

6 October, 2009

From the Administration Team

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you all had a pleasant holiday and are now ready for the busy term ahead as we begin our preparations for the 2010 school year. This week we will be distributing individual reports to all students in Years 3, 5 and 7 who sat the National Test earlier this year. We have been delighted with the improvement in our results this year and this is attributed to the focus we have put on maximising the learning outcomes of all students, particularly in literacy and numeracy. Our high standards are also a result of a professional approach by teachers and dedicated students. Academically, our school continues our success story however we are equally proud of the numerous supplementary opportunities we provide for student growth and community involvement. Please visit our school website and register for our new 'E-news' to keep abreast of Clover Hill happenings!

Staff Update: Ms Nerida Grove is on long service leave for the next two weeks and we welcome Mrs Anne Webb as her replacement on 6G during this time. Ms Pauline Law is also on 2 weeks long service leave and Ms Francoise Babin will be taking 4L for the next fortnight. Ms Leanne Smith is also on 3 weeks long service leave and Ms Melissa Kerger will be taking responsibility for 1S. We also have several staff on professional development leave this week attending a district Literacy Training program—Mrs Alison Thomas will be taking 7G for Matthew Garrett, Tegan Ward will be taking 4M for Wendy McKay. We also welcome our new Guidance Officer for this term, Mrs Marlene Campbell who is replacing Liz Scott who is on some study leave and Nicole Chappel who is taking our LOTE classes whilst Kim Hepworth is on a term's long service leave.

Enrolments for 2010: A reminder that we are taking enrolments for all classes in 2010. All enrolment enquiries should be directed to Mrs Katie Kee, our Parent Liaison officer.

2010 Planning: Next week we will be distributing our 'Preparing for 2010 Parent Package' - this package will include information about our 2010 booklists, 2010 contribution scheme and 2010 class placements. Information about our contribution scheme will be further discussed at our P&C meeting this Thursday.

Student Free Day: I would like to remind you that Monday 19 October is a Pupil Free Day and our staff will be undertaking professional development activities.

Term 4 Extra Curricular Activity Timetable: This will be distributed to students next week—we thank and appreciate the number of staff who provide these activities in their personal time!

E News is coming: This will be the last hard copy of our newsletter in its current form. We have invited all families to register their electronic mailing details online so you can receive our new look newsletter which will be updated on a fortnightly basis. In this digital age communications are occurring more and more electronically. By using this new method of 'home delivery' newsletter we are hopeful that more families will have the opportunity to read our newsletter, and as such, know more about what is happening in our school. If you want to access our newsletter you will need to register at the following link: <http://mailouts.austnews.com/au/subscription/clover-hill-ss.html> If you have difficulties contact help@austnews.com.au

Have a great week!

Gayle Alessio – Principal Ursula Carty, Regan Gant, Kathy Cavanagh – Assistant Principals

DATES TO REMEMBER!

6 October:	Protecting Teens in the Cyber World
19 October:	Student Free Day
23 October:	Danc'eD in the Spotlight (Gold Coast Arts Centre)
28 October	Prep Enrolment Information Session 6-7pm
30 October	World Teachers' Day
2-5 November	Year 6 Leadership Camp
16 Nov – 4 Dec	Year 5-7 Lifesaving program – dates to be confirmed
19 November	Awards Excellence Evening at Miami High Great Hall
30 Nov – 10 Dec	Year 2-4 Swimming Program – dates to be confirmed
3 December	School Community Christmas Concert
7 December	Junior Swimming Carnival
8 December	Senior Swimming Carnival
9 December	Year 7 Graduation Evening
10 December	End of Year Class Celebration (Red Day)



SWINE FLU UPDATE:

Australia moved to the 'protect' phase in June to manage the Human Swine Influenza which recognises that the virus is not as severe for the general population as originally envisaged and that the majority of people who contract the virus are making a quick and full recovery. On 30 September, the Australian Government introduced a national program to vaccinate people who are most vulnerable to severe complications from infection with the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Virus (Human Swine Flu). Information about the new vaccination program is detailed in the attached letter. Education Queensland is continuing to work closely with Queensland Health and will be guided by the advice provided by their medical experts in relation to any situations where action by schools would benefit the school and broader community. The symptoms of swine flu are similar to those of seasonal influenza, including: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. For further information on Human Swine Influenza or the national vaccination program, talk to your GP or contact 13 HEALTH.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Student Awards

Prep M	Jordie Phelps	Prep D	Deklan Mitchell	1H	Jonah Berlowitz
Prep K	Connie Howell		Cooper Parkes		Tagore Fennell
	Tyler Robinson	Prep V	Tyler Vitale	1V	Trinity Aslangul
Prep G	Madison Power		Alarna Heath		Kasey Turner
	Harmony Yarrow	1S	Ethan Minogue	1M	Piper Nairn
Prep S	Mary Patching		Natasha Patterson		Lachlan Hughes
	Sammy Sowery	1T	Eden Rose Oldham		
2S	All Children		Madison Wilson		
2L	Hayley McGuire	2M	Lily Davis	3S	Solomon Tupou
2M	Storme Pomfrett	2C	Codie Ives	3K	Brianna Corbett
4G	Riley Snushall	4T	Katelyn Wakefield	5H	Tessa Aslangul
4G	Rhyia Klimenko	4L	Brianna Varcoe	5A	Rhiannon Rogers
4M	Natashja Najjar	5O	Zac Warry	5L	Tayla Harper

