CLOVER HILL STATE SCHOOL

Principal’s Post

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Celebrating our Clover community

There has been plenty to celebrate at Clover Hill over the past fortnight. From the sporting field to the stage, our students have represented our school with talent, determination and tremendous pride. Behind each experience are staff whose contribution deserves recognition.

Last Thursday’s Dance Showcase was a wonderful celebration of 20 years of dance at Clover Hill. A sold-out audience enjoyed an evening reflecting the confidence, creativity and sheer joy our students bring to performing. For our dancers, it was an opportunity to share the results of months of practice. For our community, it was a reminder of the rich history behind a program that continues to give students their moment to shine.

Thank you to Miss Martina and Mrs Jen Hargraves for the years of dedication that has been given to our Dance program, and to the many staff who volunteered their time to bring the evening to life. From rehearsals to backstage support, every contribution helped create a memorable experience for our children.

Over the weekend, our three Touch Excellence teams represented Clover Hill at the All Schools tournament. Our Boys A team reached the Cup Final, narrowly missing out on the championship. All three teams can and should take pride in their efforts.

These opportunities begin long before tournament day. Friday morning training has been part of the routine since Term 1. Mr Lewerissa, Mr Nelson and Mr Heinemann have invested considerable time in developing our players, culminating in a full weekend supporting them through the competition. We are grateful for their commitment.

Our recent celebrations also include the success of our Netball Excellence teams at the Queensland Schools Cup during the Term 3 holidays. Both teams returned as champions! This achievement reflects sustained preparation, beginning with training earlier in the year. Thank you to Mrs Doherty, Ms Shaw, Miss Liley and Mrs Heinemann for the expertise, encouragement and personal time they have given to this program.

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Culture, connection, quality teaching

These events offer just a glimpse of life at Clover Hill. Chess, Drama Club, STEM-X, Music-X are also some of our other programs that provide further avenues for students to explore their interests, develop confidence, find their passion and experience joy. A child might discover a love of performing, the satisfaction of solving a difficult problem, the courage to try something unfamiliar. Each experience has value and they matter.

Much of this work takes place beyond our staff’s classroom teaching responsibilities. Early mornings, afternoons, weekends and school holidays often become part of the commitment. That generosity should never be taken for granted. Our staff see possibilities for our children, then put in the work to make those possibilities real.

This is our Culture & Connection pillar in action. Alongside Precision in Practice and Lifting Learning, it helps define what Clover Hill stands for: strong teaching, meaningful opportunities, a community in which children feel they belong.

That same care is evident in our classrooms. Clover Hill is well known for the quality of our teaching, the consistency of our practices, the alignment across our school. We frequently welcome visiting educators who come to observe lessons, hear about our approach and learn from our work. This is something our community can take pride in. It reflects years of deliberate effort by our staff.

Clover Hill’s distinctive character comes from the daily work behind these experiences. Some contributions receive applause. Others happen quietly, away from an audience. Together, they shape the school our children experience.

To our staff, thank you for the opportunities you create. To our families, thank you for supporting our programs. To our students, thank you for the enthusiasm you bring to Clover Hill. As we enter week 5 of this final term of the school year, let us all be focused but grateful for the opportunities available and experiences yet to come.

Warm regards

Martine Gill
Principal