FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Over the past fortnight we have had great cause to be very proud of our Clover Hill students and staff. There has been an excitement and confidence about learning being generated as students focus on achieving their learning goals for the semester and in readiness for the National Testing program.

NAPLAN testing time again: Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 13-15 May. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. Please contact our school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. ([http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/))

Preparing your child for school tests: There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare for the tests:

- talk to them about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep before the tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats a healthy breakfast each day.
If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child’s teacher.

**Explicit Improvement Agenda:** In 2014 we will be focusing on these ‘Improvement Priorities’:

1. Improved student achievement in READING – to be able to read well with comprehension.
2. Improved student achievement in SPELLING – to be able to spell accurately in writing.
3. Improved student achievement in NUMERACY – to be able to compute accurately.

As a school we have been focusing on our 3 improvement priorities with a particular emphasis on spelling rules and developing Maths fluency. Please ask your children what they have been learning about in these areas. We will also be including a parent information update within subsequent newsletters to support parents better understand how we are teaching these essential skills.

**Anzac Day:** Thank you to everyone who attended our moving Anzac Day assembly and on Friday at the Mudgeeraba Community March. During this assembly we were also proud to induct Mr John Foley as our Community Patron. Whilst John has ‘retired’ from his role as School Liaison Officer for the Mudgeeraba RSL he has a soft spot for Clover and was delighted to accept this role. Mr Foley has requested that this letter is published in this week’s newsletter.

“Thank you for the honour that you have conferred upon me as the Patron of your school community. I have indicated verbally that I will gladly accept the position but please take this, as written confirmation of my acceptance. I believe that this will allow me to attend school functions in that capacity and I now have an official badge to mark the occasion and to wear when visiting. I am also very proud to know that a plaque is to be placed in the school foyer, replicating the engraved plaque, presented to me to keep and which will take pride of place in my home. Please thank all of the students and staff for their cards and gifts that were presented to me at the ANZAC assembly. I look forward to more happy years in the company of students and staff at your wonderful school.

**Student Council Update:** Our next student council has established their fundraising calendar of events. On Friday 16 May they will be holding a ‘Funky Hair’ Day to raise money to donate to the Leukeumia Foundation. They have also achieved their first goal in sponsoring a Gold Kennel at the Animal Welfare League (AWL). They will be presenting the AWL with a cheque for $500.

**Green Heart Cluster Speaking Competition:** The Greenheart Cluster Speech contest is a public speaking competition that is held annually. All students in Years 1-7 will be involved in the competition at a school level. Each student prepares a speech to be delivered in class. The best speaker from each class will compete in the semi-finals determining a winning speaker from each year level. Every student will perform speeches to their individual class. Teachers will adjudicate these speeches as part of their oral language grade for semester 2 report. Two of the best speakers from each year level will then be selected to compete in the grand final to be
conducted at a special assembly. The grand finalists will then compete in the Green Heart Cluster final. Little
Voices – Year 1-3 (two finalists) Speaking Out – Years 4-5 (two finalists) Speech Masters – Years 6-8 (two finalists)

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Gold Coast City Council Watermation Student Animation Competition: Congratulations to Paige, April, Jade and Kasey from CC Blue whose entry WON the 'People's Choice Award' in the Gold Coast City Council Watermation Student Animation competition. Their prize is an IPad which will be used in their classroom as well as a $50 ITunes card each. We look forward to Cr Glenn Tozer making the presentation on our next senior assembly.

School Uniform Standards: As the weather cools, we ask that all parents continue to support our school by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform including school jumpers/jackets/trackpants on a daily basis in Term 2. Should anyone wish to discuss this or require further clarification about our uniform policy please contact the school to arrange an appointment with our Parent Liaison Officer Mrs Michelle Brown or one of our school administrators.

