From the Principal

Congratulations to everyone on a successful start to our 2017 school year and my thanks to staff, students and parents in welcoming me back as Principal of Clover Hill State School. I am very proud of Clover Hill State School and thank students, staff and parents/carers for your collective efforts in ensuring we were ‘ready’ for a smooth start to the year. This great start is a result of the teamwork which exists within our school community so it is an opportune time to remind everyone that the strength of our school is not measured through the individual achievements of some ‘high achievers’ but rather our success and reputation is generated through the collective efforts of everyone within our school community committing to work in partnership together. Please remember that there is no “I” in “TEAM”. In fact TEAM stands for “Together Everyone Achieves More”. Let’s embrace these sentiments as a collective whole by respecting each other and staying passionate in furthering Clover Hill as a school of “Excellence” in 2017.

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.

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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 would suggest you check out what they have on offer by visiting their online store (http://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/clover-hill-state-school).

**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 (and their parents) cross the road only at crossings;
- bicycles are in good condition;
- cyclists wear helmets;
- 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;
- children be aware of the ‘stranger danger’ concept.

**Neighbourly Relations:** In the interest of maintaining good relations with our neighbours, we ask that parents refrain from parking in the visitor’s carpark in the complex adjoining our school.

**Accident insurance cover for students:** Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

*Have a great fortnight!*

Gayle Alessio (Principal) on behalf of the Clover Hill State School staff
Sport News

PE for 2017 is up and running and we are looking forward to another fantastic year filled with fun games and improving skill development across a range of sports.

Prep to Year 2 are focusing on a Gross Motor Program in the first 5 to 6 weeks of Term 1 and then begin training for their Junior Cross Country Carnival which is held early in Term 2.

Years 3 to 6 are straight into fitness training and distance running training to help improve their fitness and prepare them for their respective Cross Country Carnivals.

To assist your child in this preparation you may like to get involved and share in some training with them in any spare time you have.

Year 1 and Year 2 have their swimming lessons in Term One. Please make sure you make your payments by the due date to ensure your child can be included. Year 2 students will be swimming in Weeks 7 and 8. Year 1 and Year 1-2 students will be swimming in Weeks 9 & 10.

Please read the following information, the note has already been sent home, however if you do not have one please refer to the Clover Hill Website or see the ladies in the office.

As part of Clover Hill State Schools Health and Physical Education Curriculum Program for Semester one 2017, your child will be required to participate in a swim program to develop various aquatic skills. Please read the information
contained within this letter and return all relevant sections at your earliest convenience to the office.

**Curriculum Focus:**

The swimming program is implemented to meet Health and Physical Education 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.

**Venue**

Qualified AUSTSWIM teachers will conduct our Year 1 and 2 swim program at Somerset College Pool.

**When**

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

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**Transport**

Classroom teachers will escort students by foot from Clover Hill State School 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

Thank you,

Mrs. Murray bmurr123@eq.edu.au

PE Specialist

DISTRICT SPORTS – Upcoming TERM 1 Trials

A calendar of the full year’s trials will also be placed outside the P.E Department (upper level I block office) for students. It is also on the website. Students are also notified via their class teachers.

Please contact Miss McKeen or Mrs Murray in the P.E Department (via email) if your child wishes to trial so they can have the necessary paperwork before.
Note: Change in dates can be made and the department notified, which we then update.
Note: New dates for Rugby League.

Girls AFL Trials
Any interested girls from Year 4, 5, 6 please contact Miss McKeen in the P.E Department.

Any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact Miss McKeen cxmck5@eq.edu.au

CHSS SPECIALIST SCIENCE NEWS

Welcome back to the returning families and welcome to all of the new families to Clover Hill.

My name is Mr. Maddock and I am the Specialist Science Teacher at Clover Hill.

At Clover Hill we are very fortunate to have a specially designed Science Lab with all of the necessary equipment for a variety of science activities and investigations. I have also been fortunate to be the Specialist Science teacher over the last 6 years where I teach a variety or year level and classes science, as well as coordinating and running a host of other science activities such as Science Week, Gold Coast Science Competition, STEM Cup challenges, Pop Up Science Centres, Gold Coast Science Trivia Challenge, Science Club, Science Days of Excellence, Solar Boat Challenges; many of which will be happening again this year.
At the end of last year I was very honoured to receive the “Griffith University ‘Science On the Go!’, ‘McIlwain Award’” for Service to Science Education, which was a fantastic acknowledgement from the local science education community and Griffith University.

