Congratulations to everyone on a successful start to our 2016 school year. We’d like to commence this newsletter by thanking everyone for their support and contribution to our wonderful start. To our staff who have been back at school prior to the students arrival updating and refining their skills and preparing their classrooms and our school, to the parents and carers who have prepared their students for learning in having them uniformed and equipped and to our students who have entered the new year with optimism and diligence, we pass on a heartfelt thank you. This great start is a result of the teamwork which exists within our school community.

At Clover Hill State School we believe that our community plays a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for children. We understand the importance of engaging with parents and communities to work together to maximise student learning outcomes. The research tells us parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes. The educating of our students is a shared responsibility, benefiting all students, our society and economy as a whole. Therefore, we invite parents and broader community members have a reciprocal responsibility to engage with schools.

Schools are better able to support student achievement by developing strong engagement with and between:

- students
- teachers
- parents and carers
- support staff
- community, industry and business groups.

The quality of these relationships will determine the quality of the learning.

**Staffing:** This week we welcomed Mrs Kelly Clark to our school. Mrs Clark joins our Executive Team as Assistant Principal. She will be supporting our year 2, 3 and CC classes. The students and staff have a done a wonderful job in making Mrs Clark feel very welcome as I am sure you will.

This week we farewell Mr Stasuik who will be taking time to mend his injured knee. As a school community we know that you will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him soon. Whilst Mr Stasuik will be missed we have great pleasure in
welcoming Miss Krystal Lawsen to Team Clover in 6C.

**Mianyang Talent School:** Over 4 days at the start of this year we have had the privilege of hosting staff and 33 students from the Mianyang Talent School in China. This opportunity has enabled our students to assist our Chinese visitors to practice their English and enabled our teachers to expand their sense of community. Much thanks to our organiser Mrs Jenny Tobin and to Mrs Jenny Hargraves and Mrs Hayley Coonan who took charge of the students. Thanks also the students who volunteered to be buddies with our visiting students and our teachers who welcomed them into their classes. The Principal of the Mianyang Talent School (a school of 6600 students) was very impressed with his visit telling us this was the best school he has ever visited. What we most loved about hosting international students was the sense of enjoyment, fun and wonder that our students displayed. This was an unexpected bonus of this visit.

**Meet the teacher:** At the beginning of each school year, parents and carers are invited to attend our annual ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoons. These afternoons are spread across the week and offer an opportunity for our teachers to engage with families to discuss their aspirations and expectations for the school year. We encourage all parents and carers to take the time to come in and meet their child’s teachers to demonstrate our shared belief that the education of our students is a shared responsibility, benefiting all of our students.

**Monday**
- 3:15 – 4:00 Year 1
- 4:00 – 4:45 Year 6

**Tuesday**
- 3:15 – 4:00 Year 3
- 4:00 – 4:45 Year 5

**Wednesday**
- 3:15 – 4:00 Year 2
- 4:00 – 4:45 Year 4

**Thursday**
- 3:15 – 4:00 Prep
- 4:00 – 4:45 CCB & CCG

**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 [https://www.allergyfacts.org.au](https://www.allergyfacts.org.au) or contact the School Office on 5559-4111

**Communication update:** At Clover Hill State School we have a multitude of ways that we provide updates and information for our school community. These include:

- Emails/Updates from class teachers
- Clover Hill State School Website – General School Information [https://cloverhillss.eq.edu.au](https://cloverhillss.eq.edu.au)
- QParents App – A secure application which allows registered users to access report cards, monitor student attendance including notifying the school of absences and managing school financial matters.
- QSchools App – Receive school notifications, news updates, access the school calendar, read newsletters, and much more.
- Facebook - We use this social media site to provide our community with school updates. We are very proud of Clover Hill State School and look forward to widening our communication to all of our families. Our Facebook site will not replace our fortnightly newsletter but it will enable us to be a bit more current with our news – please like us.

We would encourage all families to access these communication tools to remain informed.

**The School Locker:** The School Locker does an amazing job of supplying our school uniforms and keeping our students looking smart. We are pleased to announce that through our arrangement with The School Locker families are able to use their services to purchase a number of other items beyond school uniforms. The School Locker have added BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) to their online Clover Hill store where parents can access discounted prices using their ‘Student Advantage Card’. If you are shopping around for a device, we...
Safety and Welfare of Students: In the interest of safety we would like parents to support and reinforce efforts by insisting that:

- children know the basic traffic rules;
- children cross the road only at crossings;
- bicycles are in good condition;
- cyclists wear helmets;
- students do not ride or bring to school, scooters and / or skateboards.
- parents park legally when dropping off and picking up children;
- children ‘walk’ their bicycles across the crossing and into and out of the school grounds and to and from the bike racks;
- children do not loiter on the way to school or home from school; and
- children to be aware of the ‘stranger danger’ concept.

