FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Our focus this year is again on ‘Expecting Excellence’ and we are more committed than ever to maintaining our excellent reputation. We do this by setting high expectations and we thank parents for supporting our aspirational academic goals, strict uniform and behavioural code. Last week we issued our very first ‘Protocols’ publication. Thank you for the feedback provided that this provided clarity about expectations.

2015-2018 Strategic Plan: This year, Clover Hill will begin implementation of our new Strategic Plan. We are looking forward to sharing information about this plan in future newsletters and at our P&C meetings.

Our focus this year is to:

- Strengthen the professional capacity of staff by providing feedback on classroom performance.
- Fostering our culture of innovation – continuing to promote and enhance our signature programs by utilising our unique facilities to engage, challenge, connect and inspire students’ creative thinking and learning.
- Monitor and promote quality learning outcomes through analysis of student data to inform whole-of-school and individual improvement strategies.

Explicit Improvement Agenda: In 2015 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.

We have already started our year by holding data conversations with our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers in preparation for NAPLAN testing which will be held in May.

**Every day counts:** As we start our school year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at [http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html)

**School Starting Times:** A reminder that our school day commences at 8:55am. A preparation bell sounds at 8:50am to signal students to prepare themselves for learning. All parents should ensure that children are at school for the start of the school day. A reminder that we do not provide before school supervision and therefore students should not arrive at school before 8:30am. Students who arrive at school before 8:30am will be instructed to wait in the tuckshop area until the 8:40am bell.

**After School Procedures:** In the interest of student safety, our staff car parks are closed for parent pick ups. We expect parents to respect these procedures and model appropriate behaviour when collecting children after school – this involves crossing to parked cars using the marked crossing areas. Parents using the ‘stop/drop/go’ zone MUST remain in their car and explain to children that they should wait under teacher supervision at our southern gate (near Prep rooms). The teacher on duty will allow students to exit the school grounds once cars are parked safely. Please help us to keep your children safe and refrain from calling your children through the front gate to your car.

**Class Information Sessions:** We invite all parents to participate in our week 3 ‘Clover Connect’ Parent Information Sessions. Information on classroom routines and expectations will be shared but more importantly this is an opportunity to get to know your child’s classroom teacher and for them to ‘get to know’ you!

Date claimers are:

- Monday 9 February 3:15 – 4pm Year 1 4:00 - 4.45pm Year 6
- Tuesday 10 February 3:15 - 4pm Year 3 4:00 – 4.45pm Year 5
- Wednesday 11 February 3:15 - 4pm Year 2 4:00 - 4.45pm Year 4
- Thursday 12 February 3:15 - 4pm Prep

**P&C 2015:** The functions of our Parent and Citizen's association are to:

- foster community interest in educational matters
• encourage closer cooperation between parents, staff and students of our school

• provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues and concerns in relation to the student body and management of the school

• provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school

Being involved in our P&C during the implementation of our new Strategic Plan provide a great opportunity for any new families. No experience is necessary as we will provide training. This week we will be sending home an Expression of Interest for positions. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our current President Rachel Kapp or our Parent Liaison Officer – Ms Michelle Brown.

**You Can Do It Program:**

**Ways of Thinking**

It has been discovered that there are 12 ways of thinking that help young people to be **Confident, Persistent, Organised**, to **Get Along**, and to be **Resilient**.

At Clover Hill State School, we use these ‘Keys to Success’ and ‘Habits of the Mind’ to develop the social and emotional wellbeing of our students. In the coming newsletters we will describe each of the Keys and the Habits of the Mind to increase your understanding of You Can Do It Education.

**Curriculum/Learning Hub**

The Learning Hub is up and running this week with students actively engaging in learning. There are three main curriculum areas in which students engage as a class; The Laptop Lounge and Green Room, The Happy Days Research Area and the Under the Faraway Tree Reading corner. There are also lots of ‘nooks and crannies’ for
students to find a quiet space to read. Student borrowing will begin week 3. We will also be trialling opening the Learning Hub in the morning from 8:10-8:40am before school to assist students with their learning.

