Dear parents, caregivers and interested citizens,

Welcome to this edition of the school newsletter. As we pass the halfway point of the first term, I must congratulate the students on how hard they are working. We recently completed our science unit and running records for this term. I am pleased to see the progress each and every student is making.

**Student Leader’s Induction**

At the P & C Bar-b-que, on Monday 14th March our 2016 student leaders will be inducted and introduced to the school community. These students will play an important part in the school by organising and delivering parade, special events, leading and encouraging younger students and peers in all aspects of our school. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them blossom.

**Before School**

No students should arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. If your child/ren are here before 8:30am they are to be seated in the classrooms with a teacher. From 8:30am a staff member will be supervising students in the school grounds. If the weather is wet the playgrounds will be closed.

**Attendance**

Please ensure that your child/ren are attending school so we are maximizing every learning opportunity and ensuring all students succeed. If your child/ren are away please ensure that you contact the school on the 4168 6247 and leave your child’s name, class and brief reason.

**School Improvement 2016 – Reading (Be Positive and regular practice)**

As a parent you are one of the influences in helping your child to read. If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but ‘Let's read it together’ and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child’s confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement. Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.

**Teacher’s Aide**

We are pleased to have the majority of our teacher aide support programs up and running across the school. Our teacher aides are a vitally important part of our team Their work across all classrooms enables our teachers to implement programs more effectively and ultimately leads to better student outcomes. Here at Cloyna we are fortunate to have a team of very hard working teacher aides supporting teachers and students. It's a great place to work each day!
Parents in the Classroom
I must acknowledge that many parents in our learning community have offered their support to assist in classrooms from time to time. Quite often these parents are involved as part of our literacy and or numeracy programs and I can’t say enough just how much we appreciate this level of support. If you have not had the opportunity to offer your help just yet and would like to please feel free to approach your child’s teacher. As you know student learning is a partnership and with the support of our parent community we can consistently achieve incredible things.

Footy
Today we had a visit from the QLD NRL. We had Lucy Hoopel and Petro Civonicevia visit to speak about eating healthy, drinking water and getting enough sleep each day. We got to play some trivia games and celebrity heads. They were kind enough to sign many of our items as souvenirs. We are really thankful to the QLD NRL for arranging this visit.

History
This semester we have Mrs. Bartlett teaching history to the different groups i.e. P-2, 34 and 56. This year in History the school is looking at our Australian stories. The Junior are looking at their personal story while the Year 34s are looking at convict stories, and the the Year 56 are looking at writing stories on the first settlers.

The P-2 students have been creating their timelines of their lives as part of their ongoing assessment. Check out the photos of them working on their timelines.

Have a great week

Heather Castle

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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
**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:

- 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

**Harmony Day**

Harmony Day is a day to remember and celebrate our diversity. We will be combining this day with the sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. We will celebrate this day on Wednesday March 23. On this day, we will be undertaking activities highlighting cultural diversity, anti-bulling activities, celebrating family and Easter traditions around the world. Students may wear free dress on this day. Please ensure your children are wearing clothes which have full sleeves, no midriffs showing, sunsafe clothing and enclosed shoes (no sandals or thongs).

**P & C AGM**

On Monday 14 March we will be holding a BBQ at the school starting at 5:30 pm. After this we will have the badge ceremony for the Year 6 school captains and then the P and C AGM. Please make a point of being there.

The 2016 P & C Constitution has been updated and will be endorsed at the AGM. If you would like to read through this beforehand, a copy is available at the school office.

The minutes from the last P & C meeting are attached to this newsletter.

**Murgon Show—Saturday March 12**

Our school is again entering a display at the Murgon Show. Currently the students are working on craft / hand writing / etc for our school display. We encourage families to check out the display at the Show.
Award Winners

Congratulations to our students

Michael, Jack W, Jack B, Jorja, La-Keya
Bella, Elijah, Will, Lochlan, Maddy, Taila

PE / Music / Basketball

Our students will continue to travel to Murgon State School for PE and Music and then will go to the PCYC for basketball for the next two weeks—March 8 & 15. Don’t forget students lunch, water bottle and hats. On Tuesday March 22, the students will travel to Murgon SS for PE and Music and come back to school at 1.05pm. Next Term Sporting Schools at PCYC will be Gymnastics.

Happy Birthday—
for March

Jorja—2nd
Zac—17

Hats

Parents, please make sure your children have a hat (not a cap) for school. Students, make sure you have your hat with you at school.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be offered for both breaks each Friday. Jess Prior is our tuckshop convener, but unfortunately Jess is unable to do it this week. If you are able to help please phone the school asap.