Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

As we finish week six of term our school year is accelerating. We have only 4 weeks of term to go – with much teaching, assessing and events to fit into this time. I ask parents to be diligent in ensuring their child/ren are at school every day as we still have much to do. We have received good news Mrs. Rachel Hancock has been transferred into Cloyna SS for 2017 fulltime and permanent.

2016 has been a very successful year with all children making good progress academically. They have each grown in their own individual areas of need. Our School Opinion Surveys have been very pleasing with identified areas to work on into the future. Thank you to all have supported the school and staff this year especially the Executive of the P and C. In 2017 we look to have 27 enrolled to start the year. If you hear of anyone who would be interested in enrolling get them to call us.

GALA SPORTS DAY
The Gala sports day for Year 5 and 6 will be held Friday 18 November at the PCYC and other venues. Our students and students from Windera will travel into Murgon by bus. It starts at 10 and finishes at 2 - Mrs. Rynne will be accompanying our students.

PREP 2017
Prep orientation started last Thursday morning with a visit by Kyla and Darcy. Last visit will be next Thursday 17th, if you know any little ones who could start Prep next year or the year after please invite them along.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Remembrance Day is this Friday we will observe a minute’s silence at 11 am.
Principal’s Report cont................

SWIMMING
After last Tuesday’s swimming one child took home an incorrect school shirt. Please check through your shirts as the student is missing a new Size 6 shirt. PLEASE make sure all of your child’s clothes have their name on them. Next Tuesday Nov 15, 3 senior students will need to bring extra clothes as they will be doing their ‘survival testing’ - they have been advised what they need to bring.

CANBERRA TRIP 2017
The Canberra trip for 2017 will involve Year 6s from the cluster. A meeting will be held as soon as it can be arranged. Parents of the students involved need to attend.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
There will be only one swimming carnival this year for 9 years and up. It will be held Friday 2 Dec. 2016 starts at 9:30
Parents make arrangements for their children to attend this swimming carnival.

END OF YEAR REWARD’S DAY
Reward’s day will be Wednesday 7 Dec. and break up day will be Thursday 8 Dec. At the P & C meeting it was decided that we have a Bowling party, lunch, then pool party after lunch.

PLAYGROUND
Our current playground is getting old and a little rusty. BAS (formerly QBuild) has quoted to replace the school playground for $40 000 this would be over half of the school budget. We will need to apply for a grant to cover this cost. If you are good at grant writing and can help out the QLD Gambling Benefit grant is open now.

GRADUATION
Graduation will be held Wednesday 30 November at the Murgon Motor Inn starting at 7 pm. Our special guest is Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff. P and C to provide the graduation cake and the school pays for the graduating students’ dinners. The cost is $25 per head.

BEHAVIOUR
Responsible Behaviour Plan – the staff are currently working through our current Responsible Behaviour Plan to update it and to ensure it is clear and everyone understands it.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA
After working through school data and discussions with ARD Debbie Hails and P and C President Tanya Webber our improvement agenda in 2017 will be ‘Writing Growth’ – we will be focussing our work around improving students writing, grammar and punctuation. We will be measuring students’ progress using NAPLAN and the Literacy Continuum.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
At the close of business on Friday 5 November we had two nominees, interviews this week, speeches on parade next Monday, leadership camp Mon 28 – Wed 30 Nov. I have today received a late nomination this morning. Interviews will take place next week followed by speeches on Monday November 21.
Principal’s Report cont..........................  

DRESS CODE

At the P and C meeting we discussed the school dress code and parents fully support the school enforcing this code. Students should be in full school uniform each and every day. They should not be wearing baseball caps, coloured shorts, or jackets/coats and tops of varying colours. Please find attached Cloyna SS dress code.

P AND C

The monthly P and C meetings will be held Tuesday afternoon of week 4 and week 8 in 2017. Dates for the meetings are as follows:

- February 14
- March 14
- May 9
- June 6
- August 1
- August 29
- October 24
- November 21

An additional meeting may be necessary before the Cross Country.

As I stated at the start of this newsletter we still have a lot to do. Have a great week.

Heather Castle, Principal

AWARDS

Week 5—Jodie, Bella, Braydan, Jorja, Shaylla, Lochlan, Jack B, Elijah, Madison, Evie, Will, Taila, Katie, Zac, Blade

Great work, students!!!

Week 6 - Braydan, Mai, Elijah, Tristan, Jodie, Charley, Jorja, Piper, Will, Zac, Blade
Yr 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day— Friday Nov 18

Our Yr 5 & 6 students will be involved in a Sports Day at Murgon on Friday November 18, participating in a chosen sport for the day. A bus will pick up our students from Cloyna at 9.30am, and delivering them back to school at approx. 2.30pm. Mrs Christine Rynne will be accompanying the students. They will need to take their own morning tea, lunch, hat, and water bottle.

Please return Permission Form by Wednesday November 16.

Family Name: ..............................................
I give permission for my child .................................................................
to participate in the Sports Gala Day on Friday November 18 at Murgon—they will be transported by bus.

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Library Books

Can you please make sure that all Library books are placed in a water-proof bag in place in plastic bag as library books left in the students bags are becoming wet from wet swimming clothes.

Water Bottles

Please make sure you send along a water bottle for your child—it is best they have one in the classroom in this hot weather.

Happy Birthday— for November

Piper—3rd
Jack W—15th
Mia—27th
**Playgroup**

**When:** Tuesdays

**Times:** 9.00am to 11.00am

**Who:** All children up to school age and parent/s

**Where:** Classroom B - Cloyna State School

**What to Bring:** Piece of fruit, Water bottle, hat

**Co-ordinator:** Mrs Holly Bakes

Contact: Cloyna State School (41686247)

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**Fire Brigade visit**

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**Thank you to our great teachers**