Please note the following timetable:

Monday Closed  Tuesday: Homework- Catch Up in Laptop Lounge (for students who have not completed all homework or do not have a device or internet access at home at home) Wednesday: Somerset Reading Club (years 3-5)

Thursday: Homework-Catch Up Friday: Readers Theatre-choral reading

What a great start to our 2015 school year. Lots of happy smiley faces coming through our gate each morning. A huge thank you to staff and parents for your support!

Gayle Alessio

Principal on behalf of the 2015 Executive Team

(Mr Regan Gant, Mrs Jenny Tobin, Ms Ursula Carty, Mrs Kathy Cavanagh, Ms Sue Cady and Mrs Ann St George)

WE ARE ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 NOW.

CONTACT: 55594111 or email mbrow78@eq.edu.au for a package

PLEASE ENROL EARLY SO WE CAN ARRANGE STAFFING!

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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 pictures of what items are acceptable and what are not. 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 Michelle Brown or one of our school administrators.
**Help us to maintain our Uniform Standards**

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

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**Print friendly version for your fridge! - please click here**

**QI CHALLENGE**

On the 22nd of February ten teachers from Clover Hill will be participating in the first ever Q1 Challenge. This is a race up the Q1! The teachers will run, walk, or drag themselves up 77 levels of stairs. That is 1331 stairs! Your teachers who are crazy enough to join in the fun are Mrs Tobin, Mrs Woollard, Ms Docker, Mrs Murray, Mr Stasui, Mrs Law, Ms McKea, Mr Hohnke, Mrs Cushing and Miss Dimond.
The challenge is not only for fun, it is also to raise money for Rosies, a charity that helps people who are homeless. If you would like to sponsor the teachers and support Rosies, you can follow this link: 
https://q1stairchallenge.everydayhero.com/au/clover-hill

Alternatively there is a Q1 Challenge Supporters tin in the front office if you would like to make a gold coin donation.

Thanks for your support!

DROP OFF AND PICK UP REMINDERS

Just a reminder to parents they need to drop off and pick up their children at the stop, drop and go zone only. All students are to enter and exit the school grounds from the main gate. The only exceptions are the bus and after school care children, and children going to the bike rack. We have received numerous complaints from staff and parents about congestion, and unsafe driving and parking in both staff car parks. Staff carparks are off limits at all times inclusive of before school drop offs.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Please keep the office informed of any change to phone numbers, home address or email addresses. Mobile numbers are very important in case we need to contact parents during the day.

You can email any changes to admin@cloverhillss.eq.edu.au

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS IN LEARNING (PPL)

2015 Volunteer Induction Workshop

All volunteer parents of Clover Hill State School are required to attend the Volunteer Induction Workshop before commencing volunteer activities.

This workshop is designed to give you the complete picture of the many and varied areas of the school that require volunteer assistance. Our workshops will inform you of volunteer requirement in:

- Parent Partnerships in Learning (PPL)
- Retail outlets (Tuckshop)
- P&C Fundraising and Initiatives
- Classroom Learning support
- School Community Support via our Chaplaincy Support Programs (Mentoring)
- Library & Resource Centre
As part of school procedure regarding volunteer services it is also important you are aware of school safety matters. This will also be communicated to you during the workshop.

When:           Tuesday 17 February
Where:          Performing Arts Hall
Time:           9-10am

Parent Partnerships in Learning volunteers are invited to a workshop straight after the Volunteers Induction at 10am. This will run for approximately 1 hour.

We hope to see you there as we prepare for another wonderfully productive year at Clover Hill SS.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS IN LEARNING

In 2014, we also introduced another ‘support team’ namely the Parent Partnerships in Learning (PPL). This dedicated group have been working within the same classroom, with the same children for most of the year. They have become mentors and a great support to many children who benefit from one on one learning.

The program has also been a great opportunity for parents to gain confidence working with children, and supporting those who are interested in the Teacher Aide profession.

The role of the PPL includes:

• Volunteering a minimum of 1 hour per week.
• Commit to working within the same classroom for a minimum of 1 term (an annual commitment would be more beneficial)
• Work under the teacher’s instruction with pre planned tasks.

