From the Principal

Over the last two weeks, students from Clover Hill have continued to represent our school community in a number of events. As a school we frequently receive feedback from other schools and members of the community as to the wonderful conduct of our students and how they present in their uniform. Like you, we are very proud of our school, the achievements of our students and their behaviour. As we rapidly approach the end of term, we would like to acknowledge the team effort involved in maintaining our high standards. Achieving our motto of 'Expect Excellence' is a community effort and one that requires constant effort. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining Clover Hill’s reputation as a great school!

**Literacy Book Fair and Book Character Parade:** This was a hugely successful event thanks to all involved. It was amazing to see the effort that went into costumes and to celebrate the love of literacy with students. A fabulous success! Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve our target of over 100 books donated through the Literacy Legacy. A big thank you to Jo Dimond and her group of volunteers who facilitated sales.

**Eisteddfod Wrap Up:**
Wow – what an amazing eisteddfod season! Can I start by thanking and acknowledging the efforts of our performing arts teachers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that students were well prepared and ready to deliver their best efforts at the recent eisteddfods. Congratulations Miss Carty, Mr. Florey, Mrs. French, Mrs. Jalilian, Mr Kemp and Mrs. Krick and of course to all our performing arts students. Not only are we proud of your achievements but also of your behaviour throughout the eisteddfods. They are such an amazing group of young students who have proven beyond a doubt their commitment to our school, and willingness to uphold and exemplify our school motto “Expect Excellence”. Results in case you may have missed them on our Facebook posts are listed below:

**Dance:**
Beenleigh Eisteddfod: Starlettes 3rd Place, Chillers 1st Place, Dazzlers Very Highly Commended, Contemporary 2nd Place, Performance Jazz 2nd Place.
Gold Coast Eisteddfod: Startlettes 1st Place, Chillers 2nd Place, Dazzlers Highly Commended, Contemporary Very Highly Commended.
Gold Coast Disability Eisteddfod: 1st Place.

**Strings:**
Gold Coast Eisteddfod: Junior Strings Highly Commended, Senior Strings Highly Commended.

**What’s On?**

- **Friday, 16 September** – Payments due for 3,4,5,6 Swimming
- **Friday, 16 September** – Last Day of Term 3
- **Monday, 3 October** – Public Holiday
- **Tuesday, 4 October** – First Day of Term 4
- **Monday, 17 October** – Student Free Day
Band:
Gold Coast Eisteddfod: Senior Band Highly Commended.

Choir:
Gold Coast Eisteddfod: Junior Choir 1st Place, Senior Choir 1st Place.

Opti- Minds Team! Over the weekend teams from Clover Hill competed in the Opti-Minds Challenge. I would like to extend a big thank you to all participants and to Mrs Partridge and Mrs Tobin for coordinating our teams. They have been totally dedicated and have shown great initiative and determination.

Prep 2017: Our Prep Information Session for this year has been set for the 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. 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!

Have you got the right jumper? As the weather starts to warm up, families will be starting to pack jumpers away till next year. A number of students have not been able to find their misplaced jumpers despite them being clearly labelled. As a courtesy, we would ask that families do a quick check of any jumpers brought home to see that their students have mistakenly brought home the wrong clothing. Any jumpers which have made their way to the wrong home can be returned to admin for returning to their owner. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated!

Crossing Safety: Last week a concerned parents raised concerns about Clover Hill students crossing Clover Hill Drive and Somerset Drive inappropriately. At school we regularly remind students that we cross either at the supervised crossing at the front of the school or down at the lights. We ask that parents please reinforce this message of safety to their students and model the safe crossing of these roads using the appropriate crossing areas. The safety of all of our students is paramount and your assistance is required. Please do not cross through stop, drop and go to the carpark.

Early departures: Does the occasional day away from school really affect my child’s education? Yes – Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Occasionally however, students are required to attend appointments during school time or are collected early for other reasons. At Clover Hill State School our policy is that if parents are picking their students up early, the parent needs to get an early pass from us and collect their child from the classroom. Children are not to wait in the office. We thank you for your support in ensuring that every day counts for our students. More information about the importance of attendance can be found at the following website.

Classroom Messages:
We endeavour to deliver all parent messages to students in a timely manner. It is not always possible to deliver messages at short notice. Please try and give us as much time as possible.

Have a great fortnight,

Kind regards
Regan Gant (Acting Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS
- 5 September 3A, 3D and 3/4 Excursion
- 6 September 3B, C Excursion
- 7-9 September Year 5 Camp – Camp Goodenough
- 16 September Last day term 3
- 3 October Public Holiday
- 4 October First day term 4
- 17 October Student free day
You Can Do It:

Habits of Mind

You Can Do It refers frequently to Habits of Mind. A Habit of the Mind is an automatic tendency of a person – or in our case, a young person – to think in a certain way. By thinking in that way, the young person experiences certain emotions and behaviours that will either lead to sound achievement and good social-emotional-behavioural well-being, or under-achievement, poor psychological health, and disaffection. Young people who possess the 5 Foundations think in ways that are different from those young people who, when it comes to doing schoolwork, are not confident, persistent, or organised, and who get along poorly.

“Successful learners” have many positive Habits of the Mind in comparison with young people who are not fulfilling their potential for schoolwork. For example, a positive Habit of the Mind is I Can Do It! (e.g. making a positive forecast of success), which leads to feelings of Confidence. The contrasting negative Habit of the Mind is I Can’t Do It (e.g. making negative forecasts of failure), which leads to feelings of discouragement and lack of Persistence. Young people, especially once they are made aware of their bad habits and as they grow older, can exert some significant control.

