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

2016

Preliminary planning has commenced around staffing for 2016. It is imperative that we obtain accurate enrolment information. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the office know if your child/ren will not be returning to Lake Clarendon State School in 2016. Similarly, if you know of parents who wish to enrol their children and have not yet done so, please advise them to call to the office for an enrolment package. Due to fluctuations in enrolment, staffing and class placement is not completed until the student free days in 2016.

Enrolment Management Plan

Education Qld Facilities has informed us that we will have an Enrolment Management Plan placed onto us on Day 8 in 2016. Unfortunately we are over capacity now but if they hold the plan until Day 8, it will allow a new building to be brought in. The Enrolment Management Plan will mean that we will no longer be able to take enrolments out of our catchment area unless we have a vacancy in that year level. We will, however, continue to take new enrolments up until this date.

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. Renee Pennycuick will be our Leader of Learning in Effective Teaching. This area is where we ensure our teachers demonstrate practices that engage and motivate our students to reach their potential. Kylie Hohn will take on the Leader of Learning of Management. This area ensures resources are managed effectively and we have a clear structure of planning, goal setting and monitoring. Michelle Minehan is our Leader of Learning in Governance. Michelle is the staff rep on our school council and she supports us to work collaboratively to achieve the schools purpose.

Dear Parent

Please read the attached letter, “Dear Parent”. The message contained within is very powerful. We all have “That kid” in our schools. Lake Clarendon is no different.

2016 Date: Monday 25 January

The Queensland Government has announced a new start date to the 2016 school year which will now see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday, 25 January, 2016, will now become an additional staff professional development day.
Meals have been delicious and healthy with most children knowing how to use their knives and forks. “Very filling and yummy” states Ryan. Meanwhile Caydence shared “The best part of cabin inspections was making the beds.” Hanna, Laura, Mikayla, Matisse and Abby won Monday morning’s cabin inspection. They impressed Ms Hohn with their creative use of collected shells displayed artistically around their ensuite sink. The boys in cabin 701 went all out though with providing Ms Hohn with toilet paper origami of either “scrunched” or “folded” sheets of loo paper. Ashleigh has commented that camp has been awesome and fun, and kayaking was the best thus far. I’m not sure Cayla and Naomi would agree after theirs capsized! For worrying parents – don’t worry! They’re having an absolute ball J. Medications are all up to date.

Host Families Need
Laidley area need families to share your lifestyle, home and the joy of the festive season while experiencing the Japanese culture. These Japanese students are aged between 11-14 years. They arrive December 27th and depart January 4th. For further information please contact Riki Garibaldo 0433168509.

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 8 book club brochures have been handed out. Orders and payment are due back by Monday 23 November. Orders will be sent to scholastic on the Tuesday and all ordered books will be at school before the end of term.

3-6 Swimming
3-6 Swimming has commenced and is held on Fridays. The remaining lessons are on: 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.

Prep Orientation Day
On Wednesday the 9th of December we will be holding a final transition/information morning. This session will occur from 9.00 -11.00am. The children will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the morning. During this time we will be holding an information/question time session for parents. We will also have people available to speak to you in regard to school uniforms, tuckshop and the role of the P&C. At 10.30am we will join with the children to enjoy a morning tea picnic, supplied by the school. See Amanda Best for any further information.
Good Ones
Congratulations to the Good One winners for:

Wk 4  Wk 5
Prep - 2...Jasmine B  Prep - 2...Blaine F
3 - 6...Billy-Ray  3 -6...Flynn D

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:

Katya D
Noah U
Houng V
Riley W

Up and Coming Events:

- **Summer Safety Day**
  Play it safe Seqwater invited us to attend this annual fun day to be held on Wednesday 25 November at Logan Inlet Wivenhoe Dam. Some fun activities organised are swimming, fishing, canoeing and other water safety demonstrations. This year we will only be able to take our Year 2-6 students and only those on the Green, Blue and Gold level of behaviour. Your child will be given a permission and publishing note for you to sign and return. Your child won’t be able to attend if these forms are not returned prior to the event. The students will travel by bus and the school will be funding this.

- **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

What does Christmas mean to you?
Depending on how much you want to research history, you can dig deep and find pagan roots or better still a story about a man going around doing good deeds to others. Whatever the history, the day has been widely accepted as Jesus’ birthday and is celebrated in many different ways. Being a holiday there is an opportunity for family get-togethers, travel, free time, present hunting and lots of yummy food. Others take the time to go to church to celebrate what God has done for humanity or to make an effort to help those in need. Whatever Christmas means to you, now is the time to start thinking how you can present your thoughts on paper. Competition is open to students, P-6 and closes Dec 2. Details on notice board or ask me. Prizes to be won!

As the debate heats up on what is considered healthy food and what will lead to cancer, the question is as always, who do you believe?
How long did it take before we were told that smoking came with risks. (I think it was around 20yrs after the scientific findings were published) How long has it taken for us to be told that processed meat is carcinogenic. Are there other foods that we enjoy that are unhealthy or even deadly? Who is to blame for the food that potentially poisons us? Well as much as we may not like it, we are responsible for what we put in our mouths.
We should know by now that people will bend the truth to sell their products. Always check your labels so you know what you are really eating.
Next time you put that sugary, salty, fatty substance in your mouth, ask yourself is it as fresh and natural as it can be!

Humour
How many tennis balls can you put in a large empty box? None, it won’t be empty if you put any in it.
Why wasn’t the little girl scared of the escaped lion? She had been told it was a man eater.
There is one in every corner and two in every room. What is it? (One in corner, two in room) - the letter o.
What do you call a girl with a frog on her head? Lily
Why did the chicken cross the road? Cause he wasn’t chicken.

Finally... A good deed however small, never goes unnoticed. ‘An apple a day keeps the doctor away’