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Clarke Creek State School

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Calendar of Events

May
28th Master Chef begins.

June
Show Holiday TBA
10th P & C Meeting
10th Playgroup
10th Interhouse Athletic Carnival.
12th Brigalow Athletics Carnival.
19th Marlborough Athletic Carnival.

July
20th Lisa Roach away
Marissa Brady is teaching.
29th School Photos

August
12th – 14th Camp at North Keppel Island Environmental Centre.

It was wonderful to see how the Community of Clarke Creek came together at the Autumn Campdraft last weekend. Congratulations to the Campdraft committee for organising yet another entertaining, efficient and seamless event. Well done. Thank you to the Clarke Creek School P and C, for their excellent ability to bring the culinary expertise of many together in a catering extravaganza. I believe the amount raised to support the school is around $5,000.00! The commitment shown by parents and others provides an excellent demonstration to the children as to what it means to belong to a community and be an active and positive participant and giver.

The School Project Club organised a Movie Night on the Friday night raising $210.00. Each of our school leaders capably took on responsibility to make sure that the hall was set up, the movie appropriate, sponsors found, advertising posters created, tickets sold, the popcorn was hot and the slushies were cold. We train them early here at Clarke Creek as it won’t be long before they are the organisers of the Campdraft!

Our attendance at school in the week prior to the draft was terrific too! We had so many jobs to do to get ready for the draft, no one could afford to miss school. There were a few very intense lessons on calculating with money so that we could sell tickets responsibly and work out how much lunch would cost at the canteen on Friday. I am also pleased to say that homework was completed very well the week before to the draft and almost everyone achieved 100% for spelling that week. FANTASTIC WORK!

The Lotus/Isaac Interhouse Athletic Carnival is on the 10th June. At the last P and C meeting we agreed to have extra events for parents and community. So come along in your joggers to have some fun and earn some points for your favourite team. 9 am – 1pm followed by a shared lunch at the campdraft canteen and then a P and C meeting at 3pm.

Reading Eggs
Congratulations to Tom and Mick who represented Marlborough District at the Rockhampton District Cross Country Championships on May 6. Both boys finished in the top quarter of runners in their events. At school we run regularly in the Go’n’Run program where we record the distance they run and tallying up the laps to earn colourful achievement badges that are sewn onto their sports shirts. The children are very proud of their badges and the fitness benefits are enormous. At the moment we are stepping up the pace for the relatively short 800m race when we compete at our Lotus/Isaac Athletic Day, and the Brigalow and Marlborough carnivals.

NAPLAN National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
Our four participants in NAPLAN this year completed six tests based on Writing, Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, Reading and Numeracy. The tests are given Australia wide and test the students on their grasp of the Australia Curriculum. The questions test their application of knowledge, rather than just their ability to recall facts. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school’s success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids.
In Science the children have been exploring materials and how we can manipulate them to make something for a purpose. The children were excited to explore making windchimes or boats and collected a ton of stuff. We discussed how the items picked would sound best or how they would float and the rest was left up to them to create musical/ floating masterpieces. We are very proud of every ones designs.

During Art this term the children are exploring different ways to turn 2D shapes into 3D masterpieces. The line design was to create a sense of movement. We drew lines on our two pieces of paper and made sure they were exactly the same. One was our background page and the other page was used to cut shapes out and we glued them onto our base page. This created a sense of 3D element and they turned out great.
We had an amazing day with ‘Deadly Arthur’ last Monday. Arthur taught us some designs, methods and tricks to creating Aboriginal art. He told stories about his life growing up at Cherbourg Mission and later living near Marlborough where his Dad worked on the railway. He told many funny stories of what he and his 13 brothers and sisters got up to on the railway lines, fishing and going to school. He spoke about his 10 years in the army, his family and his travels around Australia.

