FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

As we near the end of Term 2 it is a timely reminder of our great achievements. We are looking forward to joining our students for a celebration of our successes at our end of term student discos. We also thank all parents for your support of our school during the semester.

School Annual Report: This report provides parents and members of the school community with insights into our program development, teaching and learning foci, community partnerships and standards achieved by our students in 2013.

Staffing Changes next term: Next term we will welcome three new members to our Executive Team.

- Mrs Jenny Tobin will be taking on the temporary position as our new ‘third’ Deputy Principal. We are hoping to advertise for our third Deputy Principal during the term with the successful applicant starting in January 2015. We are delighted to welcome Jenny to our team. Jenny is well known to our school as her previous position has been as A/Principal and Deputy Principal of Robina SHS. Jenny will coordinate our Year 6-7 cohort including our CC classes and support our ‘transition to high school’ initiatives.
- Ms Cathy Sorley has been relocated to Clover as our Head of Special Education. We thank Mrs Pamela Lidstone for the work that she done in this position over the past 5 years. Pamela will still remain in our...
Special Education program. We also thank Mrs Penny Chesters who has been working in our CHILL team this semester.

- Mr Regan Gant will be Acting Principal of Mudgeeraba State School from 25 July to the 15 August.
- Ms Ursula Carty will be taking 4 weeks long service leave.
- During these periods Mrs Kathy Cavanagh will be Acting Deputy Principal and her Curriculum position will be taken over by Mrs Wendy McKay.
- Mrs Gayle Alessio will be taking 5 weeks long service leave at the end of Term 3 – Regan will return to Clover during this period as Acting Principal.

Next term there will be some temporary classroom staffing changes:

- Ms Katie Alini will be replacing Mrs McKay on 6/7 during Term 3.
- Mrs Heidi Brabant will be supporting our intervention program until she takes maternity leave.
- Mrs Daneca Richards is returning from maternity leave and working on 3C (with Mrs Bernadette Rogers)
- Mr Paul Stasuik 6B will be taking some leave in Term 3 and will be replaced by Ms Haley Ball.
- Mrs Shannon Meyers will remain as our Numeracy Coach and will be replaced on 4D by Mrs Tara Quig
- Mrs Belinda Tierney will also be taking long service leave for 4 weeks and replaced by Mrs Jayne Ayton
- Ms Jess Crawford will be taking one week LSL and replaced by Kirsten Schmidt. (Week One)
- Ms Bianca Williams will also be taking one week leave and replaced by Katrina Zidar (Week One)

**Reports:** Semester 1 reports with letters of explanation about student achievement codes will be distributed on Wednesday 25 June. Reports will be sealed in envelopes.

**Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences Term 3:** We believe student progress is dependent on a partnership between home and school. We also believe that it is important that students are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of our reporting process, we offer all parents the opportunity to participate in our Celebration of Learning “Student – Teacher – Parent Conferences” which will take place in week 3 Term 2. These conferences involve students giving a self-evaluation of their progress and outlining their personal goals for Semester 2. This process makes students more responsible for their learning and behaviour. Responsibility increases true self-esteem and can only have a positive effect on your child’s progress. A letter of explanation will be included with your child’s report card.

**Website update:** Our new website has now been launched. Our Annual School Report for 2013 is being prepared and will be uploaded onto this site by the end of term. The results of our recent Teaching and Learning Audit will also be uploaded onto this site.

**Enrolment Management Plan:** As a result of proposed housing developments within the vicinity of our school and the availability of facilities we have made an application for a change to our existing boundaries. The segment of the catchment affected is on the Robina Town Centre side of the M1 Motorway. The change to our catchment will not affect existing enrolments however will affect new enrolments from Semester 2.

**Quadrennial School Review:** As detailed in previous newsletters, this year is our Quadrennial Review Year. This is an important time for our school as we celebrate our achievements and strengths as a school community, identify challenges and areas for improvement, and set goals for our future - in particular the next 4 years. We have an EXCELLENT school - we want it to be known as an OUTSTANDING school! One that is recognised statewide, nationally, internationally! In term one we offered parents the opportunity to comment on what we do well, what we need to change and what we should consider. Our steering committee have now collated this information and analysed our school data. Our next step is to review this information and revisit our school vision and values statements. We would like to offer all families an opportunity to engage in this process......We invite you to write a letter to me. But wait, there’s more……not just any letter………a letter outlining your vision for the future of Clover State School.

