From the Principal

We look forward to welcoming you all to join us in celebrating the Twilight Fair at Clover Hill State School this Friday 19th August. An amazing evening has been planned which will be well supported by our community with a spectacular fireworks display at the end to cap off a great night. Much thanks needs to go to our P&C and especially to the organising group who have worked tirelessly in the background to ensure the event is successful. Events like these do not just happen!! Hour upon hour of time given willingly and at no price by a small number of people helps put these events together. I pass on my extreme gratitude and the gratitude of students, staff and community to this dedicated and wonderful people. We look forward to seeing you Friday!

‘Excellent’ 2016 NAPLAN Results: In terms of Clover Hill results, we are particularly proud of the achievement we have made – especially with the number of students who achieved in the upper two bands of the Naplan results.

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<td>56.4% of these students achieving in the upper 2 bands!</td>
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These results show that our focus on learning the basics is paying dividends when it comes to student performance. No doubt the tireless efforts and support offered by our teachers, school staff and parents are reflected in these encouraging results. Over next term, as a school staff we will be reviewing our school NAPLAN results thoroughly to identify opportunities and strategies for improvement over the next 12 months. It is however important to remember that NAPLAN is only part of the story – not the whole story. These tests represent just one measure of student performance.

**P&C Twilight Fair:** This Friday 19 August, the Clover Hill will hold our Twilight Fair on the school oval. The event, featuring a number of major rides, and various kids’ rides including a rollercoaster, will end with a spectacular fireworks display. (Rides operating from 2pm-7.30pm) You can save money by pre purchasing your Unlimited Ride Wristbands from [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) $25 pre-sale Unlimited rides OR Buy on the day (Unlimited rides $30, Individual ride tickets $6 or 4 for $20)

Huge rides line-up with fun for All Ages! Inc. Kids Roller Coaster, The Hurricane, Whizzer & plenty of rides for the littlies. There will be live entertainment on centre stage, carnival games and more! **FIREWORKS Finale @ 7.30pm!** Food & Beverages available for purchase

**Eisteddfod News :** It has been a busy time for staff and students as they have been preparing for this year’s Eisteddfods. A huge thank you to staff who have been coordinating additional rehearsals and costumes. Thanks to Ms Ursula Carty, Mrs Martina French, Mrs Zeina Jalilian, Mrs Kylie Krick, Mr Heath Florey and Mr Gary Reedman.

Over the last two weeks our Dance groups competed at the Gold Coast and Beenleigh Eisteddfods. At the Gold Coast Eisteddfod:
- Starlettes 1st Place;
- Dazzlers 2nd Place;
- Chillers – Highly Commended, and
- Contemporary – Very Highly Commended

At Beenleigh Eisteddfod:
- Starlettes 3rd Place;
- Chillers 1st Place;
- Contemporary 2nd Place and
- Dazzlers Highly Commended

Our Strings groups performed at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod with both receiving a Highly Commended. This week our Junior and Senior Bands and well as Chill students perform at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod with our Junior and Senior Choir performing next week. We wish all of our performers and their teachers the very best for their upcoming performances.

**Prep 2017:** Our Prep Information Session for this year has been set for Saturday 12th November 2016. We will be trialling a new format to this session and look forward to welcoming our existing and new families to this event. Although this is not till next term, parents are asked to make note of the date. Flyers will be distributed to the various child care centres to promote the Prep Information session. Also in Term Four it is planned to hold some Prep Orientation mornings for 2017 Prep students. More details will be provided early next term. Parents are asked to help promote Prep at our school and recommend that their family and friends visit Clover Hill to check out what a great school we have!

**Stop, Drop, Go Zone Courtesy:** In an effort to have a smooth departure from school, we ask the following:
- Collectors using the stop, drop and go area are to remain in their vehicle at all times.
- Collectors are to enter the stop, drop and go area near the crossing and proceed all the way towards the prep end of the area.
- Students will be required by staff to wait at the “Prep Gate” until collectors vehicles are nearby when duty teachers will release students.
- Collectors should exit the stop, drop and go area at the end of the area where they merge into traffic.

We ask that everybody remain calm and exercise patience in this regard. We also ask parents to exercise care and consideration when using this zone before school. Please do not park in this area – it is a stop, drop, go zone only. In the interest of student safety, your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please do not walk or cross through the Stop, Drop and Go areas. Please use the pedestrian crossing.
**Change to parking on Clover Hill Drive:** We recently received correspondence from the Gold Coast City Council in relation to the parking in front of the school on Clover Hill Drive. The correspondence was in relation to a request received from a parent at Clover Hill State School in relation to installing 2P parking restrictions on Clover Hill Drive, Mudgeeraba. The correspondence outlined the following information which we would like to pass on to our community.

Typically, parking restrictions such as 2P parking are only provided in commercial and business districts where parking demand is high and consequently an increase in parking turnover is required to allow access to adjacent land uses. As Clover Hill Drive is a residential area located away from any commercial centres, this type of parking restriction is not considered appropriate for this area. In addition, the installation of parking restrictions on Clover Hill Drive to Sara Carrigan Court may result in parking displacement issues to the south into the Clover Hill estate residential area.

