Dear Parents and Community Members

At Cloyna State School we place high importance on regular and consistent student attendance. Disappointingly our school data shows a decline in student attendance over the year with a low point of 92% for the 2015 year.

Every Day Counts is a state wide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school.

The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed. Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

· all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
· schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
· truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. There is no quick and simple solution, nor a 'one-size-fits-all' approach to improving school attendance. However, partnerships between schools, parents and the local community have been proven to assist in reducing absenteeism and making every day count at school.

As all parents are aware, our school takes unexplained attendance into consideration when it comes time to attend end of term and semester rewards trips. Please notify the school as soon as practicable clarifying the reason for your child’s absence – a simple message left on the school’s answering machine or a note would be greatly appreciated..

An Invitation – Harmony Day Wednesday, 23 March 2016.

On March 21 Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. This year we will be holding a Harmony Day at Cloyna SS on Wednesday March 23, where we look at the various heritages we bring to our area.
Thanks to those parents who attended the Parent Information meeting held recently. I encourage you to access our staff to reinforce the teaching that occurs in our classrooms. Also thanks for the fantastic roll up for the P and C meeting on Monday we had 62% of families represented at this meeting. Well done, Cloyna!!

Don’t forget this Friday night we have the Blue Light Disco at Cloyna Hall. This is a fundraiser for the QPS and Cloyna P and C we need as many parents as possible to come along and help sell drinks, lollies and the BBQ.

This week we have conducted some evaluative testing and we look forward to sharing the student’s results with you in the near future. Please come on in and talk with the teachers about how your child is going and how you can support them at home. In PAT Maths 79% of our students achieved results at or above the Regional Level. In PAT Reading 84% of our students achieved results at or above the Regional Level. Well done!!

Have a great week
Heather

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Being at school every day counts. If your child is absent one day per week, this quickly adds up to two months of missed school in a year. Every day counts is an initiative aiming to improve attendance at school. The initiative promotes four key messages:

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- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community

School Priorities for 2016

- Using grammar and punctuation to improve reading comprehension, accuracy, fluency and enhanced vocabulary.
- Provide coaching and feedback to staff and students
- To investigate the starting of an outreach to 0-5 years old through playgroup or mobile library

Administration hours

There has been a change in times I will be here in the office. They are as follows:-

Monday—8.00am to 12.00   Wednesday—12.30 to 4.00   Thursday—8.00am to 3.30. If you need to contact the school outside of these hours, if possible please call outside of teaching time—call before 8.50 and after 3.00. Please leave a message on the answering machine, if no one is available to take your call and someone will get back to you. Looking forward to a great year..........................Jenny Cocks
Congratulations to our students

**Week 2**
- Michael, Jack W, Jack B, Jorja, Madison, Jodie, Heath, Katie, Will, Lochlan, Taila, Blade

**Week 3**
- Hayden, Bella, Jodie, Michael, Jorja, Taila, Will, Zac, Madison, Elijah, Katie

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**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

**FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**
Come on down to the Cloyna Hall for a fun night of dancing and games.

**Doors open 6 – 8:30pm**

**Cost - $5.00**
(includes sausage sizzle)

*Soft Drink Bar* will be open serving drinks, lolly bags, lolly pops & chips.