From the Principal

As we rapidly approach the end of another school year, we reflect upon the important role that parents and community members play in their children’s education. A strong partnership between parents and schools enriches the learning experience of our students. Further to these partnerships is the role of volunteers within our school. At Clover Hill State School we are blessed to have many volunteers who willingly give their time to support our school.

“Not everything that counts can be counted. And not everything that can be counted, counts.” — Albert Einstein

What is a volunteer? What is the value of volunteering? Volunteering is about giving, contributing and helping other individuals and the community. Volunteering means working with others to make a meaningful contribution to a better community.

People volunteer for an endless variety of reasons. Many people want to gain experience, acquire new skills, meet new people or expand their network of contacts as a way to get a new job or start a career. Others just want to give back to their community, help a friend or promote a worthwhile activity. They do it because it makes them feel good.

On behalf of our school community, I pass on our sincerest thanks to all who contribute to our school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and highly valued.

Student Attendance: Each parent of a child who is enrolled at this school has the legal obligation to ensure their child attends on every school day for their educational program, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. If a student is absent for a valid reason, parents should provide a note of explanation for a child’s absence as soon as possible after the absence to the classroom.
Every day we send a text message to parents seeking an explanation for their child’s absence. Routine telephone calls will be made to the homes of students who are absent for three days and from whom there has been no notification to the school.

**Early departure from School**: For security and safety reasons, students must be signed out from the office before they can be collected from the classroom if they have to leave at any time during the day. In order to maximize learning time, early departures should be kept to a minimal.

**Late Arrivals to School**: Students must report to the administration office with a note explaining the late arrival, and obtain a late pass to present to the class teacher. We insist on students being punctual as learning begins at 8:55 am for Prep to year six students.

**Every Day Counts**: A reminder that learning time starts at 8:55am and every day/every minute counts so please ensure that your children are at school on time and that they attend school every day.

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**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 the crossing;
- 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.

**Drop Off Time of Students**: A reminder to families that the recommended arrival time in the morning is 8.30am at the earliest. Families will be contacted if students arrive before 8.00am and will be advised to make arrangements for before school care. If students arrive at 8.00am, they are to report directly to the tuck-shop under cover area. All other areas of the school are out of bounds until 8.40am.

**Prep 2017**: Our Prep Information Session for this year is this Saturday 12th November. We will be trialling a new format to this session and look forward to welcoming our existing and new families to this event. Prep 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!

**‘Day for Daniel’/Walk Safely to School/Purple Pinkie**: The Student Council would like to pass on its sincerest thanks for the support of Walk Safely to School, Day for Daniel and Purple Pinkie on the Friday 28th of October. A sea of red shirts greeted early morning commuters as many of our students met at Somerset Park before walking to school. The monies raised on the day will be distributed to the charities. We thank you again for your support and involvement.

**Poppies**: The Student Council will be selling poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day on November 11. Poppies will be on sale at the front gate on Thursday and Friday for $1.

**Have a great fortnight!**

Regan Gant (Acting Principal)
Date Claimer:

- **Friday 11 November** Remembrance Day
- **Saturday 12 November** Prep Community Information Session (2017 Preps ONLY)
- **Wednesday 16 November** Junior Awards Excellence Evening – Hall
- **Thursday 17 November** Senior Awards Excellence Evening – Hall
- **Tuesday 22 November** Orientation Sessions
- **Wednesday 30 November** Christmas Concert – Oval
- **Friday 2 December** Senior Swimming Carnival
- **Monday 5 December** Junior Swimming Carnival
- **Wednesday 7 December** Year 6 Graduation, Semester 2 Reports Emailed
- **Wednesday 8 December** Year 6 Big Day Out
- **Friday 9 December** Last Day 2016

Finance Window

2017 Student Resource scheme - $120 early bird payment per child closes Friday 18 November.
2017 Family contribution – $60 early bird per family payment closes Friday 18 November.

Please be advised the payment window will cease trading for 2016 from the 25 November.
Please make all payments before or on this date between 8-10am

Thank you CHSS Administration Team
You Can Do It:

*Resilience* is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand. Some kids are resilient by nature — their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets - independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

**Building Resilience**

From a resilience perspective, parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.
School Community Garden

The school community garden is blossoming at the moment, bringing huge smiles to the students and teachers who enjoy it every day. We would like to extend a very big thank you to the overwhelming number of student and parent volunteers who assist in nurturing and maintaining the garden. It wouldn’t be looking so abundant without the love and care you put into it each and every day. The garden is a beautiful space for our Clover Hill State School community as it provides an outlet for students to work together, relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

The School Locker

The School Locker Sale

Limited sizes and styles up to 50% off. Items will be available for purchase until end of term 4 or until they sell out. All stock is brand new and has never been worn. Get in early and grab a bargain for 2017.

