A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Wright

Welcome Back

The 2013 school year has begun. I would like to welcome continuing students and families back and also extend a warm welcome to new families and in particular our new preparatory students. It has been a challenging start to our year with the recent floods preventing us from opening on time and overcoming the loss of power and moisture in our electrical systems.

Unfortunately the floods and road closures have affected our enrolment numbers. New families who have indicated their intention to enrol are affected and will not arrive before the Day 8 collection. Staffing however, cannot wait, and will be appointed on the Day 8 collection. There is a very strong possibility that we will lose our recent addition of a staff member. If this happens, then we will need to restructure a couple of our classes.

Morning Supervision

Students are not to arrive at school before 8:30am. Staff take up supervision duties at 8:30am. I am happy to continue the early supervision in my office from 8:00am for parents who need to attend work. Unfortunately there will be days when I have to attend other meetings and I will not be here to supervise. In the past, staff have been allocated these days but this is not an option this year. The dates that I will not be at school will be placed into the calendar. Please check these so that you can make alternative arrangements.

It is extremely important that our students have the correct books so that they have the opportunities to reach their full potential. If books are not according to our published book lists, teachers will need to return them to you for replacement. Thank you for your support in upholding our high expectations.

Bookwork

We now have a Bookwork Policy at our school and this was explained in last year’s newsletters. “At Lake Clarendon State School we promote and advocate the development and maintenance of a high standard of written bookwork and presentation from our students. The standard of bookwork and the presentation of work in general is a primary method by which parents and others form opinions about the school. Students’ books also hold the evidence of teaching, learning and assessment and reflect commitment of quality and effort by students. It is imperative students develop automaticity in bookwork habits which allows each successive teacher to build upon the foundations established in earlier grades.

This policy defines consistent standards and expectations across the school. As teachers, we accept the responsibility to explicitly teach excellence in bookwork to our students and celebrate their successes.”
It is amazing how powerful and devastating flood waters can be. As I have been driving around the valley it is sobering to see the amount of damage to roads, bridges, businesses and homes.

After our monthly chaplaincy meeting on Monday I drove through Laidley. While there I met up with a Chaplaincy Committee member. Together we went to a distribution centre to find out how flood affected people could access their services.

They were so tired and overwhelmed by the donations coming in that I ended up staying for the day, helping out with sorting and deliveries of furniture.

It is a wonderful experience to see so many generous people helping each other in the community.

Kids Arvo Out is on again this year. The first one will be on Feb 24 from 2-5pm.

More details to follow......

Humour

What’s the closest thing to Silver? The Lone Ranger’s bottom.

What is the definition of an archaeologist? Someone who’s career is in ruins.

What does minimum mean? A very small mother.

Finally... Never fear shadows. It simply means that there is a light close by. R.Renke

Arrival & Pick up Procedures

No student is allowed to be at school before 8.30 unless prior arrangements have been made with the principal. (This is a Duty of care issue)

All students are to be picked up promptly at 3pm unless prior arrangements have been made with the principal.

All students are to wait for late parents in front of the Prep room as directed by the teacher.

Payments and Permissions

To ensure all payments/permissions are received on time, please fill out any permission slips before the due date and place payment/permission in an envelope marked with your child’s name, amount enclosed and the activity it’s for. Please try, where possible, to have the correct money as no money is kept at the school for change to be given. The envelope can be placed into one of the mail boxes outside the office. The newsletter will indicate the appropriate box. Blue (P&C or Silver (School).

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Issue 1 leaflets have been handed out this week. Our school receives rewards to purchase books for our library when you order any item within these leaflets. Could all orders and payment be returned to the silver box by 9 February. Payments can be made by cash, credit card & cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia. If paying with cash please ensure correct money is given as we do not have any money for change at the school.
P&C News

P&C Meeting and AGM

You are all very welcome to attend the first P&C meeting for 2013 to be held next Monday 11 February in the Library Commencing at 6.30pm. All new parents to the school are especially invited.

Date Claimer

Sunday 24th February

Lock it in as this is a huge opportunity for our school to raise funds. We have a date with BUNNINGS to provide their sausage sizzle for the day. We will need volunteers to run this event.

Shopping at IGA

Please allocate your Gatton IGA points to us during their new promotion of $50000 cash give away. All you have to do upon check-out is say you want your points allocated to Lake Clarendon State School. Your support would be greatly appreciated! Our school number is 973.

Yoga Club

Welcome back yogis. Yoga will start again this Friday at 8am in the shed. This day could change in a few weeks dependent on my work hours so watch this space!!! We are going to give back this year in our yoga club, so every week everyone is asked to bring a gold coin donation which will be distributed each month to local charities or those in need. We discussed this last year and everyone thought it was a great idea. We all will decide at the end of each month where the money will be distributed. All children and parents are welcome to attend the yoga club. We stretch, learn to relax and breathe deeper and improve our flexibility and self-esteem. I look forward to seeing you all on Friday at 8am in the shed! Namaste... Lisa.

Tennis Coaching

Mal & Daphne Anderson will commence their Professional Tennis Coaching sessions on Monday and Wednesday at 7.30am. Please phone Mal or Daph on Ph: 5465060 or 0418766805 if you wish your child to join in the Tennis Coaching lessons. New students are welcome to come along for a trial to see if they would like to join.

Uniforms

Our Uniform Coordinator is available on Monday and Friday from 8.30am.

Apologies for our hats. They arrived without our emblem on them and they have now been returned to the supplier. It will be approx. 3 weeks for the new ones.

Staff have been informed and will make allowances for students to wear other sun safe hats in the meantime.

Tuckshop

Our wonderful P&C will again be running Tuckshop one day a week at 1st break.

Tuckshop will start up again in the next week or two...A new menu will be attached to a future newsletter.

If you wish to join our merry band of helpers, please speak to one of our P&C reps.
We would like to reduce our carbon footprint by using electronic communication. Please supply an email address so that you can receive our newsletters and student feedback. Please either return this note to the silver box or email your address to swrig61@eq.edu.au

A paper copy of the newsletter will still be available to the oldest in the family if you do not have an email address.

Please include me on the school newsletter list by email

Parent name: _________________________________________

Student name & Class teacher:
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Email address:__________________________________________

This is also a very good way for us to keep you up to date with any happenings or at our school...Even during the holidays and in case of school closures that may be caused by floods...