Assembly Times

Years 2—3 and 7C

Thursday 9:00am-9:30am

Years 4-6 and 6/7C

Thursday 2:30pm-3:00pm

Prep-Year 1 and 7G

Friday 9:00am-9:30am



Ho Ho Ho Ho!!!! - CHRISTMAS/CELEBRATION CARDS

Congratulations to the teachers and students for their very best artwork when creating the Christmas / Celebration Cards. Thank you to the many families who have ordered their Christmas/Celebration cards. It is not too late to order. We will be taking payment this week at the tuckshop from 8.30am - 9.30am. (WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY) LAST DAY TO ORDER AND PAY IS THIS FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2009! Ho Ho Ho!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS CREATIVE INITIATIVE

Katie Kee-Parent Liaison Officer



IMPORTANT MEDICAL ALERT

It is the responsibility of every school to ensure that students are appropriately cared for and a safe environment is provided. At Clover Hill State School we take this responsibility very seriously and student welfare and safety is paramount. We have several students at this school who suffer from a life threatening allergy to all nut products and will have a severe reaction to the slightest contact with such.

If these children come into contact with a nut product they will go into an anaphylactic shock and require emergency treatment. An Action Plan has been put in place to manage this situation and staff members have been trained to handle this should it occur. The parents of these students and the school ask for your support to assist with this situation by not bringing nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or nutella to school. Our school Canteen has reviewed its menu and has removed any products containing nuts.

We seek your support and hope you understand the importance of this request.

For more information you can go to this web site [www.anaphylaxis](http://www.anaphylaxis.com.au) Australia or contact the Parent Liaison Officer Katie Kee on 5559-4111.

PROTECTING TEENS IN THE CYBER WORLD

Where: Robina High School

When: 6 October, 2009

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: Free

This is an up to date presentation that will inform the audience of indicators that a child might be at risk on the internet, techniques used by online predators and steps you can take to help teens keep safe on the internet.

DENTAL NEWS

Delays in treating students: We thank you for your patience in waiting for your child to have their dental check. There have been 4-5 months delays in having dental consent forms processed within our organisation. Please be assured your child will be seen. The Dental Van will be at the school for quite a while yet!

Oral Hygiene

For continued oral health it is important to:

Brush teeth and gums twice daily with a small, soft toothbrush. Limit sweet acidic drinks like soft drinks, sport drinks and juices. Eat a healthy balanced diet and drink more water.



From the P&C Team

Tuckshop News

Welcome back!

Look out for a new Summer Menu in the next couple of weeks. Any suggestions for items please let me know.

Also we are in the process of going online!! You will be able to order and pay at home at your convenience!!

Don't forget anytime you can spare an hour or two think of us. We can always use an extra set of hands. Have a great week!!

Kelly Wilson-Tuckshop Convenor

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop hours: Wednesday 8:30-9:30am Closed Friday 18 September, 2009

Email orders to: chuniforms@hotmail.com

Thank you for all the plastic bags, we have plenty now.

Lisa McFadden-Uniform Shop Convenor

Book Pack Information

Book Packs for 2010 will be coming home within the next week.



MOVEMENT CHOIR COSTUMES

The Movement choir will be performing 'Summer Nights' for our next big performance, and to make the song extra exciting will again be wearing costumes. A note has been distributed to Choir members outlining what costumes will be needed for each part. If you have not received this note, please see Miss Stubbs in the Music Room.

Thankyou so much to Sharon Litchfield, Amy Howard and Mandy Somers who all volunteered to assist with the making of the '60's skirts for a number of children to wear for this song!!! Sharon, you are a legend!!

Costumes will be required by Week 5 this term. Thankyou so much for your support!

Benita Stubbs & Martina French

KEYBOARD LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning keyboard this term please contact our wonderful keyboard teacher **Ronlyn**

Adams on 0422 585 709 or 5559 1459.

Lessons are \$10.00 + GST per lesson (term by term payments)

Prep – year 7 students all welcome

Lessons held in the Music Room here at school on Thursday and Friday mornings



AND OUR TALENT QUEST FINALISTS ARE.....

Melanie Sharp

Megan Somers

Tyler Bishop/Brodie Hargraves/Casey Hargraves

Chloe Duncanson

Jasmine Ferguson

Joey Hung



Congratulations to our finalists, and to all of the talented students who competed. It was a really tough job narrowing down the contestants to just a few!!

We will see the Finalists this **Friday the 9th of October for the finals.**

Finals will be held in the Tuckshop area at 1:00pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back from the Holidays.

6K have a wonderful display in the Library!!! If you have any spare time please make sure you pop in and have a look.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As a part of our school's new approach towards the way we communicate with you, we are excited to inform you that we will be offering interactive, graphically rich, full colour electronic newsletters to all our parents in Term 3.

The concept of eNews is similar to the printed paper newsletters which we already send out regularly, but with added benefits - eNews is personally delivered directly to your email inbox via the Internet. This delivery method has many advantages.

It is cost effective, time efficient & personalised to your name. Most importantly the school receives this service completely free of charge from Australian Newsletter Services who also supply our paper newsletters with the help of advertisers.

To receive this service all you need is a computer with internet access and email. Those who currently do not have internet access at home can still receive our traditional paper newsletter.

With our eNews service the distance between the school and parents will be further shortened as the parents will be able to experience firsthand what activities the school is currently undertaking and the latest information on Academic, Health, Sport and other areas that may interest you. This way the whole family can share the success stories of your children as these eNewsletters can be forwarded to anyone with email.

To sign up for our eNewsletter please type in the link below into the address bar of your browser. Australian Newsletter Services has made the signup process automated and only takes a few minutes when prompts are followed. Your email address will only be used to send out school eNews and nothing else. <http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/clover-hill-ss.html>

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