2015 Robina SHS Enrolments: On Monday 12 May, Mr Ben Weeks (Junior Secondary Head of Department) from Robina SHS will be available to meet with any parent of ‘prospective’ Year 7 and Year 8 parents from 2 – 4pm. No appointment is necessary. He will also be collecting any enrolment or scholarship forms. We would urge any parent of our current Year 6 or Year 7 students to take advantage of meeting with Ben to discuss what Robina SHS offers for enrolling students.

Student absences - Every day counts: We highlighted the importance of school attendance in our last newsletter and we are delighted that our attendance figures are improving however of concern is the number of children who arrive late for school on a regular basis. Our school day starts at 8:55am. Students who arrive at class after this time are marked on the roll as being ‘late’ which is transposed into their semester reports however more importantly students who are late are missing out of important learning. As adults we know that it is unacceptable to be late to work so please support us in teaching our students this important work ethic.

Number Sense Toolkits: The Maths Team are in the process of making 1000 Number Sense Toolkits for every student to assist in developing skills to gain fluency in number. Toolkits will be stored in the classroom for teachers to use as a daily warm up and during Maths tasks. A HUGE thank you to parents and staff who assisted in cutting over 100 rolls of laminating!!!

Spelling: You may have noticed a change to your child's spelling programme or homework. The school is using a new approach to the teaching of spelling, which includes the whole school learning spelling rules, as well as students working on developing an understanding of individual spellings rules. Students are encouraged to become spelling detectives and find "ODDBALL" words, these are words that do not fit the spelling rule. So far we have explored the following rules across our Years 1 - 7 classes:

- The letter i is never on the end of a British-English word, where this sound is heard at the end of a word, y will stand in it's place.
• The letter $g$ before e, i, or y may say /j/ (page, giant, gym), but followed by any other letters says /g/ (gate, go, gust). The letters e and i following $g$ do not always make the $g$ say /j/ (get, girl, give).

• The letter $q$ is always followed by u. Together they say kw (queen). The u is not considered a vowel here.

• The single letter phonogram c before e, i, or y says s (cent, city, cycle), but followed by any other letter says k (cat, cot, cut).

There are 29 rules in total and students need to cover these multiple times across their school life in order to understand the complexity of applying them. As we introduce a new rule, we will also share this with parents in the newsletter, note that students will still work on individual rules in addition to this whole school focus.

**Ks4Kids:** Thank you to the school community for their support of our Ks4Kids chaplaincy fundraiser. We now have over 130 walkers which is the highest for any school at present. There is still plenty of time to register to walk and also to sponsor a walker. Head to www.ks4kids.org.au to register or sponsor a walker. Select our school, and then look for a walker to support. The class that raises the most money will win a pizza party, and with many of our staff are walking, any money that they raise will go towards their class totals. Donations can also be taken at our school office, all sponsorship is tax deductible and receipts will be issued.

*Gayle Alessio (Principal)       Regan Gant, Ursula Carty and Kathy Cavanagh (Assistant Principals)*

**UNIFORM STANDARDS**

**School Uniform Standards:** Clover Hill State School’s uniform policy has been developed in conjunction with the Parents and Citizens Association to promote a sense of belonging and a positive image of our school within the community. Our uniform has been deliberately chosen with cost, health and safety, maximum participation in all educational activities and practicality in mind. All members of the school community need to accept responsibility for ensuring that dress standards are maintained. To clarify what is acceptable and what is not acceptable according to our uniform policy we have included a pictorial representation of what is acceptable and what isn’t. We ask that all parents support our school’s efforts by ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform on a daily basis in Term 2. Should anyone wish to discuss this or require further clarification about our uniform policy please contact the school to arrange an appointment with our Parent Liaison Officer Mrs Katie Kee or one of our school administrators.
Help us to maintain our Uniform Standards

Shoes to be worn with Formal Uniform on a daily basis
- All Black leather or leather like (NO canvas, NO volley or slip on)
- Lace up or Velcro – NO coloured laces
- Slip on canvas shoes and ballet-type shoes do not provide sufficient protection when students are participating in learning experiences or in the playground hence students will be excluded from lessons in the DAT and Science Centre without the correct footwear

Shoes to be worn with Sports Uniform on timetabled HPE lesson day only
- Functional sports shoe – PREDOMINATELY black or white
- NO fluorescent or coloured laces

Hats
- Our Sunsafte Rule is: “No Sunsafe Hat, No Play”.
- Students are encouraged to wear the school broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire’s hat.

