A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Sandra Wright

Collaboration
According to the Oxford dictionary, collaborate means to work jointly. The term collaborate, although often used in the sense of literary or artistic production, works beautifully for the cooperative creative venture of educating our children. Collaboration does not prevent an individual from acting alone. Principals, teachers and parents have specific responsibilities for which they are accountable. To collaborate means to acknowledge our common goal of providing ALL children in our community with the best education possible and to work jointly toward achieving it.

“Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, he turned into a butterfly”

Our school welcomes expression of opinion, both bad and good, and to encourage members of the community to communicate in a constructive manner. This will increase understanding of the issues the school is currently working with.

Curriculum Developments 2016
Education Qld has introduced new curriculum to be covered from 2016. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is a strong focal point of this curriculum. The others to be introduced are: digital technologies, coding and robotics and two areas to be included in Health and PE. These are domestic and family violence and de-radicalisation. Both of these areas will focus on respectful relationships, social and emotional well being and acceptance of cultural diversity.

We have been planning the introduction of coding and robotics already and will be resourcing this for the beginning of next year. Our teachers will be undertaking a full day of training in Coding on the Wednesday Pupil Free day next year. STEM will become a major focal area of our Excellence Academy and will be embedded in our enquiry based learning projects in all other classes. Digital technologies will be aligned to mathematics throughout the grades.

Leaders Of Learning
Distributed Leadership is a form of collective leadership in which teachers develop expertise and contribute to school wellbeing by working together. It is a key part of our strategic plan as we move forward. All of our teachers have been made a Leader of Learning in a key focus area of our school. I will introduce these to you over the rest of the term. Catriona and Amanda Best will share the Leader of Learning in Learning Outcomes. This area is where we ensure our students are developing a clear understanding of how they learn, what they know and can do, and how they can use this knowledge and their skills to enhance their future learning. They will monitor data, student outcomes and improvement. Megan and Linda will share the Leader of Learning of Curriculum. This area informs our data. They will be reviewing our curriculum plans to ensure they meet our school’s statement and the state system requirements.

Vision
Please review the following two visions so that we can confirm our new pathway.

Lake Clarendon State School seeks to create the environment for success for all our students. To do this, Lake Clarendon has a culture of high expectations for student learning, professional accountabilities for the teaching and learning process and intentionally inviting classrooms. Students and teachers are taught choice theory to reach a common ground in establishing a supportive, caring environment and in building healthy relationships that contribute to our school’s success. We further seek to engage with parents and carers to empower them to better contribute to their children’s education. In essence, our priority is to ensure: “Every Day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.”

The new proposed vision
Lake Clarendon State School community is committed to nurturing determination, confidence and competence within our students to enable them to achieve beyond their expectations. We strive to invest in them strong self-belief and a lifelong desire for the pursuit of learning. We want our school to make a difference for each and every student, now and in the future. We will excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning with high expectations and success for all.

We are asking parents to provide feedback on the new version. Please email jhanh85@eq.edu
We would also like to have a school mascot to use at school events, on marketing etc. We would like some suggestions on possible animal/bird examples to consider. The eagle is in use by several schools so we would not use it.
**Lit Pro LEGENDS**

Turquoise ribbons
- Space cadet (10pts) Hailey M
- Space Astronauts (30pts) Caydence H & Matisse G
- Super Space Astronauts (40pts) Leon G & Xander G, Madelyn M, Xanthea H & Jake J

Purple ribbons
- Space Rangers (50pts) Charlotte F & Zoe B
- Super Space Ranger (60pts) Charlotte F

Rocket Reader (75pts) Sabelle U

Black ribbons
- Out of this Universe reader (125pts) Riley W, Huong W & Tameka K
- Space Captain (150pts) Riley W
- ALPHA CENTAURI (175pts) Riley W
- ALPHA CENTAURI - BRONZE (200pts) Riley W
- ALPHA CENTAURI - SILVER (225pts) Riley W
- SPACE COMMANDER (300pts) Minh V

New Lit Pro Levels
New Lit Pro levels have had to be added due to the exceptional reading prowess of our senior students, thus the new levels will be:
- Legendary Lachlan Level (350pts) in honour of our first Space Commander Lachlan M
- Mega Minh Memorial (400pts) which we are certain she will obtain before she leaves this year.

**4/5 News**

BNF Bandits!
Kudos to these students who have successfully achieved 64 out of 64 in either addition, subtraction, multiplication or division within 5 minutes.
- Subtraction: Taylah H
- Division: Madelyn M
This means that Madelyn is ALSO a Walking-Talking-Calculator!

**3-6 Swimming**

3-6 Swimming has commenced and is held on Fridays the remaining lessons are on: 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 20 Nov, 27 Nov, & 4 Dec. Please ensure your child brings along togs, towel, and a Coles bag to put wet clothes in.

