Term 4 has started off very positively, with excellent student attendance and wonderful experiences for our students. Last week, six senior class students represented our school extremely well at the Clover Hill State School Day of Excellence in Science. Each of the six students have written a brief summary of their experiences from the day and these have been included in this edition of the newsletter.

Staffing and enrolments for our school in 2014 are currently underway. Mrs Shepherd has received a transfer to Coomera Rivers SS for next year and at this stage, we don’t know who will be replacing her. We will inform our community as soon as we can. Mrs Shepherd has been a significant part of our school over the last five years and she will be missed. We wish her all the very best for her new challenge and look forward to hearing her stories about life in a big school.

Our starting student enrolment prediction for next year is 27 which means that we are expecting to remain as a two teacher school. If you are planning to enrol your child or children for 2014 in any year level, please do so as a matter of urgency. Likewise, if you are aware of friends, family or neighbours who are looking to enrol for next year, please ask them to contact us through the office to get an enrolment pack.

Sarah Jane Ash (Principal)

Last week on Wednesday I went to the Day of Excellence at Clover Hill. We did all kinds of fun stuff, such as the robotic claw, crime scene investigation activities, space and weather and temperature stuff too. In the crime scene activities we checked the evidence and the suspects by using finger printing and foot printing. We used light lettering where you can’t see the words but when you use a special light you can. It was pretty amazing. There was also code breaking which was my favourite because you have to really discover the clues and the suspects. The science show was very cool. They talked about temperature, degrees and a little a bit about Fahrenheit. The man used liquid nitrogen and kettle warm water to make a giant cloud that spread over the floor. The cloud on the floor covered most people and I got to touch it. That was awesome and it made a huge bang.

In the space activities there was the robotic claw. It was really hard to pick the bouncy ball up but the tube was the easiest. I got to control the robotic arm. It felt like I was a robot but it was a bit hard to move the controllers. It was fantastic, the best day of my life! I got to learn new things and meet new people. It was awesome!! Cole (Year 4)

Last week I went to Clover Hill for a day of excellence. My favourite part of the whole day was the end of the 2nd session and the end of the 3rd session. At the end of the 2nd session we did this experiment where you get a cup of water on a plank of wood with string on each corner and hold it at the top and then you swing round and round in a circle and the water won’t come out because the gravity pushes against the water while you spin it round and round. The end of the 3rd session was the BEST because there was this giant plasma ball and they chose me to be a volunteer but because I had plaits I couldn’t do it. Any way they ended up choosing someone else and what she had to do was she had to put her hand on the ball while it was turned off and while her hand was on the ball they turned it on and then her hair went crazy because it created electricity inside her body but when he turned it off her hair was still up until she jumped off the chair then all of a sudden her hair was normal again it was so cool. I really enjoyed it and it will be awesome if we get the chance to do it again! Tennille (Year 6)
Senior Class News: Science Day of Excellence

At my Day of Excellence I saw mini rockets take off and pencils bending under water. I saw M&Ms dissolve in front of me and in water. I loved it so much. That’s why I want to go again. Arky (Year 3)

Last week I went to Clover Hill S.S. for a science day. We studied space and solved a crime. One of the most interesting things was when we got to read an invisible message. When you write on a page it leaves a mark on the page underneath, then you shine a torch on it and you can read the message. I had a great day! Tilly (Year 4)

I went in Mum’s car and she picked up Tennille so we can go to Clover Hill State School. When we got there, we saw Miss Babin because she also works there. We went to the hall and it was about the size of our school. When we got there we met some kids from Clover Hill. One of the kids had three types of Mine-Craft. I felt jealous. When it was science time, we did a lot of experiments. I got stuck into the Bottle Tornado because I really enjoyed it. The last experiment was the steel ball that zaps people. One of the people tried doing it and her hair was floating! After the experiments, we went home. Callum (Year 6)

Last week I went to Clover Hill State School for a Science Excellence day. I liked the magnetic putty that was bouncy, stretchy and it split in two when you pulled it really fast. Something else I liked was the rocket with the headache tablets to make it fizz up and explode. It was an awesome day and I had lots of fun. It was 100% perfect! I would really like to go back for a full week next time!! Angus (Year 3)

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Dates to Remember

**WHAT:**
- Student Free Day
- Instrumental Music with Mr Stewart
- Day for Daniel (Dress in red shirt)
- International World Teachers’ Day
- P&C Meeting
- Remembrance Day
- Swimming Lessons
  - Each day 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- 2014 Prep Students Orientation
- Hinterland Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- End of Year Celebration
- Last day of 2013 school year!

**WHEN:**
- Monday 21st October
- Tuesday 22nd October
- Friday 25th October
- Monday 28th October
- Monday 11th November
- Monday 25th November
- Tuesday 26th November
- Wednesday 27th November
- Thursday 28th November
- Friday 29th November
- Monday 2nd December
- Friday 6th December
- Thursday 12th December
- Friday 13th December

**WHERE:**
- Mudgeeraba Aquatic Centre
Welcome to Term 4 in the Junior Room. We finished term 3 off with an excursion to Paradise Country. All of our students, staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed the day and we must thank the staff at Paradise Country for going out of their way to ensure our students were ‘front and centre’ for all of the shows that day. They even gave us special access to the sheep after the Shearing Show, which allowed the students to get ‘up close and personal’ with the stars of the show. I must also express how proud I was of the behaviour and manners that all our students demonstrated that day. They should all be very proud of themselves. Well done to all of our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students!