Each year I look forward to finding more exciting ways to stimulate the students’ engagement and interest in science and the world around them.

Please see below for CHSS 2017 Science Diary dates.

**SPECIALIST SCIENCE LESSONS**

I will be working with the Year 2 and Year 3 classes this year, as well as the Year 1/2 class. The students begin learning about what science is and developing their science safety skills.

In term one the Year 2’s are learning about the Earth’s resources in an Earth Sciences unit called “Water Works”. The Year 3’s are learning about heat in a Physical Science unit called “Heating up” in Specialist Science lessons as well as completing a Biological Science unit with their classroom teacher. The Year1/2 class will be completing a
Biological Science unit called “Dinosaurs and more” where they will learn about a variety of different creatures and their habitats. The students’ will be developing Science Inquiry Skills, asking the question “Why is it so?” and learning how to do science note booking and fair testing.

**SCIENCE CLUB**

Science Club will be starting in week 4. Science Club aims to promote science, and provide students with opportunities for academic challenge and extension. Science Club is free and open to all students from Year 1 to year 6, and is held in the Science Lab on Wednesdays at first break with Mr. Maddock.

Each week students are able to come into the Science Club and do a range of activities from “Exploring the science lab”, doing a science experiment, watching a science documentary or finding out about a science internet site.

**STEaM**

What is STEaM? STEaM stands for Science Technology Engineering arts and Maths (similar to STEM, Science Technology Engineering and Maths). On Tuesday and Thursday I will be seeing classes from Prep to year 6 across each term where the students will participate in a range of STEaM activities designed to challenge and inspire their STEaM skills.

**WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

If you love Science and are looking for something to do on a weekend soon, then check out the World Science Festival which is once again being held in Brisbane on Wednesday 22nd – Sunday 26th March.

Go to the website at [www.worldsciencefestival.com.au](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au) to see what’s on.

**2017 Science Diary Dates:**

- **World Science Festival** – Brisbane 22-26 March, 2017
- Cutting Edge for Kids – 22nd June Griffith University
- **STEM CUP** – Term 2 and Term 4 (Yr. 5-6, more information soon)
- **National Science Week** - 2017 Theme: “Australia’s sustainability science” 12-20st August 2017
- **Griffith Science trivia Competition** – (Yr. 6 -12) August 15th 2017
- **Gold Coast Schools pop up Science Centre** – August 20th 2017
- **Griffith University Gold Coast Science Competition** (Yr. Prep – 12) 28 Aug - 31st Aug 2017

Mr. Maddock, CHSS Specialist Science Teacher

gmadd4@eq.edu.au
Absence Line

Clover Hill has a student absence line that parents can text their child’s absence to. The number is 0437 891 272.

Facebook
www.facebook.com/CloverHillStateSchool

Clover Hill Canteen

To order your child’s lunch via munch monitor please see below:
www.munchmonitor.com
Username: cloverss
Password: munch4213

Please note there are 2 ways of ordering Tuckshop:
* munchmonitor.com
* brown bag over the counter at the tuckshop.

If you need any more information on either of these please do not hesitate to call and ask.

Phone orders for students, will not be accepted, unless under emergency situations.

Existing users please make sure you update your child’s class for 2017.

Banking Hours
The banking window is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8am and 10am ONLY.

Clover Hill prefers Internet Banking.
The details for internet banking is always provided on every payment note.

