Principal’s Message

This week is National Resilience Week. Resilience Week encourages us all to learn about resilience and discuss this with others. Resilience is having the confidence and courage to cope with and overcome “set backs”. When we are resilient, we develop and apply our personal strength and see every day as a new day or opportunity. At Cloyna State School, we encourage our learners to be optimistic, take risks, have a “go” and persevere, maintain a positive attitude and be open to advice. Please consider discussing resilience with your child/ren over the next week.

Last week we had our first 2014 Preps visit. We had 4 fantastic little boys visit and we had a wonderful morning together. Our next visit is Monday 18 November 9 – 11 a.m. If you know anyone who might like to join us please let them know. The more, the merrier!

Next week, our Swimming Program commences for all students from Prep to Year Seven. Swimming is a major, assessable component of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum. The two distinct Programs we provide for our learners is subsidised financially to offset the cost to parents and carers. Swimming is regarded as a significant life skill and Swimming Programs can only assist to reduce the occurrences of childhood drownings. As Mark Smith is now a qualified Royal Life Saving Society Australia (RLSSA) Level 2 examiner, he would like to follow the RLSSA Swim and Survive Assessment Guide more closely. In the past Mark has used a modified (and, therefore, easier) version of the RLSSA Aquapak ‘Swim & Survive’ Program. The advantage of doing it through RLSSA is that Mark can test students and send their names away (once they are successful) to RLSSA Qld and get official RLSSA Certificates printed. The only disadvantage Mark can see is that some students would get a lower numbered certificate than they have received in the past (due to the increased difficulty of the program). By letting you know prior to the program starting we hope that parents will not be confused, but be assured that students are improving their aquatic skills. Once this new system is established there should be no more problems and any future testing should remain consistent for all students.

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Prep Information Sessions
We had a great time on our first Prep Session and we are looking forward to our next session on Monday November 18.

Prep Transition Activity Morning
Monday 18 November 2013  9.00am—11.00am

Please let families who have children starting Prep next year know about this.

SWIMMING
As part of the school curriculum students will participate in swimming lessons at the Murgon Pool. We will be having 5 sessions on consecutive Thursdays - October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28. Students will be transported to the Murgon pool by bus. Please remember that children must wear a swim shirt to participate in lessons. This may be a ‘rashie’ or a T-Shirt.

School Camp
At Barambah Environmental Education Centre
Monday & Tuesday 4 & 5 November
More information and forms will be given out on Friday.

Another concern may be the fact that some testing is required without the aid of goggles (as you can appreciate, I have to assess how the student can cope in an emergency situation where goggles may not be available). Also, as there is a theory component, this would mean that 1 or 2 weeks at the start of term 4 would be taken up with teaching and testing water safety knowledge. We thank Mark for going to such an effort to obtain these new qualifications.

Over the next two weeks I will be attending a number of Professional Development days for the benefit of our students. These will include budget training for 2014, Disability Training and Pedagogy visits for Exemplary Teaching. I am excited about coming back to our school to share what I have learnt.

Don’t forget next Monday is our P and C meeting and we will be having a visit from Adrian King, the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support teacher. We will also be discussing school camp which is to be held at Barambah Environmental Education Centre from Monday November 4 to Tuesday November 5.

Next Tuesday the 29 October will be Year 7 transition day at Murgon SHS. 9 – 3. Please be aware that we have a tentative date for the Under 9’s day of Thursday 6 December at Windera S.S., and the P – 3 Swimming carnival will be Friday 22 November at Goomeri pool.

We welcome Angela Mitchell to our staff who will be acting as a teacher aide whilst Brenda is overseas.

Until next time

Heather

Joke for the Week
“I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.” - Henny Youngman
Congratulations to all our students who submitted this wonderful art work into the Murgon Art Competition. Congratulations to Jack W who took out First Place in his age group. Jesse also received a “Highly Commended”. The artwork is displayed in the school staff room. Thank you to Mrs Laurenz who helped the students with their artwork, framed the artwork at her expense and who submitted the art into the competition. If you wish to purchase the frame that your child’s artwork is in, please see Colleen Laurenz (prices are also on the frames). Well done students!!!

CHAPPY’S CORNER
The finishing Line

When you engage in the sport of athletics the sight you look for is the finishing line or the tape at the finishing line. With that line in sight it is not the time to ease up and coast to the end. Rather it is time to summons up the reserves of energy and stamina and go for it. All good runners can hit the express button at this stage for a good finish.

When I was (much) younger we used to race in a one mile event. On the ovals I ran on, that meant going around the oval four times and then having a quarter of a lap to go. Many races have been won or lost in that last quarter of a lap.

In church sports, in the Canterbury-Bankstown district I ran in the mile event. I led for the four laps only to be overtaken on the curve in that last quarter of a lap. Somewhere I found the get up and go, to get up and win. Training to finish well came into play. Talking after with my rival, he never practiced the finish whereas I did.

At school we are in the last term. The end is in sight. This is not a time to ease up. It is a time to call up all our energy and all our stamina in order to have a good and winning end.

Have a good finish, guys!

Cheerio Chappy.
Casual Janitor/Groundscare Assistant

Windera State School

POSITION DESCRIPTION

EMPLOYER: Education Queensland

SUPERVISOR: Principal – Mr Caius Davis

DUTIES: General maintenance and improvement of school grounds, general janitorial (minor repairs to school facilities) and other duties as directed by the Principal. Removal and/or disposal of rubbish as required.

HOURS: Approx 7 hours per fortnight. Hours and times are flexible and negotiable in consultation with the Principal, Guy Davis

AWARD: Casual employees award as per Education Queensland

SITE DESCRIPTION: Windera State School is located 30 km north of Murgon on the Murgon-Gayndah Road and comprises approximately 7 acres of grounds space.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: A ride-on mower, a push mower, trimmer and assorted garden tools.

OBLIGATIONS: as per all employees of Education Queensland

• ‘Code of Conduct’ – to act professionally at all times
• ‘Child Protection Act’ – duty of care of school students
• ‘Workplace, Health and Safety Legislation’

Successful applicant must have or be willing to obtain “Working with Children” Blue card

APPLICATION:

Applicants should submit a current resume and a written response in no more than 500 words to the following criterion:

“Demonstrated ability to work with limited supervision in order to maintain and improve Windera State School grounds in accordance with Workplace, Health and Safety Standards, and to carry out such duties with professionalism, industry, initiative, reliability and honesty”.

Applications to reach

The Principal, Windera State School, Murgon-Gayndah Road, Windera, 4605

by 3.00pm Monday October 28, 2013.

Or you can email the application to the Principal, Guy Davis, cdavi159@eq.edu.au

DISCLOSURE OF PREVIOUS CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS: It is a mandatory requirement of the Qld State Gov that all applicants for employment disclose any previous criminal convictions. This information will be treated confidentially and not disclosed to any other parties. A previous criminal conviction may not necessarily prevent an applicant from being employed by any Qld Gov Dept. However, failure to disclose any previous criminal conviction will result in an immediate dismissal of employment.