Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Happy Mother’s Day – I am assured that you have been thoroughly spoilt over the weekend. I hope you had a lovely day and enjoyed your time with family.

ATTENDANCE

The Queensland Department of Education and Training has a very clear expectation that students come to school each day to learn and only in exceptional circumstances should they be absent. This is an extremely high priority across our state as our department sees a very close link between attendance and student achievement. At our school we are striving to achieve a 95% attendance rate. We want to encourage our students to attend school on every day possible. For most students this will be 100% of the time.

On Thursday 30 April, when I attended our Regional Principals’ Business Meeting in Kingaroy, Greg Dickman (DDSW Regional Director) spoke firstly about this priority and how, on a daily basis, he looks very closely at attendance in all schools. Even though our region is currently tracking well, Greg reinforced that typically there is a decline in attendance in Term 2. Principal are being told to be diligent and ensure our communities are aware of the priority of attendance.

“Every Day Counts” is the department policy that explains attendance expectations. Please see the link below for further information:


If you are uncertain about any of this information, please speak to me.

I know that at times being absent from school is unavoidable. If everyone works together to be here every day that they can we will easily meet, or exceed, our target.

If your child is ill or has an important medical appointment, please just let us know.

I would just like to thank everyone for notifying the school of absences. This is a very important component of communication between home and school and allows us to keep our records up-to-date. These records are also legal documents.

NAPLAN

This week (on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May) our Year 3 and 5 students will undertake NAPLAN testing.

The program is as follows:

**Tuesday:** Language Conventions and Writing  
**Wednesday:** Reading  
**Thursday:** Numeracy

To support them during this time please reinforce with your child the following key messages:

Relax and go to bed early each night - Eat a healthy breakfast each morning—Do your best—Try not to worry.

We will be proud of you as you have put in your best effort.

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Please read the following letter which so echoes my feelings about all our students in relation to NAPLAN

**A Letter to all Students who are sitting NAPLAN this year**

This week you will undertake the NAPLAN test. We are pleased that you will try your very best in these challenging tests and have done so during the weeks and months leading up to them.

I’d like you, your family, friends and teachers to remember that these tests are unable to measure all of what it is that makes you the valued person who you are. The people who have created these tests and those that mark them don’t know you as well as your teachers know you, to the extent to which I know you and certainly not the way your family and friends know you.

They don’t know that many children at Cloyna State School work hard on the farm each day. They also don’t know that you may be a great singer and dancer or that you can play a musical instrument really well. They also don’t know how well you can draw beautiful pictures.

They don’t know that you have a sense of humour which can bring a smile to your friend’s faces and make them laugh or that they can rely upon you to support them when they need a kind and encouraging word. They wouldn’t know that you can write poetry and stories, play all types of different sports and have interesting and enjoyable hobbies.

They also don’t know that you probably accept responsibility for taking care of your brothers or sisters from time to time. They don’t know that you have travelled to or come from fascinating places and had amazing experiences.

They don’t know how much you love spending time with your family and your close friends and they won’t know how much you are appreciated and loved by them.

You are trustworthy, kind and thoughtful and you try to do your best every day. Do they know that?

The NAPLAN test results give you some very specific information about yourself but it can’t say everything about who you are and what you have achieved.

I hope that you will be happy with your results and that they inspire you to do even better in literacy and numeracy. Just remember that there is so much more to describe who you are that can’t be shown in these scores.

**PBL—Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our focus during the next few weeks -

**Be a Learner**

**And**

**Get along with others (show ‘tolerance’)**

With the focus on learning, our PBL program helps “every Student to succeed Every Day’. Showing tolerance for the differences we see in others is probably one of the most difficult things for us all to do. We will be working closely with our students to teach them about tolerance.

...so remember...Let’s work together, learn together and succeed together!

Have a great week

Heather Castle
Principal

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**Attendance**

Target 95%
Currently 93.27%

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**Book Week**

Book week is next week—Monday 18 to Friday 22. Theme is Kings, Queens and Castles. Dress-up day is on Wednesday. Books are on sale throughout the week, from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made out to Cloyna SS P & C) or credit card (on line).

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**Barambah Small School’s Cross Country/ Ball Games**

Cloyna State School—A date to be decided on
Student Writing

In preparation for NAPLAN and Bookweek, the students had to write about “Every one should read”. Here are some samples of the student work:

I am certain to convince you that “Every one should read”. Reading is good for you in so many ways. If you can’t read you can’t learn. You can not get a licence or various jobs.

Firstly reading is a great way to learn. If you can read, you can get any job you want. But if you can’t the jobs you can get are limited. Reading can also teach you new advanced words and teach you better speech. You could even get a wealthy job like a film director.

Another thing is, you can read absolutely ANYWHERE. You can read at night. You can read in the morning. You can read while on longer trips. It will make them feel short.

Reading also uses your imagination a lot. If you are playing a video game the pictures are there for you already designed with reading. You design the pictures and scenes with your imagination. Albert Einstein, the smartest person that ever lived, once said “If I can’t picture it I can’t understand it”.

In conclusion every one should be reading because it can give you a better, healthier, more enjoyable life. So Get Reading.

...................... Jack B

Every should read because it makes you smarter. Reading is good for you because you will get a job.

Reading is good for you in many ways. It helps you learn and read contracts. You should read a book every day to make yourself smarter and you will get better at reading big words.

Reading will make you smarter at everything you do. If you read more you will be better at everything. If you read every day you will get smarter at everything. Reading is good for you.

Reading is very healthy for you because books can help you learn.

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P & C News

Uniforms

The P & C have ordered new winter pullovers—they are now available here at the school for sale at $10.00 each. Please remember to name all pullovers, and tracksuit pants.

P & C Meeting

Next P & C meeting is on Monday May 25, @ 3.30pm in the school staff room.

Hay for Sale

There are still some bales of grass hay available. These have been offered to the school P & C to sell—they are $20 a bale. Please contact the school if you wish to purchase any.

P & C Minutes

See attached minutes from the last P & C meeting.
Happy Birthday—May

Lochlan—5th
Michael 9th
Bella—10th
Elijah—25th
Katie—29th

School Photos

Award Winners

Week 2-Michael, Madison, Jorja, Blade, Zac, Lochlan, Katie, Will, Heath

Week 3-Jorja, Jack W, Hayden, Elijah, Riley, Will, Zac

Congratulations to all our students

Beyond Barambah Music Project

Our cluster of schools is creating a 15 minute Music Documentary called ‘Beyond Barambah”. If you would like to watch a sample of his work go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TR_bd6c7EEM

The documentary will focus on the 9 schools and over 1000 students, looking at what gives each school and community its own separate identity as well as focusing on individual students’ and teachers’ stories. Through music and film this production will highlight the limitless opportunities and challenges presented in this unique and eclectic region; particular focus will be on Murgon High School and looking at success stories from the past and present.

Josh spent a half-day at Clonyn SS on May 4, working with the students (concert, discussion and auditions). One singer from our school will be selected from the auditions to be filmed as part of the project at a later date. Please sign the attached ‘Talent Release’ form and return to the school by Friday May 22. Josh will be doing more recording in the week June 1—5.

When all of the filming and recording has been finalised, there will be an Official Launch of the documentary at a venue in Murgon on Friday 16th July. The documentary is anticipated to be launched on YouTube and other social media on July 16th, 21st and 23rd. You may also see promotions on Facebook prior to these dates.

Our School Improvement Agenda

- Improve reading comprehension
- Become better writers using sizzling starts
- Develop instant recall of number facts in 3 mins