Dear Families,

For the past three years Cloyna State School has engaged in an explicit improvement agenda of Reading with a focus on Comprehension. We have enjoyed some outstanding growth across the student cohort during this time. To further advance our students reading ability we are now focussing on developing our students to become fluent and phrased readers.

According to the research conducted on reading, the term “fluency” refers to the ability to read the text with speed, accuracy and proper expression. Typically fluent readers:

- Recognise words automatically
- Read aloud effortlessly and with expression
- Do not have to concentrate on decoding
- Can focus on comprehension

Fluency is important because it provides a bridge between the word recognition and comprehension. Fluency doesn’t ensure comprehension, but comprehension is difficult without fluency. If a reader is constantly stopping to decode and figure out unknown words, most likely meaning will be disrupted and the process of reading becomes long and laborious.

When students make gains in reading fluency, they are able to put their energies into comprehension and are able to analyse, interpret, draw conclusions and infer meaning from texts.

There are 3 main components of Fluency:-

**Accuracy:** also known as automaticity, it refers to the person’s ability to read words in text.

**Rate:** the speed a person reads.

**Prosody:** Refers to stress, intonation and pauses, commonly known as reading with feeling.

Students across the school will continue to participate in Guided Reading groups on Monday to Thursday. Lower class 9:30 – 10:00 and the Upper class from 10:30 – 11:00. These groups are ability based and are determined through the diagnostic data gathered by teachers at the start of the year.

You may notice students bringing home books that they have already read and it may be at a level below what your child has been assessed at. Please don’t be alarmed; this is but one of many strategies used to increase student fluency and phrasing. Rereading familiar and simple texts has been validated as an effective means of developing fluency and promoting phrased reading.

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ATHLETICS
Well done, Cloyne students on your great efforts last Friday at the Small Schools athletics carnival. We achieved two age champions, Jack B and Bella.
The following students have been selected in the Barambah Small Schools athletics team after achieving success last Friday at Moffatdale. Congratulations to: Jack B, Jorja, Jack W, Bella, Will and Lochlan. Those students have been sent home the information—Tuesday August 2 will be for 6-9 years and Wednesday will be for 10—12 years.

CANBERRA
Our year six students, Jack B and Jorja are currently in Canberra with the Barambah Cluster of schools. They are having a wonderful time visiting Parliament House, meeting Tony Abbott, touring the Governor General’s home, showing their respects at the Australian War Memorial and tobogganing at Perisher Blue. We are looking forward to seeing them back on Friday night. The students have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the nation capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

School reviews for state schools
The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools. The reviews are designed to help each school continue to improve outcomes for students. All state schools, including independent public schools, will have at least one review every four years. Our school review was conducted earlier this year. The review provides independent and quality feedback to support our teaching and learning. Review teams include a mix of state school principals and reviewers from outside Queensland’s state school system. The teams spent several days in our school, looking at our performance data and other information. The team talked to students, staff, parents and the community.
At the completion of the review, the team provided a written report detailing its findings. This report is published on our school website.

ATTENDANCE
Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students’ attendance at school. The key messages for our school are that all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day. All absences must be explained by direct communication with the school. We consistently monitor and track attendance.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
The online survey will remain open until July 29 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 this week already, please speak to Heather or Jenny.
Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

ICT
We have bought 6 new laptops for the classrooms. This brings our ratio of laptops to students to over 1 to 2, this is fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in ICT and digital technologies.

FAMILIES OF YR 5 & 6 STUDENTS
Take note of the insertion with regards to 3 special Gala Days for this Term for all Yr 5 & 6 students. Please return Permission Form and Medical Form by Friday August 5.
HOMEWORK
Your child has homework every night – despite the stories they may tell you. Teachers will inform parents should this change. Generally speaking all students from year P-6 will have some form of English (usually spelling or sight words), Math and Reading. Please ensure that you child is reading with you, to you or independently every night. This must be documented into their reading log. All homework must be signed by a parent. The completion of all aspects of nightly homework is a consideration taken into account for the schools rewards activities. You play an important part in ensuring your child completes these activities.