Boys Cargo size 8, 10,12,14,16 - $11
Boy’s shirts size 16, xsmall, small - $9
Girls Blouses size 4, 12, 16, xsmall, small - $9
Polo size 16 - $7.50
Sport shorts size 4, 4, 16, xsmall, small - $7.50
Dress zip front size 12 - $17.00
Jackets size 4, 12, 14, and 16 - $12.25
Track Pants size 4, 6, 8, and 10 - $17.50

Also on sale at the moment is the Clark Ventura and Vancouver leather shoe Sale Price $67.00 RRP $84.95

Individual Saxophone and Clarinet reeds also now available.

Prep Try On Days

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Tuesday 22nd November

8.15 am - 1pm

Back To School January 2017

Tuesday 17th Jan 8am-1pm
Thursday 19th Jan 8am - 1pm
Friday 20th Jan 8am-12pm

Week 1 Term 1 2017

Monday 23rd Jan 8.15am – 12pm
Tuesday 24th Jan 8.15am -12pm
Friday 27th Jan 8.15am – 12pm

Week 2 Term 1 2017

Back to normal operating hours.
Sport News

Prep to Year 6 are beginning a 3/4 week AFL Program delivered by AFL Queensland. Please feel free to discuss this with your child/children and encourage them to practice the weekly skills they will be learning.

INFORMATION SHEET – JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

As part of Clover Hill State Schools Health and Physical Education Program for Semester Two 2016, Years 1-3 students will be participating in the Junior Swimming Carnival. Clover Hill State School invites all parents/guardians to come and support their child/children in this carnival.

Venue and When:

Somerset Swimming Pool on Monday 5th December (Junior Swimming Carnival) - 9:00am to 2:50pm.

Transport:

Students will walk to the pool with their class teachers, via the school crossing. Students will be walked back to school at the conclusion of the carnival.

What your child/children need:

- Swimmers (girls MUST have a one-piece, board shorts are acceptable for boys)
- A rashie or swimming shirt to go over togs
- Swimming cap and goggles
- Underwear to change into after the carnival
- Sunscreen for sun protection while in the water
- A broad-brimmed hat for sun protection while not in the water.
- Students are encouraged to wear their team colours and must not paint their bodies.
- Canteen will be open serving light refreshments only. N.B No Snow Cone Van will be available
**Order of the Junior Swimming Carnival**: The year levels are separated due to the number of students we have in the lower school, and Somerset Pool’s ability to accommodate us.

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Clover Hill State School Awards Night - P&C Food Stall

The P&C team will have light snacks and refreshments available at the awards nights, both Junior – Wed 16th November & Senior – Thu 17th November. We are looking for a few volunteers each night to assist in the selling of goods from 6-8pm. If you are not available to donate your time, we would love your support shown in the way of purchasing food & beverage items. Prices start from just $2!

Clover Hill State School Annual Christmas Raffles

Christmas Hampers .. We are asking all families again this year to donate goodies for our famous Christmas Hampers. Once again we will be holding an interclass “Most Creative Christmas Hamper Competition”. We are looking for the best, most amazing, beautiful, Christmas or food hamper EVER! Every class is being asked to create a wonderful Christmas hamper to donate. The most creative two hampers (1 selected from Prep-Yr2 and 1 from Yr3-6) will be drawn on the night of the Christmas concert; the rest will be drawn the following day. The selected classes will win a PIZZA PARTY for the last week of school!

Suggestions for the hampers...
Christmas decorations, Biscuits, lollies, chocolates, soft drinks or wine, tinned / canned food, snack foods (including chips, nuts, crackers), Christmas presents you would like to receive in a Christmas hamper - NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!!

Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales... $2 each or 3 for $5.00
Raffle tickets are available for purchase from MunchMonitor.com and also from the front of the school from 8:15 – 9am Wednesday the 23rd through to 30th November.
Surfside Buslines

2017 Bus Passes due now

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
COMMUNITY ACTION SERVICE (CAS)

The Robina State High School ‘CAS’ Program aims to foster development in the areas of academics, leadership and community mindedness for active, highly motivated young people. This is achieved using innovative education initiatives whilst incorporating physical activity as a catalyst for teaching and learning.

The CAS program is offered to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and focuses on providing graduates with the skills, knowledge and capabilities to be our future leaders.

PILLARS FOR SUCCESS

Uniqueness
Robina State High School has quality signature programs and a personalised approach to supporting its young people.

Excellence
Our school is known for its excellence in educational delivery. We pride ourselves on excellent academic outcomes that are underpinned by a diverse curriculum.

Community
We value our community.

Standards
We have high standards and high expectations.
The program:

✓ Enhances personal development across a variety of disciplines through experiential learning;
✓ Develops collaboration skills;
✓ Fosters a sense of accomplishment;
✓ Enhances resilience and self-determination;
✓ Develops altruistic attitudes encouraging students to give back to their community.

Through the CAS program, children will develop skills in and have access to:

✓ Personalised Pastoral Care Programs;
✓ Life Skills development initiatives;
✓ Kokoda Challenge Team Membership;
✓ Team Sport opportunities;
✓ Fitness and Health programs;
✓ Enterprise Projects;
✓ The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
  – Bridge Award (Year 7)
  – Bronze Award (Year 8-10)

For more information contact:
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Fax: (07) 5562 3400

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