- If you could ask for anything in a school, what would it be?
- What would it look like? What would it feel like?
- Consider all stakeholders- the students, the staff, the parents and caregivers, the wider community
- Why have you chosen Clover Hill State School as the school for your children? What is special about our community?

Please forward your letters to the office marked “Attention: Gayle Alessio” by Friday 26th June or email gales1@eq.edu.au. Our steering committee look forward to receiving your letters and thank you in advance for taking the time to reflect and contribute. We will also be holding a ‘Community Forum’ on Wednesday 16 July at 2pm in our hall – all are welcome to come along to contribute ideas! Following this forum, there will be our P&C General Meeting from 3:15 – 4:15pm. Childcare is provided so it would be great to have parents come along and hear about what your P&C are doing.

**School Uniform Standards:** A reminder that our expectation is that all students wear our correct uniform including school jumpers/jackets on a daily basis. 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.

**Speaking Out:** Greenheart Cluster Finals were held on June 16 at Mudgeeraba State School. CHSS finalists representing the school were: **Little Voices:** Erin Davies and Callum Carter, **Speaking Out:** Michaela Toomey and Ella Glen, **Speech Makers:** Laura Forden and Casey Wilson.

Congratulations to all finalists we hugely successful with the following results:

- **Little Voices:** Callum Carter who received a third place in his category
- **Speaking Out:** Michaela Toomey who won her category
- **Speech Masters:** Casey Wilson who came first in their category and Laura Forden who came second.

Go Clover!

*Gayle Alessio (Principal)    Regan Gant, Ursula Carty and Kathy Cavanagh (Assistant Principals)*
WARM GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Clover Hill State School Community,

I am very honoured to be joining your school in Term 3. For many years I’ve been involved with your students, parents and staff, both at Clover and Robina SHS through the Greenheart Cluster. I have always been impressed by many aspects as a visitor to your school, in particular fabulous student results, warm greetings, and terrific uniform and excellent manners. It is always noticeable how much effort everyone at Clover contributes to creating success and happiness for students. I can’t wait to be a member of such a wonderful school.

Being a teacher I have been in many, many schools across Queensland. My family has lived twice in Longreach, and it was here my two sons started school. The oldest, Tom is now studying at University of Queensland and the youngest Harry, is school captain at Merrimac SHS. Their experiences at school shaped a new understanding for us, about how important teachers are in a family’s life.

I believe in having an optimistic view for whatever we are working on in school. For me it is always about helping children arrive at their destination – with what they need to get there, with a minimum of worry and a lot of be happiness in doing so. I hope knowing my approach helps you to get to know me a little better.

For the past five years I have been a member of the Council for International Schools, a worldwide organisation with a focus on school improvement. Last year I led an international team to review a school in Kuala Lumpur. It was a terrific opportunity to observe good teaching and learning at close hand, and gave me so many wonderful ideas for classrooms and education. Currently I am volunteering on a Child Protection Task Force committee evaluating school policies and resources for international schools. I love the opportunity for professional development and the networking this commitment provides for me.

“Make a Difference” has been my mantra since I started as a Deputy Principal. I hope I will spend some time with you, your children and your “teachers” working towards a lasting relationship, happy experiences and a great education.

Kind regards

Mrs Jenny Tobin - jtobi5@eq.edu.au

SCHOOL WATCH – keep an eye on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. To find out more about the School Watch Program, contact Education Queensland’s School Security Section on 3237 0874.

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.

Print friendly version for your fridge! - please click here

DATE CLAIMERS

• 23 June: P-2 Switch on to Science and Maths G&T – Broadbeach SS
• 24 June: 4-7 Switch on to Science and Maths G&T – Broadbeach SS
• 24 June: Year 7/ 6-7 / CC Blue 7 excursion to Hinze Dam
• 25 June Semester 1 Report Card distributed to parents
• 26 June P&C - Student Disco

Term 3 Date Claimers

• 15 July QSR ‘staff forum’ – visioning our future
• 16 July QSR ‘community forum’ at 2pm P&C meeting at 3:15pm (in hall meeting room)

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.