Have a great fortnight

Yours in Education,
Regan Gant (Principal)
on behalf of the Clover Hill State School staff
There are three options for payment. Our due dates are the absolute cut off points for payment.

Please pay early to avoid any disappointment for any school event.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING: Direct Payment into School Bank Account
School’s Bank Account Name: Clover Hill State School General A/C
BSB Number: 064-486 (CBA Branch Robina)
Account Number: 1009 8071
Reference/Details: Please record the “Student/Family Name and class” in the reference/details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly.

PAYING IN PERSON: Payment by Credit Card, Debit Card, Cash.
Payment can be made at the school office Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am to 10:00am.

Credit Card and Debit Cards (EFTPOS), Cash and Cheques are accepted.

PAYING BY PHONE: Payment by Credit Card ONLY
Call the school on (07) 5559 4111, Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8:00am & 10:00am
Please have your credit card details with you when you call.
VISA, Mastercard and Bankcard accepted.

Volunteer Induction
Welcome to 2016! We are so very fortunate to have so many parents and friends of our school that are willing to volunteer their help. Every year as mandated by Education Queensland, we conduct Volunteer Induction, and cover areas such as Code of Conduct, Child Safety and Protection and our Emergency Evacuation Procedures.

You must attend this induction before you work as a volunteer in our school regardless if you have attended an Induction in previous years.

Our volunteer induction will be: Tuesday 16 February 2016
9.00 am – 10.00 am in the school hall.

Areas of the school that require the help of volunteers:
Clover Hill garden and orchard, Reading Club, Boost Mentors (School Chaplaincy Team) Parent Partnerships in Learning (academic mentors) Library Resourcing, Classroom helper and the P&C team. There are many opportunities to connect with our great school!

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 16 February.

Mrs. Katie Kee kkee2@eq.edu.au

Senior Sport News
Oceanic District Swimming Carnival – Thursday 18th of February
Senior Cross Country Carnival – Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} of March

**OCEANIC DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The students who qualified for the Oceanic District Swimming Carnival will receive a letter this week. If you have any further questions about the carnival please contact Mrs Heinemann. ahein31@eq.edu.au

**PE LESSONS – YEARS 4/5/6 AND CC CLASSES**

This term we are focusing on preparation for the Cross Country Carnival. Students need to ensure they have their hats and water bottles each week for PE. Weather permitting the carnival will run on Thursday the 17\textsuperscript{th} of March where students will be required to run the following distances:

- 9 and 10 year olds – 2 kilometres
- 11 and 12 year olds – 3 kilometres

Students will be encouraged to complete the distance with time not being an issue. All participants will earn points for their sports house.

**OCEANIC DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS**

Any girls born 2004 or 2005 who play club Netball and who would like to try out for the Oceanic District Girls Netball Team please see Mrs Heinemann on a Thursday or Friday.

Any girls born 2004 or 2005 who play club Soccer and who would like to try out for the Oceanic District Soccer Team please see Mrs Heinemann on a Thursday or Friday.

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**Junior Sport News**

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As part of Clover Hill State Schools Health and Physical Education Curriculum Program for semester one 2016, Year 1 and 2 children will be required to participate in a swimming program to develop various aquatic skills.

The swimming program is implemented to meet Health and Physical Education curriculum outcomes for semester one. Participation is therefore compulsory; students not participating will be required to bring a medical certificate detailing any condition that prevents their involvement in this program.

Qualified AUSTSWIM teachers will conduct our Year 1 swim program at Somerset College Pool.

**When:**

ALL students in Year 2 will participate in a total of nine 30-minutes sessions to be held over the following dates:

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ALL students in Year 1 will participate in a total of eight 30-minutes sessions to be held over the following dates:

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Transport:
Classroom teachers will walk with their students to Somerset College to participate in their scheduled swimming lesson.

