Dear Parents /Caregivers,

Looking forward to seeing you this evening at our ‘Meet the Teachers BBQ’. It starts at 5.30pm and concludes at 7pm. A great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, visit the room and mingle with other families while enjoying a sausage sandwich and a drink.

The camp notes are starting to be sent out. This is an amazing program that has been running for over 25 years. We want every child to have that experience with their peers. Please encourage your child to participate and don’t hesitate to contact us if we can help.

Our 2 demountable classrooms have turned up today and are being assembled.

Our ‘Kicking Goals’ initiative is continuing this year. K to 6 teachers are focussing on a writing goal for this term and each child’s photo will be published in the newsletter and a display will be in the hall at the end of term.

Our Early Action for Success initiative which focuses on improving the literacy and numeracy outcomes of children in K to 2 has been a great success with the school having its best results ever. This is the last year of the three year program and we are looking at ways to continue to implement this initiative in years to come and extend it into 3 to 6. We have started this year to implement it from Year 3 to 6 and our overall budget for K to 6 in literacy and numeracy is close to $200 000. The majority of this money is spent on the professional development of the teachers in collecting and analysing data on every child and planning their next learning cycle.

Resources including the purchases of iPads and notebooks have also been part of this initiative. It is an exciting time in education at our school.

One of the important and easy changes parents will immediately notice and be able to use is our Parent online Payment (POP) system. This will be attached to our BBPS website and payments made to school will be able to be done from the comfort and ease of home. This is a secure sight managed by the Dept. of Education and will immediately eliminate children having to bring money to school for excursions etc.

See further information in this newsletter. We look forward to parents and carers embracing this new system.

Have a great week at our school, LEARNING CARING SHARING PLAYING.

Tom Purcell
Principal

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PHONE THROUGH ANY HOME TIME CHANGES TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 1PM. THIS ENSURES THAT WE CAN GET THE MESSAGE TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER.

YEAR 4 CAMP PAYMENT AND PERMISSION NOTES ARE DUE BACK TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER BY THIS FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY
**CALENDER OF EVENTS**
**TERM 1—2016**

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| Week 6 | Mon 29 | YEAR 4 CAMP LAKE TABOURIE   |
|        | Wed 2  | YEAR 4 RETURN               |
|        | Thu 3  | P&C Meeting—Staffroom       |
|        | Fri 4  | National Ride to School Day |
|        |        | Clean up Australia Day      |

| Week 7 | Wed 9  | YEAR 6 CAMP PIGEON HOUSE    |

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**K-2 ASSEMBLY NEWS**

**2L** will be hosting this week’s K-2 assembly. Assembly is on Friday and begins at 9am in the school hall. Below are the award winners from last week’s assembly.

- **KS** Lacey Duncombe, Jake Solomon
- **KL** Estella Gorst, Jack Worthy
- **KK** Lilly Lake, Andrew Triffett
- **KW** Zaylee Saunders, Connor Regent
- **K/1L** Jundamurra Smith, Hannah Hind
- **1TA** Xanthe Shaw, Jordy Bowerman
- **1LT** Jack Curby, Asheleigh Barber
- **1W** Bob Beauchamp, Neha Smith
- **1/2C** Aza Aldridge, Ash Dexter
- **2L** Grace Whittington, Hunter Juchau
- **2H** Maya Astley, Jacob Cameron
- **2T** Melody Stewart, Brandon Spooner

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**Pelican Pantry Volunteer Roster**

**WEEK 5**

- **Mon 22** Narelle Welsh
- **Tue 23** Cody Whatman
- **Wed 24** Allan O’Neill
- **Thu 25** Avalon Wright
- **Fri 26** Lenore Carey

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Our **GAMES ROOM** is open and we are asking for donations of quality toys. We are mainly after dress up costumes, cars, dolls, puzzles and games. If you have anything that you would kindly donate to the school please drop the toys to Mrs Howard in K-6H. Mrs Howard’s room is located in the Support Unit through the green gate.