However, in order to improve accessibility for pick-up and drop-off activities associated with the schools, it is proposed to install Loading Zones along both sides of Clover Hill Drive immediately adjacent to Clover Hill State School. These Loading Zones will permit stopping for up to 20 minutes for all vehicles (including passenger cars), and will be effective between 7am to 9am, and 2pm to 4pm on school days. The proposed length of Loading Zone provides for stopping for approximately 17 vehicles on either side of Clover Hill Drive.

The installation of these Loading Zones will prevent long-term parking occurring in this section of Clover Hill Drive during the specified times. This will then allow parents of school children to utilise these kerbside parking areas for pick-up and drop-off activities during these times.

The installation of these signs has been programmed and will be completed as soon as practicable.

Have a great fortnight,

Kind regards
Regan Gant (Acting Principal)

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**DATE CLAIMERS**

- 18 August: Gold Coast Disability Eisteddfod
- 19 August: P&C Twilight Fair
- 22-26 August: Scholastic Book Fair
- 23 August: Year 1 Excursion
- 24 August: Gold Coast Eisteddfod – Senior Choir
- 25 August: Gold Coast Eisteddfod - Junior Choir
- 26 August: Gold Coast Show Public Holiday
- 7-9 September: Year 5 Camp – Camp Goodenough
- 16 September: Last day term 3

**You Can Do It:**

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”.

Expect Excellence
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 believe children can be helped to assign a more realistic value to their concerns by developing resilience skills.

Garden Club

We are after any donations of clean, washed jars with lids to make jam with the children. Also after any Paw paw seeds to try and grow a paw paw plant from seed. Any donations of the following - cute garden statues, seedlings, seeds, geranium cuttings (for our Butterfly Garden) placed in a plastic bags or plastic pot, medium plastic pots, or any useful pots are always welcome to add to our great environmental learning resource - Clover Hill Vegetable & Butterfly Garden. We thank also the families who donated the fantastic colourful children’s wooden table and chairs for our garden last term. Simply see Office Staff (Deputy Mrs Jenny Tobin, Mrs Karen Rowe) who can direct these donations to our garden area.

Music News

The Senior Choir will have a special performance on Thursday Aug 18th at the year 4-6 assembly.

Both the Junior and Senior Choir will be performing at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod next week.

**Senior Choir** - Wednesday Aug 24 - 6:30 pm

Meeting time and place: 5:15 pm - Arts Centre

**Junior Choir:** Thursday Aug 25 - 9:00 am

Meeting time and place: 7.15am Clover Music Room to catch bus

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email: zxjal0@eq.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns.

Zeina Jalilian

Music Teacher
Sport News

OCEANIC DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Wednesday the 3rd of August was the Schools District Athletics Carnival. All students who qualified for Clover Hill’s Athletics Team performed very well. Clover Hill came 6th overall which is an excellent effort. Congratulations to all students who competed.

Special congratulations to the students who successfully qualified for the District Championship Day Carnival which was held the following week at Pizzey Park’s Athletics Field on Thursday the 11th of August.

From the District Championship Day, Clover Hill had 3 students who qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival which will be held at Griffith University Athletics Centre September 6th & 7th. Good luck to the following students:
- Shanae T – 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump
- Keely M – 100m, 200
- Avalon O – Shot put

Science News

Clover Hill volunteer scientists had a brilliant day on Sunday at the Pop Up Science Centre at Runaway Bay Sports Centre. We helped hundreds of visitors to our stall to apply the principles of chromatography to produce colourful book marks and flowers. Our scientists were really engaged explaining the science of water absorption and spreading of colours into individual layers. They all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mr Maddock, Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Tobin for their support.
Clover Hill Twilight Fair is Here again!
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Buy your tickets with confidence – This event will proceed rain, hail or shine!

"Rain or Shine, It's Fun All The Time!"

ClearSmiles Orthodontics
Stunning Smiles. Faster results!

Expect Excellence
Scholastic Book Week—Book Fair

Monday 22nd August – Wednesday 24th August

A Celebration of Literacy!

Literacy Legacy – Target 100

Located within the bookshop is our Literacy Legacy bookstand, which includes a comprehensive display of highly sought after literature for young minds. By purchasing, then donating one or more of these books, you will be contributing to the Clover Hill Literacy Legacy. Our students will benefit from your generosity for many years to come. Our target this year is 100 books. Book donors will be recognised for their contribution with a commemorative label on the inside cover.

Book Character Parade

The book character parades will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 24th August.

Coffee, muffins, cold drinks and snacks will be available for purchase from the TUCKSHOP before/after your child’s parade.
BOOK WEEK 22-24 August

CLOVER HILL BOOK FAIR
22nd, 23rd, 24th August
School Hall Meeting Room
* Mon & Tues: 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pm
* Wednesday: 8:00am-12:30pm and 2:30pm-3:30pm
  * Buy books to take home
  * Buy books for our library

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
Wednesday 24th August
School Hall
Come dressed as your favourite book character!

PREP: 9.10am-10.00am
YEAR 1: 10:10am-11:00am
YEARS 2 & 3: 11:45am-12:30pm
In this one hour seminar, Glen will share five fundamental positive parenting tools.

You’ll leave feeling equipped with the skills to better connect with your children and to empower them to tackle a complex world.

Date: Monday 5 September  
Time: 6:30pm  
Location: Performing Arts Theatre, Somerset College  
Cost: $8.00 per person

To book your tickets, please visit www.somerset.qld.edu.au.