Winter Uniform
- School issue pullover or jacket
- School issue navy blue track pants can be worn.
- Girls may also wear blue tights.
- No undershirts or undergarments should show outside or through uniform.

Jewellery
- The only jewellery to be worn at school are earrings (studs or sleepers and no more than one per ear) and a watch. No signet rings are to be worn.
- It is against Workplace Health and Safety Regulations to allow any other piercing apart from the ears. Similarly, no bracelets, anklets or necklaces are to be worn.
- Upon written request outlining significance, the principal will give consideration for religious, cultural and medical needs.

Hair & Make Up
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted (This means haircuts that are not normally seen within schools of primary age cohorts i.e.: tracks, mohawks, streaks, rats tails etc.).
- Hair colour is to be of natural tones - no coloured streaks.
- All hair that is shoulder length or longer is required to be worn pulled back and secured away from the face and shoulders with a scrunchie, band or ribbon (matching to school colours).
- No coloured nail polish or make up is to be worn at school.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am to 10:00am

Print friendly version for your fridge! - please click here

DATE CLAIMERS

- 9 May    Junior Cross Country
- 12 May   Robina SHS enrolment session – refer to information above   (2-4pm only)
- 13 – 15 May Year 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN Tests

• 14 May  P&C Meeting at 3:15pm in the hall meeting room (Note new time!! All welcome!)
• 16 May  Student Council ‘Crazy Hair Day’
• 24 May  Chaplaincy ‘Ks4Kids’ Walk
• 10 June  Instrumental Music Concert 1:45 – 3pm
• 11 June  P&C Meeting
• 12-13 June  Senior Athletics Carnival
• 16 June  Little Voices and Speaking Out Finals
• 18-19 June  Year 7 Camp
• 26 June  P&C - Student Disco

MONEY COLLECTION PROCEDURES

All monies for excursions/activities are to be directed to the administration office payment window which is open between 8.30am to 10.30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday only. Payments can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Clover Hill State School), credit card, EFTPOS or also be made via internet banking.

Preferred method of payment is by internet banking.

Payments Via Internet Banking: direct payment into school bank account

- **School’s Bank Account Name:** Clover Hill State School General A/C
- **BSB Number:** 064-486 (CBA Branch Robina)
- **Account Number:** 1009 8071
- **Reference/Details:** Please record “Student Name” in the reference/details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly. **If insufficient details are supplied, payments will be applied to the oldest debt for that Family/Customer.**
- **Payments via Internet Banking** must be paid at least 3 days prior to the due date.

The procedure for payment for an excursion must include a permission slip and medical form (if applicable) to be signed by parents/carers. The signed permission slips will be returned to the excursion organiser as proof of payment by the student.

Children are asked to report with their money secured in a named envelope to the office on the said days where staff will collect and receipt it.

**Please be aware** excursion money must be paid by 10.30am on the due date which is clearly indicated on the note. **Late payments will not be accepted**.

If you know you are unable to make the deadline for payment please notify the school before the due date to make alternative arrangements or a payment plan.
Money cannot be accepted on the morning of an excursion/activity, as final numbers for buses and venues/activities will have already been generated.

Remember, the responsibility for payment is yours.
The school will endeavour to provide reminders through newsletters, via class teachers and text messages; however, these are provided as a service and should not be relied upon. The non-acceptance of late payments will mean disappointed children.

If your child is absent on the day of the excursion, a refund can be arranged by filling out a Refund Request form obtained at the office.

**STUDENT AWARDS**

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**INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS**

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.
Parents are advised the Department of Education and Training does not have student accident insurance cover for students.

If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have Private Health Insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents.

Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident.

It is up to all parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian Insurance Broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child.

