From the Principal

**Awards Excellence Evening:** Our annual awards evenings were held last week with the Junior Evening on 16 November and Senior Evening on 17 November. It was fantastic to see so many people attend to celebrate the achievements of our students. I’m sure those in attendance sat watching with pride at the talent of our students. A huge thank you to our staff who helped the evening run smoothly by assisting in a multitude of ways. I would like to specifically thank Miss Ursula Carty and Mrs. Michelle Brown for their tireless work in preparing these evenings. Thanks also to Mrs. Zeinab Jalilian, Mrs. Martina French, Mr. Heath Florey, Mr. David Kemp, Mrs. Kylie Krick and Mrs. Jenny Hargraves for their amazing performances showcasing the talents of Clover children.

**Christmas Concert and Raffle:** As the end of our school year is fast approaching we are also looking forward to our annual Christmas Concert which includes a ‘giant’ BBQ this year!! The Clover Hill State School P&C Events Team is in the festive spirit, organising the Christmas Concert and our students are rehearsing for our night under the stars on our school oval. Like last year the ‘The Great Christmas Gift Giving Tree Raffle’ will be laden with presents, vouchers, hampers and surprises to be raffled off on the night.

The P&C are seeking your support!!! Do you own your own business? They would love to promote your business within the school community! Do you have a service or product that can be donated to the Christmas Gift Giving Tree? Then we want to hear from you! In order to collate all our gifts, **all donations are to be delivered to the office by Tuesday 29 November.**

All donations need to be clearly labelled with the detail of the gift or service and who the donation is from (i.e. your family or business name). All donations will receive recognition on the night.

The P&C are also asking all families again this year to donate goodies for our famous Christmas Hampers which will also be raffled on the night. Again this year the P&C will be holding an **exciting inter-class competition.** They are looking for the best, most

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**What’s On?**

- **Friday 25 November** – Last day for payments for 2016. Payment window will be CLOSED from this day. Will re-open January 2017
- **Wednesday 30 November** - P and C Christmas Concert 6pm
- **Wednesday 7 December** - Semester 2 reports will be emailed
- **Friday 9 December** - Last Day of 2016
- **Monday 23 January 2017** – School resumes for 2017
amazing, beautiful, Christmas food and gift hampers EVER. Every class is being asked to create a wonderful Christmas hamper to decorate with Christmas themed gifts and goodies:

Each class is responsible for the wrapping and decorating of their own hamper. All hampers will need to be ready by **Tuesday 29 November, 2016** for judging and the winning classes, one from P-2 and one from 3-6 will win a pizza party for their class in the last week of school. All classes will be acknowledged as the donor of their particular hamper.

We look forward to your support of a great night on Wednesday 30 November (weather permitting)! Please read the P&C segment for more information.

_**Report Cards:**_ Please ensure that you have the correct email address lodged with the office to ensure that report cards are emailed home to the correct address on Wednesday 7th December. A reminder that reports may also be accessed via the Qparents App. Please contact the office should you require further information or help in registering for this app.

**Have a great fortnight!**
**Regan Gant (Acting Principal)**

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**Date Claimer:**
- **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
- **Monday 23 January** First Day 2017

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**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”.

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.
Finance Window

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

Thank you CHSS Administration Team

Clover Canteen

Thanks to everyone for all the support this year, please note that we are now in stock run down mode so as items sell out they will not be restocked.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED FRIDAY THE 9TH OF DECEMBER. LAST DAY OF 2016

Merry Christmas

Nicky and Team.
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.

Back To School Opening Hours 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.
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
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
Robina State High School
ORIENTATION DAY

A reminder for all incoming Year 7 students in 2017. Your orientation day is fast approaching.

All students that are enrolled in 2017 are invited to attend our Orientation Day.

Thursday, 1 December 2016
9.30 am – 2.30 pm

For more information or to be sent an enrolment pack please contact Mr Aaron Carlisle – Head of Junior School. acarl61@eq.edu.au

www.robinashs.eq.edu.au

YEAR 7 FOR 2017 ORIENTATION DAY

Merrimac State High School Year 7 Orientation Day will provide each student with interactive sessions to familiarise themselves with the opportunities that will be available at high school.

When - Thursday 1 December 2016
Time - 9.00am - 2.45pm
Location - Merrimac State High School Hall
Please bring - Primary school uniform, morning tea, swimming costume, towel, water bottle, sun protection
Lunch - Sausage sizzle provided
*Student enrolment for 2017 is required for attendance*
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