Welcome everyone to Week Seven. At Cloyna State School, teachers collect assessments and information regarding every learner’s reading achievement every five weeks. This information is then collated and analysed to determine the specific areas that require targeting for intervention. By capturing information every five weeks, we can ensure every learner’s needs are identified and catered for with direct comparisons being made between collection periods.

In 2014, it is our schoolwide target to have 80% of all learners in the school reading at and above a ‘C’ standard. These targets cannot be met alone. It is the combined efforts of staff, learners, parents and carers that will achieve this target. Listening to your child/ren read every night or encouraging them to read is one strategy proven to have a lasting affect. Below are some suggestions for helping at home:

What do successful readers look and sound like?

**Fluency**

They solve words easily, efficiently and rapidly
They use expression to convey meaning
They take note of punctuation and slow down to problem solve if necessary

What can you do with your child to help develop fluency?

1. **Model what good reading “sounds” like**
2. **Rereading a familiar text is a highly effective way to develop fluency**

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**Vocabulary**
They know a variety of words
They know the meaning and also the context the word can be used in

*What can you do with your child to help develop a wide and varied vocabulary?*

**Discuss any new words & encourage them to use them**

**Comprehension**
They make connections with what they already know to help them understand new texts
They understand and can answer questions about what they read.
They can summarise and recall facts and details of what they have read
They predict what might happen in the text based on what they already know
They can make inferences based on ideas and information in texts
They self-monitor and ask “Does this make sense?”

*What can you do with your child to help develop comprehension?*

**Ask a range of questions to assist them to think about what they are reading.**

**Knowledge of texts**
They know what type of text they are reading and have an idea of its purpose
  · Story/narrative
  · Recipe
  · Letter
  · Email
Information report

*What can you do with your child to help develop knowledge about different texts?*

**Discuss the type of text and why the author may have written it?**

Happy Reading!

Have a great week

Heather Castle

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**Award Winners**

Congratulations to our Students

Georgina, Eliana, Michael, Jack W, Jack B & Joe

Joe, Jack & Bella—100 words in spelling.

Well done, students!!!
The Minutes of the last P & C Meeting are attached.

**AGM for P & C is on next Tuesday March 18**, commencing at 5.30pm with a Sausage Sizzle, provided by P & C. Please bring a plate for dessert. BYO drinks, coffee & tea will be supplied. The P & C are also organising a working bee at the school on Sunday 23rd March, commencing 2.00pm.

For catering purposes the P & C need numbers for the Sausage Sizzle. Please complete this form and return by Friday March 14.

- We will be attending the Sausage Sizzle and we will have .......... Adults and ........ children.
- We are unable to attend the Sausage Sizzle and AGM

Please support your children by supporting your local P & C.

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**Happy Birthday—March Birthdays**

Jorja—2nd
Thomas—12th
Zac—17th
**Chocolate Drive Fundraiser**

The P & C are organising a Chocolate Drive to raise funds for our Yrs 5—7 students who will be going on the Sydney/Canberra trip later this year. If your family would like to sell a box of chocolates, please come to the office and take a box. Each box contains 20 Easter packets - you sell the packets of chocolates for $4.00 each. Please help our students out.

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**Cloyna State School Parents and Citizens Association**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

**Wednesday 17th February 2014**

**Meeting Opened** – 6:35

**Attendance** — Christine Rynne, Robyn Bleys, Libby Meikle, Kerry Wentiro, Heather Castle, Tanya Webber, Jess Eagleson, David Eagleson, Colleen Laurenz

**Apologies** — Fran Blanch

**Minutes of the previous Meeting** — taken as read in newsletter

Moved Libby seconded Robyn

**Business Arising from the Minutes** — Thank you to Jason and Tanya Webber for allowing the school the use of their pool for break up day

nil

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Opening Balance – 8528.66
- Bills to be ratified
- IGA 136.31
- IGA 173.46
- North Coast Foods 300.20

Moved Kerry seconded Tanya

**Correspondence In** fundraising catalogues

**Correspondence Out** nil

**Principals Report**

See attached

- Great Results $7905 with employ Colleen Laurenz for extra time in Semester 1
- Approval for swimming lessons, swimming carnival and Anzac Day March

Moved Heather, seconded Kerry

**General Business**

- Cross Country will be held on the 24th April.
- Cross Country catering will be tea and coffee, home baking and icy cups
- P&C Working Bee will be on Sunday 23rd March at 2pm. David Eagleson to organise materials required for compost bin.
- Tuesday 18th March P&C AGM 5:30 Sausage Sizzle – bread, sausage and onion supplied by the P&C. Families to bring a plate of dessert to share.
- Canberra fundraising – chocolate drive

**Next Meeting March 18th**

**Meeting Closed 7:08pm**