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# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 7, 2023

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Breakfast Club every  
Wednesday 8.30am**

### TERM 3

25.08.23: Movie afternoon  
28.08.23 Book Fair opens  
1.09.23: Pupil Free Day  
8.09.23: CD Ball Games Carnival  
11.09.23: Behaviour Letters sent home  
11.09.23 P&C Meeting 3.15pm  
13.09.23: Term 3 Behaviour Celebration Sapphire Students  
14.09.23: Farewell Afternoon Mrs Maddison 2.15pm  
15.09.23: P&C Tuckshop, Free Dress, Last day of Term 3

### TERM 4

02.09.23: Public Holiday  
03.09.23 First day back at school

#### Swimming : Term Four P-6

Tuesday 17th October (Lessons)  
Tuesday 24th October (Lessons)  
Tuesday 31st October (Lessons)  
Tuesday 7th November (Lessons P-4- Senior Camp for 5/6  
Tuesday 14th November (lessons)  
Tuesday 21st November (CARNIVAL)



**Attendance Matters**

Every student Every day

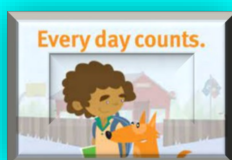
*Students should be at school **every day** they are well to make each day count.*

Current attendance rate:

**90%**

Target:

**94%**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

The word 'legacy' has been on my mind recently, for a variety of reasons.

The anniversary of my father's death always makes me mindful of the legacy he left behind for our family. A simple man, he worked extremely hard - seven days a week for many years whilst we were young - and taught his children the value of doing a job well and making the most of opportunities. His legacy wasn't to leave a great financial inheritance but rather to teach his children how to succeed in life, and enjoy a life rich in contentment and strong self esteem. It came about through what he showed me - the way he spoke, the way he behaved and what he expected of his children.

I was really very fortunate. I was expected to follow the rules at home, contribute to keeping the house running, be respectful to my parents and be the best I could be. My parents rarely had anything to do with school; their English was poor and they trusted me to work hard.

What is the legacy you provide for your children? Every family is different, and each parent has their own decisions to make about what they believe it's important for their children to learn. Sometimes the values at home mirror those of school - learning, respect, responsibility and safety. Sometimes, they are very different values. Children can learn to behave differently in home and school, but when they have families of their own it's the values of their parents that will guide the way they in turn parent.

Which is why it's important to consider what you model to your children. If you value school and the opportunities it provides then you'll make every day count. Your children learn that school is important and they will teach their children to be at school every day they are well. Did you know that there are almost as many weekends and school holidays as there are school days in a year? The target 94% attendance allows for twelve days sickness a year, and still be on track to achieve the target.

It's worth the cost to have a holiday in the school holidays - in fact it's a huge investment in your children's future.

Everyone understands a special event - the family get together that's a 'one off' or something you might do once in their schooling. If your family can plan the rest of their holidays in the designated holidays then that's what your grandchildren will likely be doing too.  
Until next time,  
Rosita Lever



## BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Being a learner means.....  
being SAFE



**Week 7  
Focus**

**Week 8  
Focus**





**S**  
Skim & Scan

**C**  
Connect & Question

**O**  
Organise your Thinking

**R**  
Read & Reflect

**E**  
Be the Expert!

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**Proud Principal Moment .....**

Last Friday I was showing a family (mum, dad and two children, one of school age) through the Prep/One and Two/Three classrooms. The family is moving near to Clifton and asked if they could have a tour of the school to familiarise their child with his potential classroom.

The parents of the little boy were delighted with the friendliness of the Clifton students– smiles and warm words of welcome. When Lochlan was asked if Clifton was a good school, he said 'No, it's an AWESOME school'. Both classes were busy, lot's was happening and the children were a credit to our school.

**Congratulations Parade Winners!**

**Reading TOCKS**

**8th September**

Is our annual Ball Games carnival, at the Clifton Showgrounds. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on their child. In the morning children participate in sport development activities, with ball games following.

### Chaplaincy Fundraising: Tender Opportunities

All the details of the items for sale, and how to place a tender are included in the insert in this newsletter. While tender amounts are up to the person tendering to decide upon, an idea of the recommended retail price of the items is also provided. Please be as generous as possible because it's for such a great cause - our school chaplains. Of course, everyone successful in the tendering process is likely to snag a bargain at the same time! The highest bid will acquire the item/s and delivery of the items to the successful tenders will happen at the close of the process.