Classrooms tasks could include:

• Help student with homework tasks (that are not completed)
• Help student with unfinished classroom work
• Times tables practice
• Spelling practice
• Learning games
• Physical games (to let off some steam!)
• Reading and comprehension
• A great mentor of happiness and encouragement

When:           Tuesday 17 February
Where: Performing Arts Hall

Time: 10am-11am

If you are interested in joining the PPL Team in 2015 please attend the Volunteer Induction Workshop (9.00am) followed by the Parent Partnership in Learning briefing at 10am in the School Hall.

If you have any questions please email Katie Kee on khee2@eq.edu.au.

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club will commence week 3. The main priorities are watering, weeding, harvesting and re-planting. If there is time sometimes we will do some cooking with the produce that has been picked.

It will start on Thursdays but may also be run on other days. Watch this space!

A MESSAGE FROM THE READING TEAM

“Reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive and successful life. A child that is an excellent reader is a confident child, has a high level of self-esteem and is able to easily make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn.” (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development)

BIKE SAFETY

Congratulations for making a healthy choice to ride to school.

Please ride with safety in mind – your safety and the safety of people sharing the same path. Everyone needs to feel safe, both bike riders and pedestrians.

Please feel free to discuss this with your Assistant Principal if you need any clarification of your responsibilities.

As Clover Hill State School students we would like you to:

• Exercise control of your bike when travelling down the big hill,

• Be observant of people, especially children, in your path. Children can run quickly into your path,

• Please get off your bike and walk past when there are people on the pathway. They have right of way, you don’t,

• Please wear your helmet every time you ride your bike.

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.

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS!**

Choir, Band and Strings lessons will begin from next week. (Week 3).

The following are the rehearsal times for Choir: All children are welcome to come along

Grade One Sing for Fun Club: Monday 1pm – 1:45pm (music room)

Grade 2 & 3 Junior Choir: Friday 1pm – 1:45pm

Grade 4, 5, 6 Senior Choir: Tuesday 7:45am – 8:45am  (starting this Tuesday the 10th of Feb)

Keyboard lessons are available before school on Monday’s in the music room from next week. (Week 3).

Group lessons are available through Ronlyn Adams.

Group 1 will be held Monday at 7:30am (for older students) and Group 2 will be held Monday at 8:10am (younger students).

Cost is $15.00 per group lesson

(Discounts available for families with more than 3 children participating)

Private lessons on piano and/or keyboard are also available

If you are interested in lessons please contact Ronlyn at ronlyn@activ8.net.au

Home Phone: 55 59 14 59       Mobile Phone:  0422 585 709

Congratulations to those children who have been nominated to attend this years’ Regional Vocal Camp!

Nomination forms are due back to Mrs Laird by Thursday the 12th of February.
String Instrumental Music 2015

String Lessons begin next week. All Blue String and Beginner String students will begin lessons on Thursday 12th February. Green String students will begin their lessons on Friday 13th February. A timetable will be up in the window at the Music room for all to view. This is going to be a busy and very exciting year!

SPORTS NEWS

HPE lessons have been in full swing since day one of the school year. All students have been enthusiastically participating in the lessons.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Please send your child along to school on their designated HPE day with their school sports uniform, including their wide brimmed hat.

- During these warmer months it is vital children remain hydrated throughout the day, so please ensure they bring their drink bottles along to school especially on HPE days. This saves children walking through the school in search of bubblers.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Year 2 Swimming Lessons:

Weeks 7 & 8 – every day

Year 1 Swimming Lessons:

Weeks 9 & 10 – every day

- Please make sure your child’s medical forms are returned and payments are made by the due dates as late payments will not be accepted.

- Please ensure all students have a rash vest, swimming cap and googles.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oceanic District Swimming Carnival – Thursday 19th of February

Senior Cross Country Carnival – Thursday 19th of March

OCEANIC DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The students who qualified for the Oceanic District Swimming Carnival will receive a letter this week. If you have any further questions about the carnival please contact Mrs Heinemann.
PE LESSONS – YEARS 4/5/6 AND CC CLASSES

This term we are focusing on preparation for the Cross Country Carnival. Students need to ensure they have their hats and water bottles each week for HPE. Weather permitting the carnival will run on Thursday the 19th of March where students will be required to run the following distances:

9 and 10 year olds – 2 kilometres
11 and 12 year olds – 3 kilometres

Students will be encouraged to complete the distance with time not being an issue. All participants will earn points for their sports house.