This term sees us completing the following units;
- English – completing our Exploring Poetry unit, before completing the unit on Responding Persuasively to Narratives
- Science – we will be looking at our senses and the ways in which different items can move or be moved
- History - Exploring my Local Community

It looks like we are going to have a very busy term!
Arky for being a positive student with a fabulous work ethic!

Brainways Education
Certificate of Excellence Awards
Arwen, Arky, Angus

Reading Awards
100 nights  Aimee
100 nights  Mika

Mathletics Awards
Bronze  Cole 1416 points
Bronze  Elvis 1380 points
Bronze  Maiki 1543 points
Bronze  Maiki 1115 points
Bronze  Maiki 3543 points
Bronze  Katie 1290 points
Bronze  Connor 1749 points
Bronze  Britt 2476 points
Bronze  Ryka 1690 points
Bronze  Cate 1729 points
Bronze  Aidan 1627 points
Bronze  Arwen 1589 points
Silver  Maiki 1384 points
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
Gold  Connor 1024 points

Gardening Awards
Maiki: for being such a great helper and hard worker in the garden
Zack: for having a positive and mature attitude when gardening.
Welcome back! My how our garden has grown, it is looking fantastic!!! It is a fabulous time of year as our vegies love these beautiful weather conditions—however they did need a good water after the holidays. Our students have been busy weeding, keeping the gardens well watered, feeding worms and creating new garden beds. It’s great to see the students reaping the rewards of their efforts in the garden as we have been harvesting: onions, radishes, carrots, spinach, silverbeet, and delicious strawberries.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!

As always we accept donations of the gardening kind!!!!

[Images of students and garden produce]
Is your child afraid of seeing blood or having an injection or other medical procedure?

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

At Griffith University, we are conducting a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a one session intensive treatment for children and adolescents (7 to 18 years of age) who have Blood, Injury and Injection Phobias. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact Dr. Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 567 88317 or email e.milliner@griffith.edu.au

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Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

H ave you missed out on thousands of dollars?

If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment, music tuition and TAFE or apprenticeship costs.

This year, the Benevolent Society celebrates 10 years of empowering Australians to save and build their financial confidence through Saver Plus. Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running financial education and matched savings program, with more than 20,000 participants to date. Saver Plus is a free program that requires participants to set a savings goal, save up to $25 a fortnight and attend financial education workshops. When participants reach their savings goal after 10 months ANZ provides dollar-for-dollar matched funds, up to $500, for the participants nominated educational costs.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

The Benevolent Society delivers the Saver Plus program in the North Gold Coast. To find out more contact your local Saver Plus Worker Sylvia Constantin on 07 5644 9182 or email sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

Become an Intensive Foster Carer with UnitingCare Community.

We are seeking motivated and committed individuals who are willing and have the time to become an Intensive Foster Carer who provides primary care or respite care for children between the ages of 0 - 18 years, with extreme to complex needs.

Intensive Foster Carer placements are required to meet the needs of young people who may exhibit challenging behaviours, a diagnosed disability and additional medical conditions or complications.

Intensive Carers play a vital role in the lives of young people by including them in their family, by providing a nurturing relationship and safe and stable home life.

An Intensive Foster Carer can be a full time 24/7 carer or provide respite care on weekends and holidays.

Please contact the UnitingCare Community Family Lives Program on 3363 2228 for further information.
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Students from Switzerland, Finland, the Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Thailand are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

"Another excellent experience for the family. We learned a lot about Italy. Virginia was very helpful and cooperative at home. It is a wonderful thing to give people new experience. Virginia had never eaten mango, been to ten pin bowling or held a crocodile or koala. This is the part I enjoy most about the exchange experience. Virginia will never forget Australia."
- Susan and Anthony, host parents of Virginia (Italy)

It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!

Find out more!
To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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Friday October 25th

World Teachers’ Day and Day for Daniel

World Teachers’ Day, is held annually in October since 1994 - when it was created by UNESCO - celebrates teachers worldwide. Its aim is to mobilise support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers.

Throughout Queensland World Teacher’s Day is being celebrated on the 25th October. Our staff always appreciate the acknowledgement of students, parents and the P and C for the work they do in our school. We appreciate the time and efforts our staff devote to being professionals who constantly develop their skills to assist our students. Our teachers are special people who are grateful for the respect and support of the school community.

Friday October 25 is also the official “Day for Daniel”. We ask all students to wear red on this day to support the work of the Morcombe Foundation around child safety.

www.danielmorcombe.com.au
Robina High is proud to offer an academic excellence course focusing on Japanese Immersion where teachers teach students their Maths, Science and Business class in Japanese. It is really quite amazing to see in action and it is actually not as difficult as you might think! We also have a lot of fun – just look at our photos!

Looking at student results is amazing too! We can tell you many stories about students who became OP1s, students who were offered direct entry to University, students who received scholarships to Japan, students who made amazing improvements in NAPLAN scores, students who improved memory capacity and study skills and students who thrived in our academically focussed class.

Year 5, 6 and 7 students who are achieving A’s and B’s are invited to attend an information meeting to hear more about this course.

Parent Information Evening @ Robina High
WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER  5pm–6:15pm
Room GS410 (opposite Fire Station)

If you are interested in working hard with a class of like-minded and well behaved students, and you are interested in getting excellent results at school, we hope you will be able to attend.

RSVP & enquiries to Sellina McCluskey on smccl13@eq.edu.au
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