**Submit your written tender to:**  
[principal@piltonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@piltonss.eq.edu.au)

Tenders close at 5pm on Monday 18th September and your items will be delivered by 22nd Sept. Please ensure your tender includes your name; contact phone and delivery address.



### Behaviour Celebration Term Three

Our end of term celebration activity for students who have achieved the Sapphire level of behaviour is an excursion to the Darling Downs Zoo. We will leave at 9.30am, and return around 2.45pm. Student will need to return their permission forms, and bring their lunch, hat and water bottle.

There is no cost to families for this activity.



## NEWS FROM 2-3

### How do we learn our Number Facts in Year 2/3?



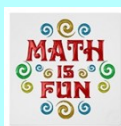
Simple answer: With fun!!!

The theory behind the reason why.....being fluent with our number facts refers to the ability to recall the basic facts in all four operations accurately, quickly and effortlessly. When students achieve automaticity with these facts, they have attained a level of mastery that enables them to retrieve them from long-term memory without conscious effort or attention. This allows students to free up their working memory and they can devote it to problem solving and learning new concepts and skills.

Each week this term, the year 3 students have been completing 'Number Fact drills'. Over the week, we use the same number fact, the same set of questions and we set the time for five minutes on a timer. Each student sets him or herself a personal goal – beat my score and beat my time. By the end of the week, with a new drill sheet, all the students have success and, the facts are retained.

It is so popular that the year 2 students wished to have their race against the clock with simple addition facts. The result was resounding success again – it was so much fun and there was an immediate follow up cry – “can we do that again tomorrow?”

Who knew learning could be so much fun!!



## Year 4/5/6 TH

Here the students are listening to statements and are stating if they agree or not and why. This week we are doing our group discussion on Flying Foxes.





## P&C Parents and Citizens Association

**Next P and C Meeting**  
**Date: 11th September**  
3.15 pm in library

**Friday 1st of September**

is a

**Pupil Free Day**

Please be aware there will be no classes held at our school on that day.

**Pupil  
Free  
Day**

## Fathers Day Stall

Children will be able to purchase gifts for **Father's Day** on the 30th and 31st of August.

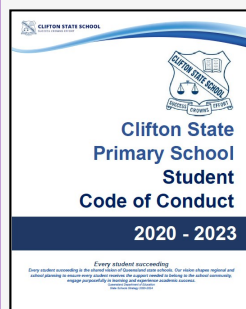
Please send money in a sealed zip lock bag with your child; this should be handed to class teachers for safe-keeping. The children will be taken to the stall. Parents are also invited to shop with their child before or after school.

**Happy  
Father's  
Day!**

## Is your child arriving before 8.30am?

As staff begin supervision at 8.30am, please ensure your child is sitting in the undercover area, near the Prep/One classroom. Whichever gate they enter, children are asked to go straight to this area and wait there until 8.30am. They can then take their bags to classrooms/bag racks as their teachers have instructed, and then move to the quad area for play.

We have, unfortunately, had items from lunchboxes being stolen, so we ask that no one takes their bags to their classroom before 8.30am. After 8.30 there are many more children around and items are less likely to go missing.



## Consideration of Individual Circumstances

Staff at Clifton State School take into account students' individual circumstances, such as their behaviour history, disability, mental health and wellbeing, religious and cultural considerations, home environment and care arrangements when teaching expectations, responding to inappropriate behaviour or applying a disciplinary consequence.

In considering the individual circumstances of each student, we recognise that the way we teach, the support we provide and the way we respond to students will differ. This reflects the principle of equality, where every student is given the support they need to be successful.

## Farewell to Mrs Maddison

As per the letter that went home to our families this week, Mrs Maddison has made the decision to move to a Toowoomba school to work, beginning Term Four.

Whilst we are very sad to farewell Mrs Maddison, we appreciate the fifteen years of service to our school and community, and her enthusiasm for the role of teacher aide. Mrs Maddison will be farewelled at a whole of school farewell, on Thursday 14th September, 2.15pm.

It would be appreciated if families could send a small plate of food for the classes to share during the day, when each class will have the opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Maddison before the more formal event in the afternoon.

## Being Safe-Parking

We respectfully ask that all parking rules be followed at drop off and pick up times – please check you are parked in the correct zone, don't use bus drop off areas and don't complete a 'U' turn where children are crossing.

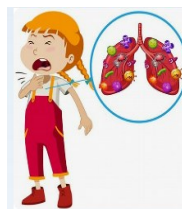
A few extra minutes to drive around the block will help protect our students getting to school or going home.  
Thank you.