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**SMS TEXTING**

Clover Hill State School uses a SMS Texting service to notify parents/caregivers of happenings within the school community. The text service is sent to the mobile number under parent/caregiver 1 (one) as indicated when you first enrolled your child.

Please inform the office if you changed your mobile number.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Junior Cross Country Carnival: Friday 9th May**

The purpose of having a Cross Country Carnival for students is to get the students physically active (creating lifelong active individuals) and involved in the school community through supporting and interacting with each other and supporting other students — creating sports/school spirit. Also, the Cross Country Carnival will develop students’ abilities in long distance running, therefore preparing them for future cross country events. All parents are welcome to attend.

Preps and Year 1: 9 - 11am
Year 3: 11:30 - 1pm
Year 2 1:45 - 3pm

**District Cross Country Carnival: Wednesday 21st May.** Those who qualified were all sent a note home last week regarding the event. I have offered training times Week 2 - 4, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.45am – 8.15am. If raining we can still meet under I Block.
DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS

Any boys/girls born 2004/2003 who play competitive golf and would like to try out for the Regional Girls/Boys Golf Team please see Miss McKean by the end of this week.

Any further enquiries regarding districts please contact the PE Teacher - Cherie McKean on cxmck5@eq.edu.au

REGIONAL NETBALL

Congratulations to all the U11 & U12 girls that represented the District Netball team at the Regional trials.

Congratulations to Shiprah L who was selected and will go on to represent in the South Coast Regional team.

Cherie McKean - Health and Physical Education Teacher

PLAYGROUND USE

It is to be noted that all playgrounds and play equipment are out of bounds before and after school each day. All of our school playgrounds are built as per the recommended age groups corresponding to Australian Standards as outlined below:

• Prep playground located next to the multipurpose courts - Prep students ONLY
• Junior playground located in the middle of A & B block classrooms – Prep, Year 1 & 2 students ONLY
• Middle playground located behind the resource centre - Year 3 & 4 students ONLY
• Fitness circuit located on the senior oval - Years 4-7 students ONLY

Any unauthorised persons seen using this equipment outside the supervised play periods will be asked to leave equipment immediately for workplace health and safety reasons.

HEALTH NEWS

Dental News

Students in Prep, Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, CC Blue and CC Green are now being offered the opportunity to contact the Child and Adolescent Oral Health service to arrange for a Dental Examination at (Mobile Dental Clinic MDC 185 – Clover Hill SS). A parent or legal guardian is required to attend the first appointment to complete the Parental Consent and Medical/Dental History form.

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.
The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service has handed out "Offers of Care Packs'. If parents are having trouble reaching the call centre to make appointment on 1300 300 850, please phone the Dental Van directly on 0407 038 071 or visit the Dental Van to make all dental appointments.

All students from Prep to Grade 7 are eligible to attend the School Dental Van for their oral health care.

For Emergency Oral Health, please call Queensland Oral Health’s Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm Excluding Public Holidays. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

CENTREPAY OPTION

As part of our continual review of processes at Clover Hill State School, we now have the opportunity for parents to pay school resources payments through the Centrepay option.

Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment (eg. Pension, Newstart Allowance and Family Tax Benefit). You can specify a target amount and regular deductions will be made until the target amount is reached. You also have the option to change/suspend your fortnightly deductions.

If you are interested in this option, please contact the Business Services Manager, Ann St George, on 55594111 and an appointment can be readily made. The form only takes 5 minutes to complete and is then faxed to Centrelink. The deductions are then paid directly into the schools bank account with a specific identifier to then be receipted against allocated invoices.

We hope this new option is helpful to our school community.

FROM THE P&C

"MUNCH MONTIOR” is the new ordering platform at the tuckshop. Get on board and register now, so that your kids don't miss out on any up coming TUCKSHOP speicails, such as State of Origin Day. Simple and easy to use go to munchmonitor.com and enter the following details to proceed with registration:

User Name: cloverss

Password: munch4213

For further information please call the Tuckshop on 5559 4111.
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