Parent Partnerships in Learning (PPL)

Nurture and Support! Watch them Grow!
Semester one saw the launch of the Parent Partnerships in Learning program.

A team of parents have been deployed into the classrooms to help students with teacher assigned tasks. The PPL program has been very rewarding for the students, the teachers and the parents.

We congratulate the students for their exceptional tenacity and respect given to their Parent Tutors and we applaud our team of PPL tutors for committing to this program with such enthusiasm and professionalism. They are so committed to making a difference!

The PPL program is going from strength to strength with another 7 parents committing to the program in Semester 2.

If you are interested in finding out more about the PPL program, please email Katie Kee – PPL coordinator
kkee2@eq.edu.au

CHSS SCIENCE NEWS

Science is still growing in many ways at Clover Hill in 2014!

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY GOLD COAST SCIENCE COMPETITION 2014

The Griffith University Gold Coast Science Competition is on again for the 27th year! It is open to all students from Prep to Year 12 and costs just $5 to enter. Students have been shown a powerpoint about the competition and discussed what is involved. Interested students have been given a letter to take home with information about the competition and what to do to enter. The letter has a section that needs to be signed and brought back to Mr Maddock as soon as possible to register for the competition. Mr Maddock will then give these students a competition booklet which will detail the information for each of the competition categories and what is required for a successful entry.

The competition isn’t until Week 8 in term 3, Sept 1-4, but the students would be well advised to do the major part of their project over the June holidays. The entry needs to be their own work, and not done with a partner, and any assistance noted in a science journal. Some possible ideas are: a shell collection, an environmental house, solar system research, animal research, investigations into plants. At the beginning of term 3 Mr Maddock will conduct a during and after school session to explain how to do a Science Notebook as part of the entry.

If you have any questions please email me on:
gmadd4@eq.edu.au

SCIENCE CLUB
Science Club has changed to Wednesday lunchtime for 2014. Science Club is free and open to all students from prep to year 7, and is held in the Science Lab with Mr Maddock.

Each week we have been doing various simple science activities such as how to get an egg into a bottle, how our eyes work and the pitch drop experiment.

Mr Maddock, Specialist Science Teacher and Earth Smart Coordinator

gmadd4@eq.edu.au

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.

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 have changed your mobile number.

STORY DOGS NEEDED!

Our school would love to have this unique reading support program helping our kids to become life-long readers.
The teachers love this program, the kids can’t wait to read and the program works!

Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?

Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Send the Story Dogs Gold Coast Coordinator, Janine, an email so you can start helping children to become better readers.

Janine’s email

info@storydogs.org.au

Web Site:

www.storydogs.org.au

MUSIC NEWS!

Instrumental and Choral Music Concert

Congratulations to all our Band, Strings and Choir groups who performed for our special Gala concert last week. Thank you to all Parents and Caregivers who came along to watch, and thank you to everyone for your support. All our performers were all so enthusiastic, entertaining and talented! It was a concert enjoyed by all.

Instrumental Music Camp

Selected Senior Band and Senior Strings students will be taking part in the annual Regional Advanced Music Camp which will be held in week 10 of this term. Congratulations to those students selected to participate!

Talent Quest – Clover’s Got Talent

Talent Quest nomination forms are now available to collect from the Music Room. Any children from Prep – year 7 are welcome to nominate for this competition. Clover’s Got Talent heats will begin in Term 3.

Nominations are due by the end of Term 2 (by Friday the 27th of June.)

Acts can include anything from singing, rapping, playing instruments, dancing, and acting to juggling or comedic acts. We are keen to see your hidden talent! You can create your own dance or song etc.. or you can demonstrate one you have learnt with a teacher or coach. Please remember to do lots of practice at home as it’s not long until the heats will begin!!

SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Clover Hill’s annual Senior Athletics Carnival was held on 12 and 13 June. We held the finals for the Field Events and 800m events on Thursday 12th June, and the Track Day (75m, 150m sprints) on Friday 13 June. The weather caused some concern; however, we were able to complete the rest of the finals. All students performed extremely well individually and for their sports house.

