Welcome to the first newsletter in the new format. At Clover Hill we are continuously working at ways to improve our communication and the way we communicate with our school community. We have begun the process of renewing our communication practices updating newsletters, letterheads, etc. As we move forward, we will be moving towards a more digital means of communication. We ask that as members of our school community you continue to engage in our school by ensuring you download and register both for the QSchools and Qparents apps. These means of communication, along with our website, are set to become the dynamic environment in which we host a number of our communication strategies. At present we have 248 students (26%) of students registered for QParents and 596 registered Clover Hill users on QSchools.

Unashamedly, at our school, we have a clear and unrelenting focus on making our school a great school. Communication is a big part of ensuring we share our vision and ensure that collaboratively we strive towards our vision – staff, students, families and community. Susan Scott the author of Fierce Conversations says that, “What matters anywhere in your organisation, matters everywhere in your organisation.” Please ensure that you remain connected to our school so that ‘Together Everyone Achieves More’.

Supporting our Students: As we move closer to assessment and report cards, I would urge families to talk about learning. It’s always beneficial to talk with students about study habits, maintaining regular routines and seeking support when experiencing difficulty. Each year starts with a burst of energy and this needs to be reinvigorated as time passes. Every day is a new opportunity to make a difference and with persistence goals can become a reality.

School Communication: Over this term you will see a new look to the ways we communicate at Clover Hill. The best way to stay up-to-date with our school is to download and register for the following apps. QSchools and QParents will provide another way to communicate.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about our school. The app is designed to integrate with the school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to the school website.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.
The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app. Find out more about QSchools and download the app today.

The QParents web and mobile app provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. If you need any assistance in accessing either app, please contact the friendly ladies in the office.

Students crossing Somerset Drive
We ask parents and carers to have a chat with their students about crossing busy roads at the traffic lights, and using the pedestrian crossings. Sometimes children forget the importance of using pedestrian crossings safely, and it is very helpful if we regularly remind them how to cross a busy road safely, and where to do it, and then be vigilant in reinforcing road safety rules.

If your child walks or rides to school please be very clear with him or her that they must use pedestrian crossings, where available, as they travel directly to and from school.

Regan Gant—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

- 18 May P&C Meeting 3:15 – 4pm in learning hub (library)
- 23 May Oceanic District Cross Country
- 30 May Choir-Band and Strings program concert 1:50 – 3pm school hall
- 8 June P&C Meeting 3:15 – 4pm in learning hub (library)
- 13-26 Advanced Instrumental Music Camp
- 17 June Sport for a Cure – Student Council Fundraiser
- 18 June KS4KIDS
- 13-26 June Advanced Instrumental Music Camp
- 22 June Semester 1 Report Card emailed to parents
- 23 June Senior Athletics Carnival (Somerset Track)
- 23 June P&C Student Disco
- 24 June Last day of term 2
- 11 July First day of term 3
Clover Garden

It is a perfect time of the year to be planting our new crops!

Many of the classes have allocated garden beds and very soon we will be reaping the rewards of their hard work. The children have planted flowers, herbs and vegetables.

A special thank you to our wonderful teachers who are so very keen to make our garden so beautiful.

If you are wandering through our school grounds please take the time to stop by. It is such a special place for the children to learn about how things grow and to take some time out from their busy learning schedules. It is the perfect outdoor classroom!

We have several Clover parents who tend to our garden. If you are keen to help, simply drop past the office and we can make arrangements for you to join the gardening team.

Happy Autumn gardening days to everyone!

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STEM CUP

Clover Hill State School has two teams of three students entered into the STEM CUP! The teams are: the “Four Leaf Clover” team, Brock W, Hrannar F and Harper S; and the “Gopher” team, Blair M, Joseph G and Ace D.

The STEM Cup is an afterschool competition where students compete against students from other schools to win the STEM CUP. The competition runs for six weeks and each week the students complete a variety of STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges. Week one was a challenge to make the best beach which didn’t get impacted by water erosion and week two was another environmental challenge to design the best dunes and plants to prevent erosion and week three was a challenge to build a water filtration system.

