Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a very wintery Term 3 at Cloyna State School. It’s hard to believe that half of the year is already gone. It has been so pleasing to get back to school and see all of our great kids so eager to get back into learning. At Cloyna State School, the focus is on our children. Programs are designed to support, enrich and engage the individual, as much as possible within the context of the Australian and Queensland curricula. All teachers have reported that students have jumped straight back into routine.

As these cold snaps consume us, it is important that students stay warm and that ALL items of clothing including gloves, scarves, jumpers and track pants are labelled. We are gathering a significant pile of winter clothing that is not named and no one seems to own it. Your vigilance in assisting the school to reduce the lost property pile is greatly appreciated. Please ensure all items are in the correct school colours - no hoodies or jackets which are not royal blue or bottle green.

The start to Term 3 is particularly busy with the annual athletics carnival being held at Moffatdale State School next Friday the 24th of July. Parents are reminded that this is a normal school day and they are required to have their child/ren at Moffatdale no later than 8:30 a.m. Participation on the day is the most important aspect as Cloyna kids are ‘have a go kids’. There will be a canteen on the day (details to follow). Our students have begun training for this event before the holidays and will continue training in Week 1 and 2.

Don’t forget this Thursday is the launch of the Josh Arnold video. Please come along and celebrate the students’ contributions to this fantastic project, ‘Beyond Barambah’ — Official Launch on Thursday July 16, 6.00pm @ Murgon Town Hall.

Yours in Education,

Heather Castle
Principal

TUCKSHOP—Friday, first break only.
**Parents—please read**

**2015 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted this week and next week. The information for the online survey is attached to this newsletter. All families (school staff, and a representative sample of students in years 4, 5 & 6 will be invited to take part and are encouraged to share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home today with students. These are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers who do not have personal internet access at home are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. Please see Heather if you wish to use this option. The survey will remain open until 31 July 2015 only.

If you have not received any survey access details from your child, please contact Jenny in the office.

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**SCHOOL DAY**
I would like to remind parents that students should not be at school prior to 8:15 if you need to drop them off early please ensure you leave them with a teacher. Students are required to sit in the classroom until 8:15 and then can play from 8:15 to 8:30. At 8:30 we go into the classroom to prepare for the day. Students put away their lunchboxes, hand in their homework, sharpen their pencils and get their books out ready to start the day. At 8:45 the bell rings for parade. Parade is held every morning and parents are always welcome. Certificates are handed out on parade Monday morning.

**STUDENT ENROLMENT**
What every parent needs to know

**Key messages**
- Children and young people are entitled to enrol at their closest appropriate school.
- All applications for enrolment must be made on the form 'Application for student enrolment'.
- When creating official school records, the child's legal name (as recorded on their birth certificate) must be recorded. The legal name will appear on semester reports unless specifically requested by parents to use the preferred name only. The preferred name only will be used on internal school documents such as class rolls.
- To be eligible for Prep, children must be five years of age by 30 June in the year they intend to commence Prep. Early entry to Prep is only available if a child meets certain criteria (such as having previously been enrolled in an equivalent program interstate or overseas, or if the child will turn five years between 1 and 31 July and is considered by the principal as being ready for education). Parents have the flexibility to delay their child's entry to Prep by one year if they are concerned their child is not ready for Prep.
Adults 18 years and over, can seek enrolment at a mature age state school as a mature age student. Enrolment is subject to a criminal history check, the applicant having a remaining allocation of state education, and the capacity of the mature age state school.

All mature age applications for enrolment must be made on the form 'Application for student enrolment'. Mature age applicants must also agree to a criminal history check by completing the 'Mature age student criminal history consent form'.

Fee-free distance education is available to mature age applicants whose principal place of residence is at least 16 kilometres from a mature age state school, or where the applicant has been refused enrolment by the Director-General.

**Principal responsibilities**

- Provide prospective parents and/or child with a school enrolment package.
- Receive and process all 'Application for student enrolment' forms.
- Sight the child’s birth certificate or alternative documentation if a birth certificate is not available, and record the birth certificate (or alternative) number on the enrolment form if this is the first time the child has enrolled in a state school. The birth certificate requirement does not apply to enrolment in state high schools except where the applicant was not enrolled in a state school in their last year of primary school, or in exceptional circumstances where a birth certificate is not marked in OneSchool as having been previously sighted.

As you can see I am legally bound to enrol every student who comes to Cloyna State School wanting to join our fantastic school.

Heather

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**Attendance for Semester 1**

Congratulations to all our students for achieving 94% attendance for our first semester.
Parents—please read
We recently received this newsletter item from DDSW School Operations.

Parents/Carers,

Please be aware that due to issues of confidentiality and privacy, our staff (both teaching and support staff) are not able to discuss matters relating to students to anyone other than the parents/carer of a particular student. For staff to do so, would be in breach of the Code of Conduct for the Queensland Public Service and the Department of Education & Training Standard of Practice. As a parent/carer, I am sure you would not appreciate your child’s academic progress or behaviour, or your family circumstances to be disclosed by staff to other parents or members of the community.

In relation to your own child, you are welcome to seek updates and obtain information directly from their classroom teacher or from the Principal. While teacher aides and other support staff often also have knowledge of your child, they are not authorised to provide information directly to parents. This is the role of the classroom teacher and ample opportunities exist for this to occur, both formally and informally.

In addition to staff, members of the P&C are also bound by section 426 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 which deals with confidentiality of student information. P & C Queensland, through its model constitution, induction and volunteer processes, have also reiterated the importance of P&C members, and volunteers representing the P&C, to maintain confidentiality of information they may be exposed to while undertaking such roles.

This advice also applies to social situations. While it is common to discuss work and school in social settings, this should only be of a general nature. Please do not place staff or P&C members in an awkward position by seeking information about other students, families or staff members.

I appreciate your support in this matter.

Heather

Library Awards for Term 2
For “Returning your books each week”

Congratulations to Katie, Jorja, Madison, Jack W, Michael, Riley, Lochlan, Heath, Hayden (absent)