Calendar of Events

Sept/October

19th September to 4th October – School Holidays

5th Public Holiday – Labour Day
7th Playgroup 9am at school
10th Information Afternoon
19th Pupil Free Day
21st Playgroup 9am
Astronomy Night – TBA

November

4th Playgroup 9am
9-10th Drumming Workshop
18th Playgroup 9am

December

Brigalow Swimming Carnival
2nd Playgroup 9am
4th Swimming Carnival at Clarke Creek School.
9th Awards Night
11th School Finishes for 2015.

Safe Happy Learning

As we end Term 3 I would like to thank the staff, students and the Clarke Creek community for your contribution to a successful term here at Clark Creek State School. Best wishes to all during the school holiday period.

As well as ongoing teaching and learning, we have had many other highlights this term which included:

- 2015 North Keppel Island camp
- ICPA senior student camp
- Ramona’s Aussie afternoon
- Anglo American communication tower morning tea
- Bruce the Geologist visit
- Off-Road Drama Group workshop

As I complete my first term here at Clarke Creek State School, I look back and appreciate all the support and assistance which this community has offered me. I look forward to watching the students grow over the remainder of the year and look forward to the highlights of term 4.

Why should a student be excited about learning when their teacher is not excited about teaching? No teacher can be great without loving what they do. To excite and inspire a student requires excitement and passion for the material itself. Enthusiasm is contagious. All it takes for a student to get excited about going to class is a teacher who is excited and whose positive energy fills the classroom.

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Congratulations to Tom, Cameron and Ty who received their 150 km badges. All the students are working hard on their fitness, ready for the hockey and swimming carnivals.
Attendance by Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry, Queensland Senator Matthew Canavan, State Member for Mirani Jim Pearce, and Isaac Regional Mayor Anne Baker at a recent community morning tea has added to a significant piece of Clarke Creek history.

The occasion was to acknowledge and celebrate the generous donation made by Anglo American Coal towards our new mobile base station. Anglo responded to our appeal for partnership funding through a submission to the Federal Government mobile black spot funding initiative with a significant contribution of $100,000. Jon Richards, Anglo American head of corporate affairs, flew from Brisbane to present the cheque to the Clarke Creek Community Reference Group.

Isaac Regional Council has also pledged $50,000 towards the project and Education Queensland an additional $5,000.

The morning tea was well attended by the Clarke Creek community and the delicious spread organised by P&C members Kelly Soutter, Jenna Reeves and Rebecca Hart was most appreciated.

Participation by the school children added a special touch – and it was encouraging to listen to the children talk about how mobile telecommunications access will benefit them in the classroom. Thanks to Jen Shackcloth for organising this and for the provision of such a welcoming venue.

*Lynise Conaghan*

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry was kind enough to present our school with a new Australian flag.
Bruce the Geologist visited our school this term. He brought along many different types of rocks to show the students.

It was all hands on deck when our new bench seats arrived. The students showed great team building skills as they put their new seats together. We purchased the new seats with a grant we received from the Isaac Regional Council.

“The for one and one for all”
We joined Mackenzie River for a drama workshop that worked in with our astronomy science unit. They pretended that they were going into space to rescue ‘major chuckles from a scary castle and then celebrated the rescue. The children had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the day.
The children this term were learning about Earth and Space. They were very excited to be learning about the solar system they live in and about the different planets. We watched a cartoon video that outlined what the planets are like if they were cartoon characters. The children were heard in the playground repeating, “Red spot”. Which they learnt was Saturn’s main feature. The children have asked on many occasions to watch this again and I had promised to put the link in the newsletter.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=jEXWxNbpTzU

The children have been busy creating planet posters and can I just say there were some interesting new planets found in our solar system. Well done everybody.

P-2 spent the term learning about the importance of saving water and had to convince me to save my water. They created a video and poster and did a fantastic job at this.

3–5 students became weather reporters. They had to warn the public about a severe weather event that is about to occur and tell me how I need to prepare myself and my house to be safe. I felt very informed and in most cases, safe.