**Prep-2 Swimming**

These lessons will be conducted in the last 2 weeks of this term and payment for these lessons has now been finalised and due to the majority of children wanting to attend the price will remain at $30. Permission notes have been sent home. Please fill in and return with your payment. Payment can be made using EFPOS for your convenience. Swimming lesson have been booked for the following dates: Mon 30 Nov, Tue 1 Dec, Wed 2 Dec, Mon 7 Dec, Tue 8 Dec, & Wed 9 Dec.

**Step into Prep**

Last Date dates for our Step into Prep session. If you have a family member or know of anyone who would be enrolling their child into prep for 2016, Please invite them to come along on this day.

Session 3: Friday 30 October 2-3pm (This Friday)

**RED DAY**

A special Tuckshop is organised for next Wednesday the 4 Nov. Students have been given an order form, please return with your payment enclosed in a brown bag to the Blue box by

**Rewards Day**

Rewards Day is organised for Friday 6 Nov.
Mrs Wright has organised a water slide to be at our school all day on Friday 6 Nov. The students will be able to enjoy the slide depending on their behaviour level. Student will receive and invitation letter if they are eligible to attend.
**Good Ones**

Congratulations to the Good One winners for:

- Wk 2: Prep - 2...Imogen H, 3 - 6...Billy-Ray A
- Wk 3: Prep - 2...Linda V, 3 - 6...Nick W

**Rewarding positive behaviour**

Your child receives a Good One as a reward for positive behaviour during the week. This Good One slip goes into a box in the office. One lucky name will be drawn out on parade and receive a prize. All of the Good Ones are then entered into our behaviour system and sent home with a stamp.

This is your chance to praise your child about positive behaviour & how important it is to help others.

**Attendance Raffle**

Congratulations to the Attendance Raffle winners for:

- Wk 2: Laura, Apple
- Wk 3: Chad G, Austin W, Noah U, Jacob O, Leon G, Tyler E

**Up and Coming Events:**

- **5/6 Camp to Tallebudgera**
  The camp has been booked from Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November. The cost for this wonderful camp is $260. Permission & information notes have been given to the Year 5/6 students and payments can be made as part payments.

  We need to have final numbers for our fabulous camp to Tallebudgera NEXT TUESDAY 3rd November. **If you know your child is going to camp, but you have not paid yet, please see the office to confirm your child’s place. Remember EFTPOS is available at the office for your convenience.**

- **Year 6 Graduation Dinner**
  Wednesday 2 Dec at the Laidley Cultural Centre. A note has been sent home to the year 6 students. Please fill in names of those attending and any dietary requirements along with payment by **Wednesday 25 November**. A ticket will then be issued to your child.

  It has become a tradition to produce a multimedia presentation for each child in the graduating class with photos that show their growth from babyhood to where they are now. This will be shown at the graduation dinner and a copy will be made for each child to keep (regardless of whether or not they attend on the night). Lisa Haines has again volunteered to take care of this for us.

  Could you please forward a selection of photos directly to Lisa at hainesozadventure@yahoo.com.au, or copy them onto a USB to be given to Lisa via Josh or Mrs Minehan before Monday November 23.

  **If your photos are not received by Lisa before this day your child may miss out on this special keepsake.**

- **End-Of-Year concert**
  Tuesday 8 Dec at the Glenore Grove Hall.
Chappys Corner

Term four, week four, soon it will be Christmas. Are these holidays going to be the same as all the previous ones? Or are you going to plan a different one? What have you always wanted to do, or where have you always planned to go but haven't made it yet? Now is the time to set your goal and follow through…. none of us are getting any younger. Be sure to think of those who are less fortunate.

Keep your eyes open for the Christmas Competition coming soon!

Bullies come in all shapes and sizes. You may have a concept in your mind of a big, mean looking, rough talking boy. Perhaps a tomboy who taunts the shy or princesses in the school. Unfortunately we can't stereotypical what a bully looks like only how one behaves. Often a bully is insecure or has a learned behaviour from a poor role model. One thing is for sure, no one appreciates the behaviour that a bully possesses. Doing nothing about bullying is the best way to keep a bully in business. Try not to show fear, stand up for yourself in a non-confrontational way, avoid contact with bully as much as possible, stick up for your friends if you think they are being targeted and make sure you tell someone who can help. It is never your fault, you have the right to feel safe - exercise that right!

Humour

What do you get when you cross a termite with a dinosaur? *Dynomite.*
What sits on the ocean floor shaking? *A nervous wreck.*
Why did the cat eat some cheese? *To wait near the mouse hole with baited breath.*
There are three bad things about growing old; 1. Losing your memory. I can't remember the other two. 'I have kleptomania. But when it gets real bad, I take something for it' Ken Todd.
'Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind it doesn't matter.' *M.Twain*

Finally....it is better to be hurt with truth, than comforted with lies!
And....it is better to give than to receive.