Just like an iceberg, what is crucial to understanding and influencing student behaviour is beneath the water surface and not directly observable. Students’ ‘Feelings’ are a strong influence as is student “Thinking” (self-talk) but at the bottom of the iceberg is the strongest factor; namely, whether a student is dominated by positive or negative “Habits of the Mind.”
Sport News

As part of Clover Hill State Schools Health and Physical Education Curriculum Program for semester two 2016, Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 students will be required to participate in a swimming program to further develop their aquatic skills. Please read the following information:

**Curriculum Focus:**

The swimming program is implemented to meet Health and Physical Education essentials for semester two. 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 3, 4, 5 & 6 swim program at Somerset College Pool.

**When**

ALL students in **Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students** will participate in a total of eight 30 minute lessons to be held over the Term 4.

**Transport**

Classroom teachers will walk students to and from Clover Hill State School to Somerset College to participate in their scheduled swimming lesson.

**What your child/children need:**

- 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.

Please return the permission form and medical form that was emailed home to the front office. Copies are available via our website. Payments and forms are due to the office by 16th September for payment in the office and the 14th September for internet banking.
During Book week, students from year six read their favourite picture book to students in year 4C. Much discussion was had by all.
FIRST Place!!!!

Gold Coast Eisteddfod (for Children and Young Adults with Special Needs)
Each year students from Clover Hill State School compete in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod (for Children and Young Adults with Special Needs). This year, the Eisteddfod took place on Thursday the 18th of August at the Robina Community Centre. The children performed a dance routine to a medley of Michael Jackson songs - Smooth Criminal, I'm Bad and Thriller. Congratulations to all of the students who performed as they were awarded 1st place!!!!

The judges also provided some kind words of recognition for all of the hard work that the students and staff had put into the performance.

"Excellent focus from you all as the curtain opens! Wonderful costumes add to the vision. Excellent choreography and use of the stage space. Some performers were so 'in the moment'! You timing was excellent and the characterization very believable. You work so well as a team. Such a polished performance!"

The Gold Coast Eisteddfod is a worthwhile activity which aims to enhance the children’s confidence, self-esteem and social skills. Their work culminated a celebratory party for students and parents upon returning to school. A huge BIG thank you must go to all of the staff who were able to support the students during the many Thursday afternoon rehearsals, costume preparation as well as the parents who provided the transport to the venue!!!!
String Instrumental Music Program 2017

Clover Hill offers a wonderful Instrumental Music Program. Currently, students in year 2 are able to audition for a place in the String Program and students in year 3 are able to audition for a place in the Band Program.

Testing for inclusion in the Clover Hill String Program for 2017 will commence soon. Instruments that are offered are Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass. If you would like your budding muso to participate in this testing then please contact Mrs. Krick via email kkric1@eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

This is an amazing opportunity for your child. Many studies have proven the benefits of learning a musical instrument. Queensland is the only state in Australia that offers a co-curricular Program for students enrolled in a State School (hooray for Queensland!).

Yours in music,

Kylie Krick
Clover Hill State School
P&C would like to say

Thank You!
Volunteers!

for your assistance in this year's Twilight Fair. Whether you helped us gain sponsorship, helped in the pre organisation stage of the event, on the night or with the clean up afterwards - this event could not have gone on without you!
THANK YOU
Clover Hill State School P&C would like to say THANK YOU to all the performers that entertained us at the Fair this year;

Mega Cheer
Welcome to Mega Cheer!
Mega athletes build maturity, confidence and courage whilst being under the direction of fully qualified staff ensuring safety is top priority! Mega Cheer is a super positive place to be! We push our athletes to their limits and beyond. We are strict, however at the same time, we nurture our athletes to ensure safety and techniques are carried out at the highest standard and capacity all whilst ensuring athletes have a love as rich for cheer, their fellow athletes and themselves. This helps to build confidence not only in the cheer arena but pride in themselves as they endeavour to leave super positive lives.
Mega Cheer is a place of love and encouragement empowering athletes to achieve skills beyond what they ever thought capable! We are looking for cheerleaders both male and female of all ages and all abilities to join in the fun and excitement at Mega Cheer!
Email office@megacheer.com.au or call 0412 226 686 for your information pack.

Elite Rhythmic Gymnastics Club
We are the first and only Rhythmic Gymnastics Club on the Gold Coast established in 2000. We offer recreational and competitive rhythmic gymnastics for students of all ages and abilities. The sport combines the grace of ballet and athletic tricks with apparatus such as ribbons, hoops, balls, clubs and ropes.
Our international and national coached University degrees and Masters of Sport in Rhythmic Gymnastics. They have produced Australian Champions and the coaches at Elite are determined to give gymnasts the best opportunities and environment to grow, learn and succeed.
Gymnasts perform their routines with rings, either individually or in a group. A routine consists of body elements such as leaps, jumps, and balances combined with dance and acrobatics. Benefits of the sport include flexibility, muscle tone, hand-eye coordination, strength, confidence and overall fitness.

Welcome Parents and Future Students
Congratulations for investing in the health and the future success of you or your children. When you choose Australian National Taekwondo Do Gold Coast as your martial arts school, you will be choosing the finest combinations of self defence, fitness and personal development programs available for adults, teenagers and children today.
We want to help all to develop into healthy and happy adults. Our curriculum was created to give you or your children an exciting, enjoyable program that will help maximise physical, self defence skills and mental development. Even though our program is serious about you or your Child’s defence and fitness, it is taught in an enjoyable and fun way.
Clover Hill State School P&C would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our valued sponsors for their assistance in this years Twilight Fair.