Rewards Day Criteria
At the end of Term 3 we have an exciting Rewards Day planned with a trip to Kingaroy to watch a G or PG movie and have a Subway lunch.
To be able to participate in Rewards Day, all students must:
· Meet the behaviour expectations of the school—no suspensions.
· Complete all formal assessments.
· Complete all set classwork.
· Have less than 3 unexplained absences from school.
· Have not received any Yellow Slips.
· Have not had 3 or more occasions of incomplete or unsigned homework.

Yours in Education
Heather Castle

Sushi Day—Friday
August 5

Sushi Order Forms have been sent home - orders and money must be back by Friday July 29. There won’t be any tuck-shop that day. Don’t forget that money raised by this will be supporting the Japanese Excursion to Brisbane which will be later on this year.

playgroup

Will be on each Tuesday from 9.00am to 11.00am. We welcome Holly Bakes as our co-ordinator—Holly comes with plenty of previous experience as she has been involved in setting up Playgroups in other districts and has also been involved in early childhood education as an aide. We have included a flyer with this newsletter and ask that you please pass on to neighbours and friends.
AWARDS

Week 2—Student Award
Hayden, Jack B and Michael
Mathletics.
Jack W & Madison
Reading Eggs
Evie

Well Done Students!!!

Ringworm / Tinea

Cases of Ringworms have been detected at the moment—can you please check your child.

- Ringworm is a common fungal infection of the skin and is not due to a worm.

- The medical term for ringworm is tinea. The condition is further named for the site of the body where the infection occurs.

Ringworm causes a scaly, crusted rash that may appear as round, red patches on the skin. Other symptoms and signs of ringworm include patches of hair loss or scaling on the scalp, itching, and blister-like lesions.

Treatment must have commenced and the ringworm must be covered before students can attend school.

Barambah Small Schools Athletics
Special Gala Days for Yr 5 & 6 Students

Goomeri Open Day—Thursday August 11. Our Yr 5 & 6 students have been invited by Goomeri State School to be involved in their Open Day with a variety of activities to experience including Science, Maths, Technology, etc. Students will be travelling a bus with Windera students, leaving Cloyna school 8.15am, returning 3.00pm. Tuckshop will be available—see attached menu. If you are planning to order, can you please let us know what you would like by Friday August 5, so that Goomeri will have ample supplies for that day.

STEM Gala Day—Wednesday August 17. Murgon State High School would like to invite your son/daughter to participate in a STEM Gala Day. Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (referred to as STEM) are seen as the four future pillars education requires to prepare students for successful futures.

As such, the school wishes to showcase to future students from our cluster schools, the offerings and activities presented through the curriculum areas in an experiential and exciting learning opportunity. Students will be hands-on and involved in a variety of STEM activities designed to challenge, excite and expand their learning in a positive and supportive environment in addition to familiarising them with the STEM facilities on campus.

There are some minor risks associated with such activities and as such the completion of the attached medical consent form would be greatly appreciated.

The details of the STEM Gala Day at Murgon State High School are as follows;

Date: Wednesday 3rd August 2016
Times: Commences at Murgon SHS 10:00am, finishes 2:00pm
Food: Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided
Cost: NIL

Places are limited to 100 and therefore your timely return of this permission and consent form to your schools administration by Friday August 5 is of utmost importance.

Gala Sports Day—Friday August 26. Our Yr 5 & 6 students will be involved in a Sports Day at Murgon on Friday August 26, participating in a chosen sport for the day. We will pass on more information when it comes to hand.

Please return Permission Form by Friday August 5.

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

I give permission for my child .......................................................... to participate in the Goomeri Gala/Open Day on Thursday August 11, Murgon SHS STEM Gala Day on Wednesday August 17 and Gala Sports Day at Murgon on Friday August 26. We are aware that students will be transported 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)