Together we created beautiful turtles in pastels and painted colourful murals in our covered area. We made, decorated and threw our boomerangs and did aboriginal dancing – emus, kangaroos, fish and birds to didgeridoo music. Arthur was funny, creative and entertaining. He imparted energy and vitality to all in attendance. Even the visiting finance officer from Mackay joined in the drawing class! Nate was the lucky winner of Arthur’s beautiful pastel turtle; however we all have a better and richer understanding of modern indigenous culture from an authentic, warm hearted and ‘deadly’ man. Thank you Arthur!
What a handsome lot of cowboys and cowgirls, all ready for the Clarke Creek Campdraft. The students had a visit from Charlie Linsley from Black Dog Institute who rides around Australia raising money for Beyond Blue. Charlie shared some interesting stories regarding Mental Health. Later the students got to dress up in his motorbike gear and try his motorbike out before they made their way over to the campdraft grounds to sell tickets for the Project Club Movie night.
Last week at playgroup the RAF girls entertained everyone with lots of different fun activities. The big hit of the day was the trucks and cattle yards which kept everyone amused. There were sand activities, painting, storytelling and an obstacle course. It is great to see so many at playgroup.

The next playgroup is on the 10th June which is also the same day as our interhouse athletic carnival. There will be races and events for the playgroup children and parents. So bring your joggers ready for an action packed day.

School photos will be taken on the 29th July and you are invited to have family pictures done.

Congratulations to Jayne and Gordon MacNicol on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl Adelyn, born on the 8th May weighing 6lb 13 oz, a little sister for Hugh.
Superstar Weekly Awards for getting 100% in Spelling and Maths.

1st May  Max Stevenson
8th May  Ty Soutter
14th May Max Stevenson & Tiahna Reeves
22nd May Ty Soutter

Students Writing

1. The hottest part of the day is lunch time, that’s why we have to wear hats at school and home.
2. When I think about a story I have to use my brain.
3. It was the biggest tree stump my Dad had ever burnt.
4. The running track was longer than I thought and also very rocky.

So much writing! Amaaaazing!  
By: Max Stevenson Yr 2

Mum said, “The TV isn’t coming back on until I am done”.

Tom heard me say his cake is nice.
Ty brought a cake to school.
Max bought a lego set for $2.00.

Excellent Punctuation!  
By: Cameron Hill Yr 3

1. The diagnosis my doctor gave me was that I had the flu.
2. The diameter of the tank is eight meters round.
3. I developed the flu on the weekend.
4. I feel a bit lazier today because I am tired.

Great sentences!  
By: Tom Wallace Yr. 5
Employment Opportunity

Clarke Creek State School is looking for a positive and energetic person who would enjoy a diverse working experience in a small, remote community. The role involves responsibility for:

- Teacher Aide, for 8 – 14 hours a week depending on school requirements.
- Grounds and facilities maintenance, including a 25 m swimming pool, for approximately 10 hours a week.
- School cleaning, for 10 hours a week.

A three bedroom government house is available to rent on the grounds. Applicants will require a blue card (working with children approval) and driver’s license.

Clarke Creek is a cattle grazing area, 200km NW of Rockhampton and 200km SW of Mackay, Queensland. The school is quite remote, with no town or shops for about 100km, although there is active community life centred on the school, campdraft and pony club.

The school has 9 children and 4 staff. We would welcome someone flexible, skilled in grounds equipment use and maintenance, who works cooperatively with people and children, and wants to learn new teaching skills in a multi-age primary classroom.

Applications should include: i) previous work experience ii) current skills relevant to the job iii) two recent referee reports with contact details iv) blue card number v) a personal statement including relevant personal details.

Applicants should send their resume to the.principal@clarcreess.eq.edu.au. Due June 12, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICES

Congratulations to Jill and Harry Kemp on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy Connor Slade born on the 17th May weighing 7lb 4oz. We hope you’re all doing well.

Interhouse Athletic Carnival is on the 10th June. A menu is available for lunch and if you could please bring a shared morning tea item.

Happy Birthday!

Tom Wallace 18th
Bayden Reeves 27th
Join us at
KIERAWONGA STATION
CLARKE CREEK

27th June 2015

All money raised will support
Ronald McDonald House®
North Queensland

Ticket:
- 0 - 3 Yrs: Free
- 4 - 9 Yrs: $20
- 10 - 14 Yrs: $30
- 15 - Adult: $40

Ticket sales close 12th June
No tickets available at door

2PM START

Included in Ticket price:
- Afternoon Tea
- Jumping Castles
- Bungee Run
- Face Painting
- Balloon Design
- Pre Dinner Nibbles
- Roast Dinner
- Delicious Desserts

2 For 1 drinks
BYO camping
2nd night Family camp
Breakfast on Sunday

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