Dear Parents and carers

The catch word for the term is ‘ATTENDANCE’. This year the school’s attendance rate has increased significantly which is really pleasing. Thank-you to the parents who ensure their children are here every day – 85% of our students reached or exceeded the DDSW regional target for attendance in Semester One. It is vital that all children attend school each day; that they arrive on time and are well rested. We can’t teach the children if they are not at school. Every minute of every day counts!

School Attendance: A Key to Success

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: attending school every day and arriving on time. Being at school every day also assists children with their social interactions and development. It is therefore important that children develop habits of regular attendance right from the commencement of the Prep year.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children. It helps children to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Parents are reminded that our first school bell is rung at 8:30am for an 8:50am commencement of instruction. It is important that children arrive on time. Ideally it would be great if all of our children could arrive at school by no later than 8:30am. The twenty minutes prior to instruction enables the children to put their lunch away, sharpen pencils, prepare themselves for the school day and catch up with friends. Once instruction commences those children who have had this opportunity, are mentally prepared for the learning that is about to occur.

Arriving even ten minutes late can have an impact on a child’s outcomes. (See table on next page)

How parents can support their children to arrive on time every day:

- Be encouraging. Give the children something to look forward to.
- Assist with and check homework.
- Take an active interest in your child’s school life. Enquire about their day each afternoon.
- Locate any potential sources of anxiety.
- Keep in regular contact with your child’s teacher.
- Keep updated on school events and news.

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Your support and assistance with this very important issue is greatly appreciated by the entire staff as it makes a big difference to your child’s progress and ultimately their future.

Have a great week

Heather

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Annual Improvement Plan

Our Annual Improvement Plan prioritises:
- Improved Reading Comprehension
- Becoming better writers using sizzling starts
- Improved instant recall of number facts

As part of the writing improvement we have the introduced a whole school writing program called 7 Seven Steps to Writing Success. We are encouraged by work we have been doing on step one which in creating Sizzling Starts.

Our students have also shown improvement with fluency and recall when reading aloud. Our focus in Reading Groups this term will be comprehension, decoding and fluency. Please encourage your child to read widely. Reading books borrowed from the library, books from home, newspapers, recipes and even junk mail are all valuable ways to help your child improve their skills and confidence in reading. Try to talk to them about their reading, ask deep thinking questions. We will be holding reading workshop conducted by Elizabeth Armstrong for all parents of Windera and Cloyna State School on Monday 3 August 2015 at 3:30 pm at Cloyna staffroom. Please come and see how you can help your child be the best reader they can be!!

Barambah Small Schools Athletics Carnival

The annual athletics carnival will be held at Moffatdale State School this Friday July 24. Parents are requested to transport their own children and attend the carnival. Please read the program (sent out last Friday) for a guide to the timing of the events. Children who are eligible and wish to participate in the 800m are reminded that as these events start at 8:30am, they will need to be there no later
2015 School Opinion Survey

REMINDER
The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the Department of Education and Training, State Schools Division to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. The survey will help our school to find out what we are doing well, and how we can improve. All families have the opportunity to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey this year, and your individual survey access details were sent home with your oldest child last week. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual’s response can be identified by the school. The online survey will remain open until 31 July only. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey online, and to facilitate this, school computers will be available on request for any families who wish to take advantage of this. Please enquire at the office to arrange a suitable time. If you have any questions, or if you have not received survey information last week already, please speak to Heather or Jenny. Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

What’s happening in Japanese

In this term, students will be learning about food in Japan. This will entail mainly Japanese food and also western food that is popular in Japan. They will then learn how to say these foods in Japanese. Students will also be able to explain if they like or dislike a certain food. For the assessment, students will act out a restaurant conversation by ordering food and taking orders in Japanese. Thank you very much for your continued support in Japanese.

Yoroshiku onegaishimasu.
Sensei

School Uniforms

At Cloyna State School children are expected to wear their full school uniform each day. When children are in uniform they are more focussed, have increased pride in their school and are often more comfortable. Parents are encouraged to support us in our endeavour to ensure all children wear their uniform each day. There are some second-hand winter uniforms available in the office for a gold coin donation.

School Camp

This year we are planning a joint whole school camp with Windera State School. We will be attending camp at QCCC Mapleton on November 30 and December 1. Camping is a marvellous experience for children. They learn to be more independent, more resilient and develop the ability to co-operate and compromise. They gain many skills and find themselves challenged and extended in ways they never be otherwise.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to past student Becci Rynne on being awarded the Pierre De Coubertin for 2015. This is a great honour and Becci received her award from the Governor General.

Congratulations to Jack Webber for making the Murgon rugby league representative team that played in a carnival in Charleville over the school holidays. Jack was awarded the best and fairest player of the carnival. Well done Jack!

Congratulations to Will Webber who has been chosen to play in the Murgon rugby league team at the Broncos match this Friday night. What a thrill this is for Will.
**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

We have again registered our School to be involved in the Woolworths Earn & Learn. Please find attached your Sticker Sheet. When you have filled in your sheet, please return to the school—you can then get another sheet to complete. Ask other family members (aunts, grandmas, etc) to help collect stickers for our small school.

Lets all help earn extra resources for our school.

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**School Banking**

Please note that Student Banking continues each Friday—flier attached

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**Award Winners**

For Week 1 of Term 3

*Taila, Elijah, Lochlan, Heath, Madison*

Congratulations students

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**Term Calendar**

We have enclosed the School Calendar for this term—as new dates come up, please update your copy.