CHAPPY NEWS

Welcome back to all our Clover families for a fresh new year.

Also a big welcome and hello to all our new families.

For those who don’t know me, or my role, I am Mr Rob and I am the Chaplain here at Clover. My office is up in the Learning Hub and my days this year will be Monday’s, Wednesday, and Fridays. Sometimes it is difficult to describe my role here at Clover (officially I am here to offer Emotional, Social and Spiritual support to all Students, Staff and Families in whatever forms that takes). I guess some of our current staff often do wonder what I do - apart from being a whiz at handball, I am part of the support staff here at Clover and as the year goes on you will notice me around doing a lot of varied things, from running programs, connecting with students in the playground and supporting/serving students, staff and families in whichever way the Chaplaincy program and myself can.

I love my days here at Clover but I do understand some times we may not love this particular day as much as the previous. So if you ever want a chat about your day, I will do my best to make myself available as soon as possible. I feel at Clover we have a fantastic supporting staff and together it makes Clover what it is. I am looking forward to another amazing and perhaps busy year.

If you have any questions regarding my role or just want to chat, feel free to track me down. You can ask the wonderful ladies at reception or ph 0415615076. Cheers. Rob

LIBRARY NEWS

Library borrowing commences Week 3 for all students. A reminder that Prep to Year 3 must have a waterproof library bag which may be purchased from the Uniform shop at a cost of $6.50. Years 4-7 may use a waterproof library bag or a plastic sealable folder. These precautions help keep our books safe. The student borrowing...
period is one week with the exception of term holidays. Weekly reminders are sent home when books are overdue. Borrowing rights may be restricted at the discretion of library staff.

Voluntary assistance is always warmly welcome in the Library. We have a variety of tasks from covering books to shelving and everything in between. Any spare half hour would be appreciated by all who use our wonderful Library. Come on in or phone Jo Dimond if you would like to join our enthusiastic volunteer team.

Jo Dimond-Library Coordinator

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 old 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 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

Gold Coast Oral Health (Dental) Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in year’s 3 and 4.

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses for the remaining treatment provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre

1300 300 850

Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Excluding Public Holidays

Further information on public funded oral health care can be accessed via URL:


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 school’s bank account with a specific identifier to then be receipted against allocated invoices.

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

P and C NEWS

Welcome to 2015 Clover Hill Families,

We do hope you enjoyed your summer break and are ready for a fun filled new school year in 2015. On behalf of the P & C I wish to extend the warmest of welcomes to all our new families that have joined us and a welcome back to our families from last year.

My name is Rachel and I am the current president of the P & C. I have four children at Clover this year, grade 6, grade 5, grade 2 and Prep so I get to have a broad range of experiences. It was a delight to see so many happy faces arriving at school during the first week and not a lot of tears! So well done parents. It is not an easy feat to get all the new school stuff ready and pack and head of for the new adventure that the school year brings; so a big congratulations to you all.

The P & C fun starts next Wednesday (18th Feb) at 3:00pm when we will have our first 2015 meeting. This is where we will begin formatting the agenda of activities for the year. We will be holding our AGM on March 11th. Forms will be distributed this week with nominations for the executive positions. We strongly urge you to consider one of these roles and become part of our team. We are only as successful as our member and volunteer base, so if an executive role is something you can not attend to then think about becoming a member of the P & C and being one of our amazing volunteers. With a student body of over 900 students, we heavily rely on all our volunteers to assist in our functions. We urge you to consider either role.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the P & C or nominations, ideas for functions or anything else you wish to discuss with us then please do not hesitate to contact us at pandc@cloverhillss.eq.edu.au we are hear to help, advise and assist any community member at any time.

I look forward to meeting you all soon and seeing you at school - please remember to follow the school rules with parking and driving within the schools as we pride ourselves on being a safe and considerate school community.

Kindest Regards

Rachel Kapp

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will be every Friday from 8:30am-9:00am in the Tuckshop. School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete applications forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as a driver’s license and birth certificate) and you will receive your dollarmites wallet on the spot, it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open on line as well!

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome back to what is going to be a fantastic year at the the Tuckshop. We have many great specials planned for your kids to enjoy, and a great new menu with exciting new items, such as the Fandangle Ice Creams.

