his best in all learning activities

- **Ellissa Wheeler**
  - Rainbow B Year 1
  - Demonstrating fantastic listening behaviours during carpet and desk activities

- **Aiden Beale**
  - Rainbow B Year 1
  - For adjusting well into Rainbow B and giving his best in everything

- **Jack Davis**
  - Rainbow B Year 1
  - For using his soft and loud sounds while singing a new song in music – Miss Donovan

- **Duncan Hewlett**
  - Purple Year 2/3
  - For working quietly every day

- **Sanomi Wanigasekera**
  - Purple Year 2/3
  - For participating in classroom discussions and always working hard

- **Taliesha Quakawoot**
  - Purple Year 2/3
  - For demonstrating a great enthusiasm for learning

- **Elise Williams**
  - Purple Year 2/3
  - For setting a great example for others

- **Jaheim Chong, Matthew Hewlett**
  - Green - Year 3
  - For being a star in Green Class by always showing excellent listening behaviours

**Upper Primary Awards**

- **Charlie Bremert**
  - Blue - Year 4
  - For showing dedication towards his learning by delivering insightful knowledge to class discussions

- **Leon Bates**
  - Blue - Year 4
  - For a successful start to the year

- **Max Page**
  - Red - Year 5
  - Working tough and being a great learner. Keep it up Max!

- **Jamahl Stretton**
  - Red - Year 5
  - Trying hard in learning areas and making a fantastic start to the year

- **Zoe Macnamara**
  - Red - Year 5
  - Setting great focused goals for herself and actively participating in class discussions

**Junior Secondary Awards**

- **Hannah Costello**
  - Crimson A Year 7
  - Excellent bookwork and attention to detail

- **Samantha Coffison**
  - Crimson A Year 7
  - Listening well and working to the best of her ability

- **Joel Earl**
  - Crimson A Year 7
  - Participating and answering questions

- **Alex Booker**
  - Crimson B Year 8
  - For showing great initiative and involvement in learning across all subject areas

- **Darren Land**
  - Crimson B Year 8
  - For being a considerate class member and helping others out

- **Skyla Sarmardin, Jasmine Land**
  - Year 9/10 Music
  - For demonstrating Prior Knowledge in identifying "Semitones" and "Tones"

- **Conah Sealy, Chantara Moreland, Georgia Rodgers**
  - Year 9/10 English
  - For contributing to class discussions on Satire and literary devices found in visual texts

- **Schakarne Aitkins, Brian McLeod, Nicky Palmer, Dean Roser, Matthew Stonham**
  - Year 11/12 English Communication
  - For writing an in depth reflection on their holidays
FREE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
REGISTER NOW!

1. Did you know, all children between 4 years old and end of Grade 10 are eligible for free School Dental check-ups and treatment?

   • Register for an appointment in Cloncurry today!

2. Did you know, once your child finishes Grade 10 they are no longer eligible for free School Dental check-ups and treatment?

   • Make sure your Grade 10 child doesn’t miss out! If they haven’t had their annual free check-up and treatment yet contact the Mount Isa Dental Clinic today.

3. Did you know, you need to contact us to register your child with the School Dental Service? Consent forms don’t go home through class any more.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE TODAY:

• Email: MT_ISA_Dental_Admin@health.qld.gov.au
  Please make sure you tell us your child’s details:
  o Child’s full name
  o Child’s date of birth
  o Postal address
  o Phone number
  o Grade, School

• Phone: 47444407 or 4744 4041
Dear Families,

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone wishing to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2015.

1. **Adults** and **children** in Year 3 or above are welcome to make the Sacraments.

2. An **Information and Registration session** will be held at **St Coleman's Church** – 5pm on **Tuesday 17th February** prior to **Ash Wednesday Mass** at 6pm.
   - Fr Mick Lowcock will be addressing the meeting.
   - Child candidates must have a parent/caregiver attend the meeting with them.
   - Please bring a copy of the **Baptism Certificate** (if you have one) to this meeting.
   - Cost per candidate is $35.00 and if possible, payable at this meeting.

3. **Candidates (with parent/caregiver)** should attend Sunday Masses at St Colman’s Parish Church – Sheaffe St 8:30am.

4. **Candidates (with parent/caregiver)** are to attend 4 Retreat days following Mass on Sunday’s as follows:

   **1st March**
   - Enrollment Ceremony with 8:30am Mass
   - Retreat 1 (following Mass)

   **Sunday 15th March**
   - Retreat 2

   **Sunday 29th March**
   - Retreat 3

   **Sunday 26th April**
   - Retreat 4

For further information please contact Mark Holmes at St Joseph’s Catholic School on **4742 1633**.

Many thanks & God bless....................
CLONCURRY FOOTBALL CLUB INC

SOCCER SIGN ON

SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY

9am to 12pm at Shire Hall Meeting Room

Squirts

Juniors (6 – 15yr boys & girls)

Senior Mens

Senior Ladies

For more information please don’t hesitate to contact Andrew Boardman (0403 778 270), or request via email andrewb@cloncurry.qld.gov.au