



# The Principal's Post

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## A Year of Purpose

Dear Clover Hill Community,

As we move further into the term, it is hard not to feel like the weeks are travelling at warp speed. It has certainly been another full and busy term here at Clover Hill State School. Like many schools across the region, we have also continued to navigate the impact of the wet weather. Unfortunately, this has meant activities needing to be postponed, rescheduled or, at times, cancelled altogether. It has also meant many indoor lunch breaks for our students. While this can naturally bring a level of frustration for students, staff and families alike, I continue to be incredibly proud of the way our school community approaches these moments. At Clover Hill, we focus on making the very best of each situation with positivity, flexibility and perspective. Schools are busy and dynamic places. Sometimes we cannot control the weather, but we can always control the way we respond to it.

As always, student safety remains a priority for us all. I would like to remind families about the importance of safe practices in and around our school car park during drop off and pick up times. These periods are high traffic times involving large numbers of both pedestrians and vehicles. Remaining patient, calm and following the correct procedures assists greatly in reducing congestion and keeping everyone safe. In particular, please remember that the Stop, Drop and Go lane is designed for the smooth flow of traffic. It is not an area for parking vehicles or exiting cars. When vehicles remain stationary for extended periods, congestion quickly builds and creates unnecessary safety concerns for students and families. Your cooperation in using this area correctly is greatly appreciated.

Communication and partnership with families are deeply important to us at Clover Hill State School. We value respectful conversations, feedback and working together in the best interests of children. However, there are occasions where families may make requests that cannot occur due to operational, staffing, organisational or policy reasons. While we understand that disappointment can occur, it is important that communication remains respectful and constructive. Schools do not operate on the basis of demands being made. Rather, schools operate through professional processes, careful consideration, departmental guidelines and decisions made in the interests of the broader school community. Attached again is the Department of Education document, '*Communicating with your child's school*', which outlines the shared expectations around respectful communication and engagement between schools and families.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to celebrate some exciting news for our school community. Clover Hill State School has once again been recognised at a national level through the Australian Education Awards, with our school named as an awardee finalist. In addition, members of our staff have also been individually recognised for their outstanding contribution to education. This recognition is not about one individual. It is a reflection of the collective commitment, professionalism and care shown each day by our staff, students and wider community. It reflects a school culture committed to excellence, high quality teaching and genuine care for children. We are incredibly proud of this recognition and grateful to be able to celebrate it together as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Clover Hill State School.

Warm regards

Martine Gill