After a really tight competition a big congratulations goes to KOALA who were triumphant in the overall standings. Congratulations to all Sports Houses for your efforts throughout the 2 days:

**2014 House Totals**

- Koala 772
- Wallaby 768
- Jabiru 650
- Dingo 525

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champions and Runners-Up Age Champions:

**9 YEARS GIRLS:**
- Age Champion: Cleo J.
- Runners-Up: Cinamin B, Ella G and Lexi S.

**9 YEARS BOYS:**
- Age Champion: Joel B.
- Runners-Up: Kadin M.

**10 YEARS GIRLS:**
- Age Champion: Connie H.
- Runners-Up: Holly M.

**10 YEARS BOYS:**
- Age Champion: Caden F.
- Runners-Up: Jacob C.

**11 YEARS GIRLS:**
- Age Champion: Janaya M.
- Runners-Up: Tayla M.

**11 YEARS BOYS:**
- Age Champion: William H.
- Runners-Up: Jayden S.

**12 YEARS GIRLS:**
- Age Champion: 
- Runners-Up: 

**12 YEARS BOYS:**
- Age Champion: 
- Runners-Up: 

Age Champion: Shauna M.  Age Champion: Kobe H.
Runners-Up: Taylor R.  Runners-Up: Jonah B.

13 YEARS GIRLS:
Age Champion: Jemma S.  Age Champion: Griffin N.
Runners-Up: Tia N.  Runners-Up: Harrison P.

A massive thank you to all runners, all staff and especially to all parents, grandparents, extended family who came along to cheer on their children.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A detailed letter will be sent home with students who have qualified for the District Athletics Carnival.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the students that represented Clover Hill at the Regional Cross Country Carnival held on Tuesday 10th June at Runaway Bay. A fantastic effort was given and all students represented Clover Hill proudly, well done!

Special congratulations to Tayla M. who successfully qualified for the Regional team. J

Cherie McKeen - Health and Physical Education Teacher

STUDENT COUNCIL
Humane Society International

RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE AND HELP PROTECT THE MOUNTAIN GORILLA

The Student Council is proud to support the Humane Society International. HSI's mission statement is to create an ecologically sustainable and humane world for all animals and their environments.

Every old/unused mobile phone and battery received by the Aussie Recycling Program (ARP) is credited to the Humane Society International.

Humane Society International will receive between $3 and $5 for phones sent.
Funds raised from recycling your mobile will be used to support patrols in Virunga National Park, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the home of the critically endangered mountain gorilla. Many have been killed by poachers and HSI is committed to helping the surviving gorillas, whose population is declining.

Please leave old mobiles/batteries in the silver box located in the front office.

Thank you in advance for helping to support this worthy cause.

Animal Welfare League

Student Council is continuing to raise awareness of the wonderful work that the AWLQ does each year in providing care, shelter, and re-homing of cats and dogs. The AWLQ doesn’t receive any government funding for welfare work so relies on the generosity of the community.

Student Council is asking for any donations of old blankets and towels or tinned pet food and schmackos. Please place all donations into the yellow tub located in the front office.

Thank you for supporting the AWLQ.

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. 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.

CLOVER HILL NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE

Sign on & 1st Session: – Friday 25th July

Time: 3:10pm - 4:10pm

Venue: Clover Hill school oval

Address: Somerset Drive Mudgeeraba

Cost: $65

For more information contact: Tim Searl on 5594 5722

Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
Participants receive benefits which include hat, football, back pack and much more.

Registration – **ONLINE ONLY** - Three Easy Steps:

3. **Print submitted registration form**
4. Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session

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**FROM THE P&C**

**Tuckshop**

"**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 specials. 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.

**Uniform shop**

New winter jackets in size 8 & 10 back in stock $39.50

Don't forget we stock a range of good quality shoes, swimming goggles and caps.

Open from 8.15 - 10.30 Tuesday & Thursday mornings or you can order online at [www.theschoollocker.com](http://www.theschoollocker.com)

**DISCO FEVER IS HERE AGAIN!**

Thursday 26 June.


$8.00 per student includes DJ, chips, drink & cookie. Smigles vouchers to give away, so don't delay!
Prep students will enjoy a “Colours of the Rainbow” disco theme - remember to wear your PE uniform & bring a coloured shirt to change into after lunch. No tickets required, but a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

See you all there!!!