QSchools
Have you downloaded the QSchools app?
Please make Clover Hill State School a favourite.
Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday: 8:15 am – 10:30am
Thursday: 8:15am – 10:30am

P and C News

The Clover Hill P&C Team welcome you to 2017! It is going to be another great year full of P&C run events and activities. Please come along to our first meeting of the year to learn how you can help us make this year the best so far!
First meeting of the year: 15 February 3:15pm Learning Hub
AGM: 15 March 3:15pm Learning Hub

Music News

Do you love singing?! Our fabulous choirs are starting up again next week (week 3)!! Any keen singers are welcome to join!! If you are interested, please come along to the following rehearsal times next week:

**Year 1 (Sing for Fun):** Thursday 11:00am – 11:40am in the music room
**Year 2 & 3 (Junior Choir):** Tuesday 11:00am – 11:40am in the music room
**Senior Choir:** Tuesday 8:00am – 8:45am in the music room

A note will be distributed to children interested in joining the Senior Choir this year. Please bring your signed permission note with you to our first rehearsal. Notes will be distributed to Junior Choir and Sing for Fun in the coming weeks.
Hope to see you there!! 😊

**Clovers’ Got Talent**
Remember to start rehearsing for the 2017 Clover’s Got Talent Heats. This year students will be able to take part in **ONE** performance only.
It’s never too early to start rehearsing!! 😊

Zeina Jalilian and Benita Laird – Music Specialists

**Piano Lessons**
Private lessons are available with Ronlyn Adams: Ph: 0422 585 709
SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASS in the Meeting room of the Hall on Wednesdays from 3 – 5pm for years 1-6.
These classes improve self confidence and self esteem, leadership techniques and problem solving; important life skills.

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

Small limited numbers taken. $23 per class. Class trials their first 3-4lessons. Parents welcome to sit in on the class. It is a structured yearly programme. Enrol now in preparation for future performances and presentations. Phone Karen, on 55461692 / 0438732009; Local teacher (36 years) of Communication, Speech and Performance. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD FOR LIFE.

Gold Coast SUNS Family Day
Come down and join the Gold Coast SUNS players to celebrate everything AFL

Where: Metricon Stadium, Nerang Broadbeach Rd Carrara
When: Saturday 11th February from 8am to 12:30pm
Cost: FREE

Your local Junior AFL club is Mudgeeraba Spartans J AFC – sign up on the day or at Somerset College, Somerset Drive, Mudgeeraba on Saturday 4th March from 9:00am – 12noon

For more information on Mudgeeraba J AFC AFL Auskick or Junior AFL please contact:
Kristy on 040419507131 or at spartansjafc@gmail.com
To register for Auskick please go to www.aflauskick.com.au

Expect Excellence
Frequently asked questions

Can I get a bus pass?

There are a number of general criteria that apply to STAS. Where a student is eligible for STAS, there are two types of bus assistance available, distance based and Safety-Net travel. Visit www.translink.com.au/schooltransport for eligibility details and to print the relevant application form.

Where do I send the form to?

Applications for 2017 can be submitted now to
Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
Robina QLD 4230
Or
Email: gcschools@tagroup.net.au

Who needs to apply?

If this is the first time you are applying for assistance to travel or you are moving schools, changed address, repeating a grade or are moving from primary school to secondary school you need to apply now.

Existing bus pass holders

If your details will not be changing from 2016 to 2017 you do not have to reapply.

Students who hold a 2016 bus pass will be able to travel with that pass until 24 February 2017. This allows some time for the 2017 passes to be made.

If you lose your 2016 bus pass you will have to apply to Surfside Buslines for a replacement.

How do I get my bus pass?

Surfside will process applications over the Christmas school holidays so your pass will be sent to your school for you to collect.

What if my pass hasn’t arrived by 24 Feb 2017?

Without written confirmation from TMR stating your application has been approved you will need to pay the full cost of travel. These fares are not refundable.

What if I am not eligible for STAS?

The Queensland Government offers children and students a 50% concession fare by purchasing a TransLink go card. Passengers aged 5-14 years are eligible for a child concession fare.

Full time students 15 years or older are eligible for a Student Concession go card. To receive a concession fare, students must always carry an approved Queensland student photo identification card or wear an official Queensland school uniform.

Timetables

Use the TransLink journey planner to plan your travel to and from school. There are helpful tips on how to plan and how to catch a bus. Alternatively telephone 13 12 30.

Check out the new MyTransLink app. All bus, train, ferry and tram information is in the palm of your hand with customisable features so you will always get the updates that matter to you.

Further information

For more information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme, the Code of Conduct for School Children Travelling on Buses and Timetables visit: www.translink.com.au
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