Dear Families,

Last week I attended the State conference for the Queensland Association of State School Principals. It was a rare and wonderful opportunity to join with over 600 school leaders from all over Queensland. On Thursday, we heard from Simon Breakspear on Agile Leadership for Learning, Professor Sohail Inayatullah on navigating the disruptive futures of education and finally Rabia Siddique on her inspirational story Ripples and Waves.

For me, it is a very satisfying feeling to hear these “guru’s” speak about best practice in our profession or talk about what we need to consider for the future in education to find that, at Cloyna SS, we are on the right track.

Just as important though, just like good teaching practices, it is important to take the time to stop, review, reflect and refine our plans for the future.

Whilst we have a plan for the future of Cloyna (namely our strategic plan), using the words of Simon Breakspeak, it is important to drive our agenda like we drive our cars at night. Planning as far ahead as the headlights shine (with a narrow and deep focus) knowing that eventually we will arrive at our planned destination. The conference has inspired my thinking both about leadership and about planning. The second day of the QASSP conference was again a very valuable opportunity to learn more and build on the previous day’s collaboration. On Friday the whole conference heard from Sue Langley about building positive strengths. Her message was well received and in the workshop we explored further the concept of using our strengths to build further success, recognise weaknesses and then the hard part, using our strengths to address or strategize our weaknesses. If you have every done some deep thinking and investigation into your own strengths you may have an idea of what I am talking about but personally I am very interested in investigating this further.

Sue spoke about investigating your strengths and then building on them. Let’s face it, our weaknesses are weaknesses for a reason and often it is because the engagement and interest is not there. Identifying our strengths and then further developing them is certainly engaging as strengths are strengths often because we are good and like whatever provides us with that strength.

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In the middle sessions we all broke out into groups to explore the concepts discussed by keynote addresses in much more depth. One of the most popular of these breakout sessions was the session run by Rabia Siddique – ‘what’s holding you hostage?’ – she dove deep into what personally is holding people back from being the best we can be, every day, every session. Here was this woman, who had experienced the most traumatic of lives imaginable - yet she has a positive and optimistic view on life and promotes her survival to the support she received from educators as she grew up who taught her about resilience and provided her with hope and skills she has used when faced with the most horrific of life experiences. She finished her session with a challenge that was quite confronting, seriously challenging each of us to make sure we deal with or manage whatever is preventing us from being the best we can be every day as our students deserve and MUST have our full devotion and dedication every day. It was very powerful to be told this from someone who has experienced the worst of what life has to offer and then attributes her resilience and success to the educators she’s had along the way.

As you can see a lot for us to think about here as we begin to plan for the future of Cloyna SS in our Strategic Plan 2017-2020.

Yours in Education
Heather Castle
Watoto Choir
Wednesday September 7

Cloyna Students have been invited by the Chaplain of Windera SS to be a part of this presentation. The Watoto choir will also be performing to the general public on Tuesday evening 7.00pm in the Murgon Town Hall.

Details for the school presentation is as follows:

**Bus leaving school - 10.00am**

**Wondai Town Hall - 11.00am to approx. 12.30**

**Cost - ** No cost to students and no cost to school

Thank you to the families who have returned the Permission Forms, but there are still some outstanding forms. Please complete and return by Friday Sep 2.

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Family Name: ..................................................

I give permission for my child/children ..........................................................

to go on the excursion to Wondai for the Watoto Choir presentation, transportation will be by bus.

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**Playgroup**

**When:** Tuesdays

**Times:** 9.00am to 11.00am

**Who:** All children up to school age and parent/s

**Where:** Classroom B - Cloyna State School

**What to Bring:** Piece of fruit, Water bottle, hat

**Co-ordinator:** Mrs Holly Bakes

Contact: Cloyna State School (41686247)

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**P & C**

Please find attached the minutes from the last P & C meeting.

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**Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting**

Graham House Community Centre is offering a 6 week Parenting Course in KINGAROY for those who are interested in practical guidance on parenting children of all ages without the use of violence.

- Strengthen your relationship
- Improve your communication
- Increase your problem solving skills
- Increase your knowledge of child development
- Increase your understanding of your child’s perspective
- Practical guidance on parenting without violence; no yelling, no name-calling, no hitting

**Day:** Thursdays

**Dates:** 6th Oct - 24th Nov 2016

**Time:** 09.30am—12.00pm

**Where:** 1913 Building at Visitors information Edward Street Kingaroy

Friendly, casual environment and informative closed sessions. Registration is essential before commencement of program.

For more information please contact

Family Support Service Graham House

Jen or Dot 4169 8400

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**Department of Communities**

**Save the Children Australia**
CLOYNA STATE SCHOOL

P & C MEETING

DATE: 15/8/16

OPENED: 3:35PM

ATTENDED: Tanya, Heather, Sonia, Rachael, Teresa, Jasmine

APLOGIES: Kerry, Angela

PRINCIPALS REPORT: as read by: HEATHER / Reward Mid Term – ice cream

MOVED: HEATHER          SECONDED: Teresa

MINUTES: as read by: TANYA

MOVED: TANYA          SECONDED: Sonia

TREASURERS REPORT: as per attached sheet

Balance – 31/7/16 - $6046.82

MOVED:    SECONDED:    

GENERAL BUSINESS:

# Tuck shop still twice on Fridays

#Teresa can bank the tuck shop money

#Jenny needs minutes and Treasurers report for newsletter

# Rewards Day end of term – movies, drink, popcorn – Heather to look into

#Term 4 Tuesdays [active after school program] – prep to 3 – extra swimming lessons / 4, 5, 6 transition to high school – Heather to look into

#Student council – new playground [looking into ideas and money, Heather asked if P&C would put money into it as well as the school]

# Up and coming for Heather – principals meeting, gala sports day, QLD conference. Thank you for sushi day

NEXT MEETING: 7th November 2016  3.30pm        MEETING CLOSED: 4.05pm