Points are awarded each week. With around thirty four teams competing, after three weeks the Gopher team is in first place and the 4 Leaf Clovers are further back in 22nd place. Still plenty of time for both teams to make the finals. Well done to both teams for their teamwork, enthusiasm and love of science.

Anyone interested in representing Clover Hill in the term 4 STEM CUP challenge can register their interest with Mr Maddock.

2016 Science Diary Dates:

STEM CUP – Term 2 and Term 4
National Science Week - 2016 Theme: “Drones, droids and robots” 13-21st August 2016
Gold Coast Schools pop up Science Centre – August 21st 2016
Griffith University Gold Coast Science Competition (Prep – 12) 29 Aug -1st Sept 2016

Mr Maddock, CHSS Specialist Science Teacher gmadd4@eq.edu.au

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Science News
### Performing Art News

**Choral and Instrumental Concert (Year 2-6) - Monday 30th of May**
All children involved in our Choirs, Strings and Bands ensembles will be performing in a very special Gala concert on Monday the 30th of May. The concert will be held in our school hall from 1:50pm-3:00pm.
Parents are welcome to come along and watch their talented child/ren perform!
Additional Rehearsal times for Choir on Monday May 30th of May:
Senior Choir: Monday morning rehearsal in the music room at 7:45am – 8:20am (Children will then stay to watch the Junior Choir rehearsal)
Junior Choir: (year 2 & 3) Special Monday morning rehearsal in the music room from 8:20am – 8:45am.
Talent Quest Heats start Wednesday 18th of May and will run through Term 2 and 3. Finalists will be announced at the end of the Heats. The performance schedule for Term 2 is posted on the music door.
Beginner Strings World Premiere performance, Friday 27th May, Prep/year 1 assembly.
Congratulations to the Blue and Green String orchestras for their fantastic performances at the Fanfare Statewide competition on Tuesday. Junior Choir will have a special performance on Thursday May 26th at the Year2&3 assembly. We will meet at the tuckshop area at 8:40AM.

### Under 8's Day

**KS4KIDS 2016**
KS4KIDS 2016 Saturday 18th June
RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMMES!
3.5km, 10km, 30km or Half-Marathon
* Choose your walk and get sponsors OR
* SPONSOR Mr Rob, your teacher or someone walking in your class and raise money for Clover Hill State School!
Register online www.ks4kids.org.au by:
* May 30th: Students $10, Everyone else $20, Family rate (2 adults + 2 students) $50
* May 31st – 18th June: Students $15, Everyone else $25, Family rate (2 adults + 2 students) $60

**Under 8's Day**
All Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will be celebrating Under 8’s day on Wednesday 25 May. The children will enjoy a host of fun activities followed by a teddy bears picnic. Please ensure that the children bring a hat, a picnic blanket, their favourite teddy bear and their lunch box which could include a yummy treat from home. Children are to wear their sports uniform on this day of celebration.

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**Expect Excellence**
The time has come when we need your help!

The Canteen is a P&C service for our students at Clover Hill. We have a very hard working Coordinator Nicky that runs our canteen daily. We are looking for people who can volunteer for up to 3hrs one day (or more) per month to assist with general support in the canteen.

Starting at 9am, support can range from assisting with food prep, restocking, baking, cooking hot foods, packing lunch bags, serving, etc. You can make your way up straight after school drop off. Perfect!!

Some of the benefits of volunteering at Clover Hill:

- Contribute to your child’s development
- Meet new friends (fun times)
- Receive a free morning tea- coffee & cookie
- Receive an Incentive for your child for your hard work. A canteen voucher to the value of $5 as a big thank you for your help.
- A thank you in the newsletter with the roster for the coming weeks ahead so that you are aware of when you are scheduled on.
- Help contribute to the school P & C funds, which provide much needed equipment and resources for our school.

We value your assistance which is absolutely necessary for the canteen to function. Unfortunately due to health and Safety guidelines we cannot have younger siblings in the canteen. You will need to wear closed in shoes.

To offer your help please email pandc@cloverhillss.eq.edu.au

- Year 3 - Surfing Scientist incursion money due by 6 June