Who wants to be a millionaire challenge

During science and math warm-up on a Tuesday, the children played our version of who wants to be a millionaire. They were asked questions that focus on our learning in class and were given 4 possible answers. They earned themselves money along the way. The aim this term was to be the person who earns the most money over 7 weeks. For the top 3 money earners of each class, P-2 and 3–5, were in the running for some fantastic prizes.

We all did such a wonderful job and earned a huge amount of money that everyone got a present.
Clarke Creek Playgroup children have had a busy month. They have been learning lots of different nursery rhymes and actions. Five Little Monkeys is always a favourite. They have been painting caterpillars and butterflies. They love being outside playing on the obstacle course and doing sand play. Looking forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday the 7th October.
What a great day everyone had at Milman State School for the annual Hockey Carnival. Clarke Creek School teamed up with St Lawrence School to win the seniors division. The juniors put in a huge effort on the day. Congratulations to everyone for their great sportsmanship throughout the day.

The Clarke Creek P&C had a productive term three for 2015. We had our local campdraft at Clarke Creek which the P&C catered for and raised $6360 for their efforts which was a great boost to our P&C funds. In total the P&C has catered for two campdraft events this year and has raised $11000 from these events which will be a huge benefit to the school and the children as resources and funds are required. Through this fundraising the P&C has this year been able to see all the children going on school camp to the Capricorn Caves and North Keppel Island Environmental Camp. The kids had a fantastic learning experience and the P&C funded the camp which cost approximately $3800.

A huge thank you to all involved in volunteering for the catering weekends as this funding cannot be achieved without the support of the parent body and the community.

We welcome Jen Shackcloth to our school as our new Acting Principal. Jen has had a fast ride on settling into Clarke Creek as Term 3 was a very busy one however Jen has accepted and taken on all projects with great enthusiasm and provided a fantastic learning environment for the children already.

The P&C also hosted a morning tea event for the unveiling of the cheque from Anglo American. This project was the work of the Clarke Creek Community Reference Group and led by Lynise Conaghan to apply and fight for a mobile communications tower in the Clarke Creek community. The group has been successful in the bid and Anglo-American has contributed $100,000.00 to the project. The importance of this project will have such an enormous impact on our community and school when we can all access mobile service on our properties, on the roads, and our school can access curriculum online and enhance the education of our children comparable to urban students. Thank you to the ladies who catered for this event Kelly, Jenna, Becky and Sally. Also Congratulations to the Community Reference Group Lynise Conaghan, Donald Black and Elizabeth Hill for all your hard work on making Clarke Creek a better place to live.

Term 4 will fly by I am sure and we will see our children participate in two swimming carnivals and finish the year with their final assessment pieces.

“Building Unity and Growing Characters”
Kerry Wallace
P&C President 2015
Students of the Week

31st August – Lara Hart
for trying hard with her reading and writing.

7th September – Mick Allgood
for working hard on practising for his water presentation.

7th September – Cameron Hill
for doing some great research for his presentation.

14th September – Nate Soutter
for showing great enthusiasm when completing his data assessment.

Science Awards

7th Sept – Max Stevenson for working hard on practising for his water presentation.

7th Sept – Cameron Hill for doing some great research for his presentation.

History Awards

7th Sept – Mick Allgood for being completely focused on his assessment tasks.

7th Sept – Lara Hart for writing a wonderful recount of a special event.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Marlborough Hall Committee along with the Marlborough P&C cordially invites you to

“DERBY DAY”

on

Saturday 31st October 2015

@ 11am

Marlborough Community Hall

- Lunch
- Bar
- Prizes for Fashions ... ladies, gentlemen and children (traditionally black and white)
- Sweeps
- Live coverage
- Raffle and lucky door
- Games and entertainment

$20 per adult... $10 high school... $5 primary... Littlies free

Bookings not essential but preferred for catering purposes... tables of 8 available.

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