## Acute Respiratory Infections 2023

Influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial viruses, can result in significant disruption to schools. There are things you can do to help protect yourself and your children:

- Getting vaccinated is the most effective way to prevent children and adults from getting flu, becoming seriously ill with flu or passing it on to others.
- Stay at home when sick – see the [Timeout brochure](#) (see insert)
- Practice good hand hygiene wash hands regularly with soap and water or use alcohol-based cleanser.
- Practice good respiratory hygiene - cough or sneeze into a tissue or your arm, throw tissues away and clean hands.
- Clean surfaces regularly and ensure good ventilation



## Life Education Program

Since 1987, Life Ed Qld has been an important part of growing up for more than 1.5 million

Queensland children – empowering them with knowledge and skills for a healthy, safe life.

In today's world, those life skills are more important than ever. In the program presenter's focus on the key influences on a child's health and wellbeing, including: nutrition, cyber safety, alcohol, smoking, drugs, bullying, emotional health and relationships.

Life Education comes to Clifton State School on 22nd November (next term).



## News from 4/5/6 ML

- Year 5/6 English – The students are working towards assessment – most students are enjoying the chance to type up their assessment electronically!

- Year 4 Maths – The Year 4's are doing a great job at working through their Angles/Measurement Assessment?

Year 4 Science – Last week we had a lot of fun performing an experiment where we were trying to heat up water – we dropped in coins naturally heated by sunshine to see if there was a change in the temperature! Here they are looking very intently at their results! 😊



## News from P/1

This term in Science, students have been learning about light and sound. They've investigated volume pitch and speed with various instruments. Each child has made and decorated their own instrument as part of their assessment. Students will now make a change to their instrument so it makes a different sound. Throughout the term we have had some amazing year 5 students helping us in our room. Thank you for all your help! Thank you to Foodworks, for supplying boxes.



## "Instrumental Music"

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, a group of young musicians from our school participated in the Toowoomba Eisteddfod. It was very exciting, and a little bit scary, to perform on the main stage in the auditorium of the Empire Theatre! They performed a favourite piece called *Banana Boat Song* and were awarded **THIRD PLACE!** They performed their best and did a great job representing our school.

The week after the Eisteddfod, 5 of our beginner students were invited to join the school band! These students have worked consistently and have achieved the standard required to join the band. While it is a little daunting to start, I look forward to seeing them grow into valuable members of the band!

In week 8, our senior students will be presenting 2 concerts for the very youngest members of our community. First thing in the morning, they will play for the littlies at playgroup. Then, in the afternoon, we will walk to Treasure Island to perform for their children.

Remember to keep practicing because "Success Crowns Effort".

Many thanks

Ms Sue Nichols



CLIFTON STATE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

# MOVIE AFTERNOON

NOW SHOWING

**TICKET**  
**\$5**



**BOOK NOW!**

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# THE BAND-O'-COOTS

BUSHBAND

Saturday 26 August 2023  
6.00 to 9.00pm

at

**One Table Café and Function Centre**  
(on Churches of Christ Campus)

MULTI DRAW RAFFLE with amazing prizes!

## BUSHKIDS FAMILY DANCE

**TICKETS**

Available at the door or pre-purchase from  
BUSHKIDS Warwick, Warwick Watchmakers  
and Jewellers and Rose City Jewellers

**Family—\$30**  
(2 adults & up to 4 children)  
**Adults—\$10**  
**Children—\$5**  
(under 18 years)

Food & Drinks available

CASH ONLY

No EFTPOS facilities available.

All proceeds in support of BUSHKIDS

## Free 'come and try' Community Tai Chi class



Join some of the Toowoomba Region Councillors for a free 'come and try' community tai chi class.

Tai Chi encompasses slow, deliberate, gentle movements and breathing exercises to help calm the mind and body and support recovery and wellness. Tai Chi classes can be done seated or standing and are beneficial for those looking for a gentle introduction or if recovering from illness/injury.

*\*Louise also runs a regular \$5 Nobby Tai chi class currently held during school terms.*

**Where:** 6 Tooth Street, Nobby  
**When:** Tuesday 29 August from 10.30am to 11.15am  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Contact:** Louise P:0419 786 502 (Bookings are essential)

Visit  
[www.tr.qld.gov.au/change](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/change)  
 for a full list of activities



## Enrolling Every Day

We accept and welcome new students every day – so please spread the word to your neighbours and encourage them to join our school community.

Clifton State School has a long and proud history of serving the local community and beyond.

Join us for the journey and aim high!