The first of our specials flyers has already been sent home, in case you missed it, here it is.

FROZEN DAY

Wednesday 18/02/2015

To pre order your yummy treats, please fill in the form below and return to the Tuckshop OR go to munchmonitor.com and click on the school shop icon. Orders must be placed by Friday the 13rd of Feb. (There will be no late orders accepted, sorry.)

Orders will be for 2nd break only.

Child’s Name:_________________________ Childs Class:________________

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Apple Sorbet (in an edible apple)  2.50  ________  ________

Pomegranite Sorbet (taste like skittles)  2.50  ________  ________

If any parents have any spare time and would like to give us a hand please don't hesitate to come and see us, we would love some help.

Thanks
Nicky & Kerry

Bookclub:

The first issue has already been sent home, and if you could please get your orders into the Tuckshop by Thursday the 12/02/15.

Uniform shop

Girls Culottes now in stock size 8, 10, 12 $22.00 each

White socks in stock size 13-3 and 3-7 $8.00 a pair

Opening hours 8.15am-10.30am every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASS

In the Music room on Tuesday for years 2-6 from 3.00 – 4.30pm.

These classes improve self confidence and self esteem while practicing and developing leadership techniques and playing at problem solving life skills.

- accelerate and extend their reading and speaking abilities effectively.
- have fun learning through poetry, prose, drama, role playing, mime,
- voice care (projection, delivery, enunciation & speech exercises - phonetics i.e. stepping stones of the processing of sounds to words etc)
- weekly speaking tasks (poems, readings, prose, informal speeches, plays etc).
- games for listening, observation, focus, and self control awareness of feelings etc.
Small limited numbers taken. $20 per class. Class trials their first 3 lessons. Parents welcome to sit in on the class. It is a structured yearly programme.

Enrol now in preparation for future performances and presentations.

Local teacher of 30 years. Phone Karen Sleep 55732009 / 0438732009

Empower your child for life. (flyers in administration and from classroom teacher).

UPDATE FROM SURFSIDE BUSLINES

For 2015, Surfside Buslines will be introducing a new process for fare evasion / code of conduct notifications.

Weekly notifications via email will commence to identified schools on reported minor code of conduct matters to ensure consistent and open communication between schools, parents / guardians, students and ourselves with a view to swift resolution of the issue.

We have identified minor code of conduct behaviour as:

- No fare / bus pass
- Insufficient gocard funds
- Eating / Littering
- Won’t stay seated
- Won’t do as directed

If the identified matters continue without resolution and for all other code of conduct categories, the normal notification and investigative processes will be followed as per Government standards.

Parents please remember, at boarding, students are to present their bus pass (with top-up fare/ticket if applicable) or pay the appropriate fare either in cash or by using a TransLink go card.

If you wish to apply for bus travel assistance please email your home address details to Surfside Buslines at gc schools@tagroup.net.au so that eligibility may be assessed and the appropriate form issued.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE NOW

ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015

To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS

At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child

- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS


PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO

Surfside Buslines

PO Box 3036

ROBINA

Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

REMINDER

A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or gocard. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.
Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre (PBNC) offers a range of community support to persons to the southern Gold Coast. As a not-for-profit we are able to provide information, referral and individual support sessions at no cost to families. Some of the services we provide include:

Individual Family Support – PBNC’s Family support and counselling service is a targeted service with the scope to assist families and children (up to the age of 12 years) for a variety of reasons including behavioural difficulties, co-parenting and child-parent relationships. This service is available Monday-Wednesday. To arrange an appointment please call 5598 1505 and ask for Melita.

Happy Parents, Happy Kids – 4th and 11th or 18th March 2015 - This is a two session parenting course which explores the subtle differences in children’s preferences and likes, thus influencing the success of various behaviour management strategies and techniques. To attend this course please call reception on 5598 1505 (please note the date parents attend the second session depends on the preferences of their child/children).

Successful Co-Parenting – 25th March 2015 - A one day course developed to assist parents to overcome challenging co-parenting situations and improve co-parenting relationships. To attend this course please call reception on 5598 1505.

Get your family active and eating well

The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – is taking registrations now for a group to start on the Gold Coast in term 2.

The FREE program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.
The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au