From the Principal

At Clover Hill State School we believe that our community plays a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children. We understand the importance of engaging with parents and communities to work together to maximise student learning outcomes. The research tells us that the most meaningful partnerships are those where schools, parents, students and the community work together to focus on student learning. Parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes. The education of our students is a shared responsibility, benefiting all students, our society and economy as a whole. Therefore, parents and broader communities have a reciprocal responsibility to engage with schools. As we continue our journey as an Independent Public School we look forward to progressing the establishment of our School Council this year.

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
- 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 tools to remain informed.
**School Leaders:** Last Thursday we presented our 2017 Student Leaders with their badges. These students will conduct weekly student council meetings to put forward ideas on how we can further improve our school from a student’s perspective.

**School Captains:** Isabella and Ky  
**School Vice Captains:** Indigo and Nicholas

**Sports Captains**
- **Dingo:** Eli and Jayde  
- **Jabiru:** Jeremy and Cierra  
- **Koala:** Kayla and Reuben  
- **Wallaby:** Josie and Lawsen

**Environmental Leaders:** Rylee and Aaliyah

**Multimedia Leaders:** Jai and Blair

**Performing Arts Leaders**
- **Band:** Jake  
- **Choir:** Charlie  
- **Dance:** Danyka  
- **Strings:** Lydia

**Safety and Welfare of Students:** The safety and welfare of all of our students is of paramount importance. We ask that all members of our community support and reinforce the following information around pick up and drop off times.

- **Be patient.** Parking in and around our school is a challenge for us all; please work with what we have and exercise care and consideration.
- **Park safely and in the right places.** (Police and Gold Coast City Council Inspectors do patrol the area so please obey the road rules and avoid the unwanted attention)
- **Stay with your car in the Stop, Drop and Go.** (If you want to walk your child in, please park elsewhere.)
- **After school,** children are supervised at the Stop, Drop and Go and are loaded into vehicles at the tennis court end only.

*Have a great fortnight!*

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

**DATE CLAIMERS**

- **15 February**  
  P&C Meeting at 3:15pm in Learning hub (library)  
  Child care provided!!
- **16 February**  
  Year 5-6 Assembly 9:00 (Even weeks)
- **17 February**  
  Year 1 -2 Assembly 9:00am (Even weeks)
- **23 February**  
  Year 3-4 Assembly 9:00am (Odd weeks)
- **22 March**  
  P and C Disco
- **31 March**  
  Easter Hat Parade for Prep , Year 1 and Year 2.
- **31 March**  
  Last day Term 1
- **14 April**  
  Good Friday
- **18 April**  
  First day Term 2 (Tuesday)
The Way Children Think

William Shakespeare wrote: “Things are neither good nor bad but thinking makes them so.” It is now agreed that the way young people think about themselves, others and their world determines their Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along, and Resilience.

We can use the example of the Howbaddzat? Catastrophe Scale to show how children’s thinking about events determines their feelings and behaviours.

Have a look at the Howbaddzat? Catastrophe Scale. It represents different degrees of “badness” where 90-100 are things that are “awful and terrible”, 50-90 are things that are “very bad” 10-50 are things that are “bad”, and 0-10 are things that are “a bit bad”.

Now, when children get extremely upset about something that happens to them that is bad but not the worst thing that could happen to them, they blow the event out of proportion and think to themselves: “This is the worst thing in the world – a real catastrophe.”

Here are some events that young people tend to blow out of proportion:

- Making mistakes, not understanding the teacher, being called a silly name, someone cheating in a game, having to read for 30 minutes on a topic that is “boring”, having to clean their room, doing homework, not being allowed to play until homework is done

- When very upset about something, they show poor resilience by getting very upset and staying upset because they think: “This is the worst thing in the world – a real catastrophe.”

We can help our children develop resilience by showing them the Howbaddzat? Catastrophe Scale and teaching them how not to blow the “badness” of events out of proportion.
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 also.

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 2 and Year 1 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 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 website to print another.

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.

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 and children from class 1-2 will participate in a total of nine 30-minute sessions to be held over the following dates:

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**Transport**

Classroom teachers will escort students to and 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
Music News

Strings Update:
We are in need of some children to play the double bass! Have you always wanted to play a stringed instrument, but don’t want to play the violin? Pre-requisite is commitment, a large car(!), students from year 3 or 4. If you would like to try out please email Mrs Krick: kkric1@eq.edu.au

Do you love singing?! Our fabulous Choirs have begun!! Any keen singers are welcome to join!! It is not too late!! 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. We start singing at 8am so please arrive by 7:50am.
A note has been distributed to children interested in joining the Senior Choir this year. Please return your signed permission note if you have not done so already. If you don’t have one you can collect one from the music room. Notes will be distributed to Junior Choir and Sing for Fun in week 5.
Hope to see you there!! ☺

Regional Music Camp
This year’s Regional Music Camp will be held at Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School. The camp will run from Monday 19 June to Thursday (evening) 22 June and will cost $295 per student.
We will nominate students who are currently enrolled in the school’s Choral or Instrumental Music Program and are high performing music students. Selected children will receive a nomination letter this week. The form needs to be returned by Friday 24 February. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Jalilian via email: zxjal0@eq.edu.au

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!! ☺

Mrs. Zeina Jalilian and Mrs. Benita Laird – Music Specialists
Science News

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE
Last Friday we celebrated INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE. Girls came to the Science Lab at lunch time to participate in a special Science activity where they mixed three different powders together to make Whiz Fizz (sherbet). The girls enjoyed making (and tasting!) the sherbet. Well done girls. The world needs more women scientists.

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. One of the activities challenged the students to make the tallest free standing tower using only paper and sticky tape and some ingenious designs were created.

STEM CUP
The STEM CUP challenge program which is run by Griffith University will be running in term 2 only this year and is open to Year 5 and 6 students. More information will be coming soon.

2017 Science Diary Dates:
- World Science Festival – Brisbane 22-26 March, 2017
- Cutting Edge for Kids – 22nd June Griffith University
- STEM CUP – Term 2 (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
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Clover Hill State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Friday from 8.30am to 9am. Each week you need to provide your deposit book to the co-ordinator in the tuckshop area.

Expect Excellence
If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the co-ordinators on banking day or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Clover Canteen

**SUSHI DAY** coming soon. Keep a look out for emails coming home in the next few days.😊

P and C News

Look out for information regarding our first school disco for 2017!
A theme will be announced next week!
The disco will be held Wednesday 22 March.