Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Term 3 comes to an end this week. The term has been very eventful and very productive at Cloyna. The mid semester break is from the 19th September to 6th October (as the 5th October is a public holiday). If you are travelling past the school during the mid-semester break and notice any suspicious activity please contact School Watch on 131788 to protect our school. Term 4 will begin on Tuesday the 6th of October.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Parenting Tip - Responsibility and consequences.
As children get older, you can give them more responsibility for their own behaviour. You can also give them the chance to experience the natural consequences of that behaviour. You don’t have to be the bad guy all the time. For example, if your child forgot to put their lunch box in their bag, they will go hungry at lunch time. It is their hunger and their consequence. It won’t hurt them to go hungry just that one time. Sometimes, with the best intentions, we do so much for our children that we don’t allow them to learn for themselves. At other times you need to provide consequences for unacceptable or dangerous behaviour. For these times, it is best to ensure that you have explained the consequences and that your children have agreed to them in advance.

Cloyna State School’s Student Support Staff
On Friday 4 September, we celebrated the valuable contributions our support staff make to our school. Their knowledge and skills help provide a safe and supportive learning environment for your children. Thank you Brenda, Christine, Janet, Kerry, and Nichola for your enthusiasm and commitment to our school. Last week we welcomed Nichola Burrows to our teacher aide team. She is a special education teacher aide.

Attendance: Every Minute of Every Day Counts!
At Cloyna State School we believe in giving each child the greatest chance of being a successful learner. A little bit late may not seem significant but . . . . 20 minutes each day = 1 hour 40 minutes each week = almost 3 weeks each year.
Your child’s most productive learning time is at the start of the school day, which is 8:50 am. We ask that parents support our teachers by ensuring their child attends school every day. If your child is absent from school, for whatever reason, it is important that you inform the school at your earliest convenience. On Friday 18th September, we will hold our Celebration of Attendance and Positive Behaviour Day to reward those students who have achieved a minimum of 95% attendance this term.
SWIMMING - TERM 4 (whole school)
Swimming forms (consent and medical) will be sent home first week of Term 4. We will be swimming each week at Murgon pool and travelling by bus to and from Murgon.
It is vital that ALL students attend swimming unless there is a reasonable reason that they cannot attend, as swimming is the physical education activity for term 4 and will be reported on by the PE teacher.

Reading At Home
Skimming and scanning are very useful strategies in preparing our brains to read and comprehend a text. Asking your child to skim a text and scan for information is an effective way of introducing what may be difficult words or phrases for a young reader. Skimming involves a very brief look over the text, where the reader often determines the genre of the text, decodes the titles and makes a conclusion about the main idea of the text and the words they may encounter. For example, a text titled “Whales” with photographs of different whales will more than likely be an informative text. A reader may find language related to the anatomy of a whale, their habitat and their diet or preferred food. This also helps the reader to activate any prior knowledge they may have about the topic of the text. Scanning for information involves searching for a particular piece of information or an idea. This is often the strategy we, as good readers, already use to answer questions about the text and check our understanding. Younger readers may not use this strategy, it may need to be modelled to them. When we scan, we are usually looking over the text, searching for a particular word or phrase that will help us answer a question. This can be modelled by using your finger to track along the words very quickly, stopping when you find the word you are looking for. Explain to your young reader that you stopped because, for example, you saw the first few letters of the word. The use of skimming and scanning will help your young reader to prepare for the reading of a text and enable them to efficiently and confidently answer questions about a text they have read.

Earn and Learn
Please bring in all of your Earn & Learn stickers as soon as possible as promotion has closed as of 8th September, we still have time to claim our rewards. All stickers/completed sheets must be in by this Thursday, Sept 17.

School Improvement Agenda
For 2015 is:-
• Improved reading comprehension
• Becoming better writers with sizzling starts
• Instant recall of number facts

Dance Night
Tuesday September 15
As part of the PE and Music, Mark Smith (PE teacher) and Mike Reynolds (Music teacher) are organising a combined Dance Night for Cloyna and Windera Schools.
Here are the details:-
♦ Date: Tuesday September 15  Time: 5.00pm to 7.15pm
♦ Venue: Cloyna Hall  Dress: Free dress as if you were going out to dinner with Mum & Dad
♦ Food: Windera SS P & C will be selling sausage on bread for $2.00 and Cloyna SS P & C will be selling drinks (poppas, water, soft drinks -$1.50 to $2.00) and Sweets/confectionary .50c to $2.00

This night is organised by the two teachers and staff from each school will also be there, but we ask that there be at least one parent/carer from each family in attendance.
Award Winners

For Week 8
Zac, Elijah, Hayden, Madison, Taila, Barry, Riley, Lochlan, Jayde, Katie, Will

For Week 9

Celebration of Attendance & Positive Behaviour Day
Friday September 18

On the last day of Term 3, Friday September 18, we will be holding our Celebration of Attendance & Positive Behaviour Day. Instead of tuckshop the school will be providing steakettes, bread & sauce for lunch –no cost to the families. Special activities for the day.

Homework Rewards—Sleepover
Friday September 11
Happy Birthday—September

Jack B—13th
Barry—29th

Thank you Barry for this information

Where did Labor Day come from?

Labor Day was created as a way to acknowledge and pay tribute to the workforce for all that they have done to make our country prosperous and strong.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City, and other cities followed this example in the following years. It was in 1894 that Congress passed a law making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

Now that you know... have a great Labor Day!

HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Thank you Barry for this information

Combined Community Cent Auction

Cloyna Town Hall
7th November 2015

Doors Open - 5pm
BBQ & Bar Open - 5.30pm
First Draw - 6pm

Admission
Adults - $5.00 (includes one free sheet of tickets)
School Age Child - $3.00 (includes one free lucky door ticket)

Cent Auction Tickets - $1 per sheet

For more information please contact-
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