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**Pick up zone**

If you are collecting your child from school please pick them up from the ‘Walkers line’ to ensure the safety of everybody.

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Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!
Welcome back to another year of reading lots of wonderful new books.

Classes have now all visited the library and the children are starting to borrow books either for their classrooms, or to take home. Please check the list below to know which day is your child’s borrowing day so you can remind them to pack their library bags and return any books borrowed the previous week.

Children in K-2 must have a bag to borrow. Children in 3-6 can borrow 1 book without a bag, but can borrow up to 4 with a library bag. Material bags please – not plastic ones or the ‘environmental’ ones which books can fall out of easily.

If your child still has a book out from last year, they will have to return it or pay the replacement price for it before they will be able to borrow this year.

MONDAY 5/6Nicholas, 1Taylor, K/1Lavis
TUESDAY 5Hatton, 2Louise Connell, 3Maley, 2/3Haynes
WEDNESDAY 5/6Mitchell, KKeane, KSnowball, KWheeler, Klee
THURSDAY 4Wright, 4Blunden, 4Harding, 1LTillott
FRIDAY 5Gwynne, 1/2Canham, 2Thompson, 3Sharp, 1Williams, 6Scorer , K-6M, K-6O, K-6H

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Happy reading
Joan Carroll (Teacher/Librarian)

A reminder that our school is a 40km zone and this continues almost to the roundabout. Parking areas need to be adhered to as there has been an increase in police presence to monitor this.

BEING SAFE & USING THE CROSSING IS EASY!
The New South Wales Gonski funding is already making a real difference in our schools. But unless we secure the full funding model at the Federal level, the programs will be at risk. Teachers, SLSO’s, parents and the wider community all need to support this vital funding.

Do you know some of the stories of where our Gonski funding is going?

- supporting students so ALL students have access to technology
- extra staffing to support ALL students
- employment of a Speech Pathologist offering professional assistance
- employment of an Occupational Therapist to assess and assist students
- Multilit programs, assisting with literacy skills
- resourcing students and teachers for numeracy programs such as TEN and TOWN
- day to day literacy resources, such as appropriate readers for year levels
- the purchasing of basic school supplies such as pencils, books and pens.

The Gonski model requires a six-year commitment from both levels of government, federal and state, to ensure schools receive their increased yearly funding.

To register your support please visit:
It only takes a few minutes!
Please make sure your child is ready to start the school year with having their maths text book paid for as soon as possible. The cost is $18.00 for Year K to Year 6 students. Please give notes and payments to your child's teacher.

If you are able to spare an hour a fortnight to help please call the school on 44724059 and leave your contact details. DONATIONS of vegemite, cream cheese spread, honey, breakfast cereals and orange juice are urgently needed. Please leave any donations at the front office or send them directly to Breakfast Club.

**PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (P.O.P)**

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called other. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.
Our school was lucky enough to have a Chinese student spend a week in Year 5. Sonny came to Australia for a holiday and wanted to experience school life in Australia. The students in 5/6M shared many learning experiences with Sonny and enjoyed learning about his culture. 5/6M students were very fortunate to be able to share this memorable experience.
Community News

REGISTRATION
1 DAY ONLY
FEBRUARY 20
2016 10AM—4PM
SURFSIDE
FIELDS www.clydeunited.com.au
Registration Fees 2016
U6/7’s $70
U8/9’s $80
U10/11’s $90
U12’s $110
Youth $145
Student Ladies $220
Ladies $240
Student Men’s $230
Mens $250
35’s $235

We look forward to seeing all our returning players and meeting any new players

You Can Do It—Getting Along

Habits of Mind that Build Getting Along

• Playing by the rules
Means thinking that by following school rules, school will be a better and a safer place to live and learn

Playing by the Rules

Following rules protects everyone’s rights. It makes the world a safer and better place to live and learn.
ABSENCE NOTE:
My child __________________________________ Class __________________________________
was absent on ________________________________________________________________
due to ________________________________________________________________
Signed____________________________     Parent/Carer ____________________
Date_______________