What your child/children need:

- Your child will need to bring the following item to each swimming lesson
- Swimmers (girls MUST have a one-piece, board shorts are acceptable for boys)
- Swimming Shirt or Rashie
- Swimming cap
- Goggles
- Underwear to change into after swimming lessons
- Sunscreen for sun protection while in the water
- A broad-brimmed hat (NO caps) for sun protection while not in the water

Payments:
Please ensure Year 2 Payments are made by 17th February 2016
Please ensure Year 1 payments are made by 4th March 2016
Mrs Murray
Prep to Year 3 PE Teacher

bmurr123@eq.edu.au

Music News
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The following are the rehearsal times for Choir: All children welcome to come along.
Rehearsal begins from week 4.
Years 2,3 Junior Choir - Tuesday 11:00-11:30
Years 4,5,6 Senior Choir - Monday 8:00-8:45
Ms. Zeina Jalilian
zjalia@eq.edu.au

String Instrumental Music Program
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Welcome to the String Program for 2016. All lessons will begin in full next week (11th and 12th February). If you have not received a welcome note or relevant timetable of lessons for term one then please check the Music window.

It’s time to start playing at home for all continuing students. We are all a little rusty, but very soon some beautiful sounds will start to emerge!

For more information please do not hesitate to email me kkric1@eq.edu.au
Kylie Krick
String Teacher

Chappy News
Published by Clover Hill State School
Welcome back to all our Clover families for a fresh new year.

Also a big welcome and hello to all our new families.

For those who don’t know me, or my role, I am Mr Rob and I am the Chaplain here at Clover. My office is up in the Learning Hub and my days this year will be Monday’s, Wednesday, and Fridays. Sometimes it is difficult to describe my role here at Clover (officially I am here to offer Emotional, Social and Spiritual support to all Students, Staff and Families in whatever forms that takes). I guess some of our current staff often wonder what I do, apart from being a whiz at handball; I am part of the support staff here at Clover. As the year goes on you will notice me around doing a lot of varied things, from running programs such as Rock and Water, Drumbeat, Energise Club and Brekky Club to connecting with students in the playground and supporting/serving students, staff and families in whichever way the Chaplaincy program and myself can.

I love my days here at Clover but I do understand some times we may not love this particular day as much as the previous. So if you ever want a chat about your day, I will do my best to make myself available. I feel at Clover we have fantastic supporting staff and together it makes Clover what it is. I am looking forward to another amazing and perhaps busy year.

If you have any questions regarding my role or just want to chat, feel free to track me down. You can ask the wonderful ladies at reception or ph 0415615076. Cheers, Rob

Canteen News
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Welcome back to another fantastic year of Tuckshop treats and specials. Hopefully you have received a copy of our NEW Tuckshop menu, and have seen all the great items available, along with the fantastic Weekly Specials.

Week 3 Special is a yummy HOT DOG $3.

We have lots of great specials coming up this term, so keep your eyes open for flyers coming home.

SUSHI DAY is coming on Monday the 15th of Feb notes home soon.

Save time and order online!
Go to www.munchmonitor.com
Enter username: cloverss
Enter password: munch4213
Enter your own username (email address) and password. Click create your account.
An important email will be sent to you.
Find the email and activate your account.
Follow the steps to complete the setup.
Once you have put money in your account you can order 24/7!
Need more info? Email help@munchmonitor.com

We look forward to your support this year.
Thank You
Nicky & Kerry

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Venue: Salk Oval, Palm Beach
Address: Thrower Drive, Palm Beach
Cost: $70
For more information contact: Eunice on 0438 172 716
Or visit www aflauskick.com.au
Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.

Communication, Speech and Performance Class
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SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASS is now registered as COMMUNICATION, SPEECH AND PERFORMANCE CLASS, will be held on Wednesdays 3 to 5pm for Years 1-6 in the music room, at Clover Hill state primary school. This structured yearly class builds and improves self confidence and self esteem while practicing and developing oral communication and leadership techniques and playing at problem solving life skills.

A public speaking class, for years 7-12 is also available by appointment. (Approx. 40% of secondary school marks are based on oral assessments (i.e. public speaking).

accelerate and extend your child’s reading and speaking abilities effectively, have fun learning through storytelling, role playing, mime & improvisation.
voice care (projection, delivery, enunciation and speech exercises – phonetics i.e. stepping stones to the processing of sounds to words etc)
weekly speaking tasks (poems, readings, prose, informal speeches, formal speeches and plays – monologues, duologues and drama.
games for listening, observation, focus, self control & awareness of feelings etc

Public presentation events – opportunities in 4x Eisteddfods, 2x public speaking competitions, 1x exam, 4 x end of year presentations & an end of year concert.

Class trials their first 3 weeks starting Wednesday 10th February. $22 per class. Small Limited numbers taken. Parents welcome to sit in on the class. Local teacher of 35 years.
Enrol now in preparation for future performances and presentations. Phone Karen Sleep 55732009/ 0438732009 to enroll. Empower your child for life.