Hi Everyone

Education Queensland and Cloyna S.S. are working towards maximising the achievement, engagement and wellbeing of all of our students. We have embarked, with other schools in our cluster including Murgon SHS, on the development of a pedagogical framework to provide some commonality in how Cloyna State School and its surrounding schools teach our students. Last week all principals, deputy principals and key teachers attended the first module of the Darling Downs South West Regional Pedagogical Framework. A common approach to lessons will be adopted by teachers that include:

- Setting clear lesson intentions
- Making success evident
- Use of supported effective feedback
- Challenging learning goals
- Lesson closure

Last Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:00 teachers from the primary and secondary schools in our area joined together for a professional seminar to discuss some of the ways we can work collaboratively to support the transition of Year 7s to the high school. As a cluster of schools, we are working towards a holistic approach to student learning and wellbeing with a culture of shared responsibility for students across Barambah.

I look forward to having this work develop in the future and to leading improved student outcomes.

I would like to remind everyone that Cloyna State School is a uniform school. It will be great to see all of our students wearing the P&C endorsed school uniform - including the correct jumpers and track pants.

Absences:
Please be aware of both parent and student responsibilities regarding absences and attending school. Our goal is to have no unexplained absences in a year and at least 95% attendance rate for the school. This data is included in the School Annual Report which is uploaded to the school website every year by June 30. I was pleased with the school’s attendance rate last Term as it improved drastically from Term One, however the old pattern of Friday’s off is beginning to sneak in again. Please assist with the attendance of your child by ensuring they are at school and only away if there is an illness or something important that a day must be missed. We teach the curriculum 5 days/week and EVERY DAY COUNTS! If you child is absent, please phone and advise us or send a note to school when student returns.

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**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers, students and school staff who completed their School Opinion Survey this year. Your effort to complete the survey shows your enduring commitment to our school. We will receive our schools’ reports later this year, and results will be published in our schools Annual Report which will be made available on our school website.

Have a great week

Heather Castle
Principal

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**ATHLETICS**

Well done to all our students who participated in the Athletics Day at Moffatdale. Our school came home with two age champions—Jack Blanch and Karim Zaafouri. Jack B, Georgia, Ashlee, Karim & Seif have gone on to represent us at the South Burnett Zone Athletics, on Tuesday & Wednesday this week.

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**EXCURSION**

**Friday August 9**

This Friday, as part of NAIDOC celebrations, our students will be taking part in an activity day at Moffatdale State School. They will be travelling to Moffatdale by bus, leaving the school at 9.00am and returning by 2.30pm. Students will need to take their own morning tea, lunch, drink bottle and hat with them. Thank you to the families who have returned the permission forms, but to those families who haven’t - we need your permission before students are able to attend.

Can you please sign the permission form below and return by Thursday August 8 at the latest.

![Permission Form]

I give permission for my child/children to attend the NAIDOC day activities at Moffatdale State School. The students will be transported to and from the activities by bus.

Signed by parent

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**FIT2BKIDS Safe Cycling SKills**

**Tuesday August 20 at 12.00**, we will be having a FIT2BKIDS safe cycling session. Students will need to bring a bike and helmet. On page 4 there is more information and Permission Form to be signed and returned to the school. Cost of $3.50 is being covered by Student Council—students will receive a ‘goodie bag’. 

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Crazy Hair Day - August 16

Student Council has decided to have a Crazy Hair and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation—money donated will go towards the purchase of sports equipment.

Certificates for Week 4 & 5
Well Done Students!!!!

Jack W— For being responsible
Shayla—Achieving red and gold levels for Sight Words

Happy Birthday
Mrs Laurenz—August 17

CHAPPY’S CORNER
The Finishing Line

Schools are going through their sports carnivals at the moment. Lots of excitement before the events. For some disappointment after the event.
Chappy is past the age of competitive sports, but has some fond memories. Somewhere in his files there are the certificates he won in church sports.
One lesson he learnt then was to focus on the finishing line: to never lose sight of the finishing tape. You also need to learn to not look over your shoulder at your competitors – that is a sure way to lose pace and the race.
As we face life we need to focus on the finishing line. What do we wish to achieve.
I think the lessons I learnt when running apply to the race of life.

Think about it.

Cheers Chappy
Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Tuesday 20 August 2013, students from Cloyna State School are invited to participate in a Bicycle Safety Program. Students taking part will enjoy a fun filled 60 minute session dedicated to educating primary school children on how to use their bicycle’s safely. Children will learn the functions and importance of the helmet. They will also learn new practical techniques such as braking correctly, turning and controlling falls to prevent potential injury, as well as important road safety information.

Students need to have their own bikes and helmets.

The focus of the program is to teach primary school children how to ride their bikes safely.

If you would like your child to participate, please read the following information including the risk warning and filming and photography consent and sign & return the permission slip to the school by Friday 16th of August 2013.

PERMISSION SLIP - PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY Friday 16th August 2013

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
Child’s First Name: Child’s Surname:
Date of Birth:
Gender: (please tick) Male Female
School:
Experience: Does your child regularly ride a bike? Please tick: Yes No

Medical Conditions: If your child has any medical or special needs it is very important that you provide details below and also send an email to: russjones@rucommuting.com.au before your child attends the program so that we can determine whether we are able to accommodate those needs in the Bicycle Safety Program and allow your child to participate. Please provide details of any medical conditions, allergies or special needs requirements that may affect your child’s participation in the program.

I give permission for my child to participate in the Bicycle Safety Program.

PARENT/CARER CONTACT DETAILS
Parent/Carer
Signed:
Date:
Email Address:
For communication relating to the Bicycle Safety Program.

RISK WARNING
Children participating in the Bicycle Safety Program will be educated on how to use their bicycles in the safest possible way. However, as cycling is a recreational activity involving the use of bikes on grass surfaces, there is an inherent risk of injury due to participants overbalancing, falling, crashing and/or colliding. By permitting your child to participate in the Bicycle Safety Program, you acknowledge that although R U Commuting attempts to minimise any risk of personal injury within practical boundaries, accidents do happen and all physical activities carry the risk of personal injury. You further acknowledge that there is an inherent risk of injury, as described above, through participation in the Bicycle Safety Program and that R U Commuting has warned you of the existence of it.

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT
During a session, students may be filmed and photographed for the purpose of the Bicycle Safety Program and R U Commuting own records, training or promotional use. By enrolling your child in the Bicycle Safety Program you give permission for photographic, audio or video footage of your child to be taken at our event for use in manners described as above.

For any additional enquiries or questions please contact: Russell Jones, Director on 0404887676