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## NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hi all—it has been a busy year and it's only getting busier!

Instead of a 'full' newsletter, I'm sending out what is basically a calendar of events so you can keep up to date with all that is coming up.

As always, there may be changes as we go due to circumstances beyond our control, but we will try very hard to communicate these as soon as we know them.

I'm excited about our Awards night/Christmas Carols coming up! We are going with an 'Aussie Christmas' theme, with a combination of serious and silly songs for you to sing along with. So make sure you bring your big voices for that one! We will be returning to the traditional 'Bring a plate to share' dinner style that has been so popular in the past for that night.

I'm also excited about our return to running a senior camp! As in the past, these will be on a 3 year cycle, for students in grades 4, 5 and 6. There are lots of fun activities planned and I'm sure we will all have a fantastic time!

Daniel Hammond

Principal

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 18/10: Pop up Playgroup
- 20/10: Kindy transition
- 22/10: Loud Shirt Day
- 22/10: Valkyrie students visit us
- 25/10: Day for Daniel
- 28/9: Swim with St Lawrence
- 29/10: D-Day
- 31/10: Senior Camp
- 3/11: Kindy Transition
- 4/11: Swim with St Lawrence
- 5/11: Possible RAFS playgroup
- 8/11: IRC Library incursion
- 17/11: Brigalow Swimming @ Clarke Creek
- 18/11 Kindy Transition
- 18/11: Swim with St Lawrence
- 25/11: Valkyrie students visit us
- 29/11: IRC library visit
- 1/12: Awards/Carols Night & Kindy transition
- 2/12: Kindy transition
- 3/12: Marlborough Cluster Swimming @ Clarke Creek
- 8/12: Parent teacher interviews
- 10/12: Final day of school

**NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.**

# POP UP PLAYGROUP

**WHEN:** Monday October 18th, 9-11 am

**WHERE:** Here at the school

**WHO FOR:** Any and all families with children aged 0-5

**WHO BY:** Run by the Isaac Regional Council

**COST:** Free!



first5  
forever

## KINDY TRANSITION

**WHO:**

These are run for students who are intending to be a part of our kindy program in 2022. Note that it is a department requirement that a parent or carer be present at all times during these sessions.

**WHERE:**

Here at the school, of course!

**WHEN:**

- Wednesday 6/10: 8:30-11:00
- Wednesday 20/10: 8:30-11:00
- Wednesday 3/11: 11:15-2:30
- Thursday 18/11: 11:15-2:30
- Wednesday 1/12: All day
- Thursday 2/12: All day

## POP UPS @ THE PARK

**Spring is here!** Explore, experiment, play and talk about your adventures!

**TIME:** 8:30AM - 10:30AM

**DATE:** MONDAY 18 OCTOBER

**WHERE:** CLARKE CREEK STATE SCHOOL, CLARKE CREEK

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
PICNIC BLANKET, HAT,  
SUNSCREEN, WATER  
BOTTLE AND A SNACK!

The First 5 Forever program, a state-wide initiative delivered by Isaac Libraries, provides strong early literacy foundations for all children aged between 0-5 years. For more information visit [isaac.qld.gov.au](http://isaac.qld.gov.au) and [slq.qld.gov.au/first5forever](http://slq.qld.gov.au/first5forever)



**WHAT:**

These sessions are designed to give the students a range of kindy type experiences so that they are ready to go when it's time to start next year. For the first couple of sessions, they will be working with this year's kindy kids, but for the last two—the Wednesday/Thursday—the current kindies will be getting used to being big Prep students!



# LOUD SHIRT DAY

**WHEN:** Friday October 22

**WHERE:** Here at the school

**WHO:** Everyone—staff and students. Valkyrie will be visiting us that day, so they are included too.

**WHAT:** Wear a loud shirt, fun, games and activities.

**WHY:** This is a day designed to help raise awareness of the challenges hearing impaired students encounter in school and life.

**COST:** N/A—but we would love you to make a donation online to support this great cause at <https://loudshirtday.hearandsay.com.au/clarkecreekstateschool>



**Show your support for deaf kids and register now**

# VALKYRIE VISITS

**WHEN:** Friday October 22, Thursday November 25, 10:00-1:00

**WHERE:** Right here!

**WHO:** Staff and students of Valkyrie State School

**WHAT:** Sports and other activities, weather dependent.

**WHY:** Continuing to build the relationship between our school and theirs, and between the students of the two schools. It also provides an opportunity for our only senior girl to work with other senior girls, and likewise for their only senior boy.





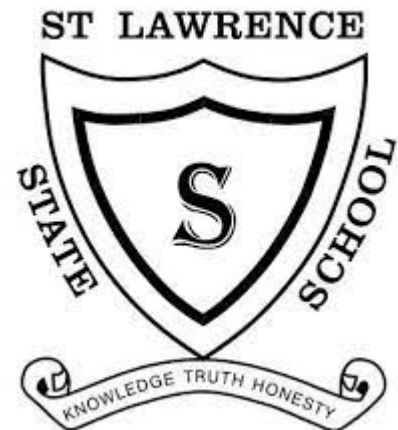
## SWIMMING WITH ST LAWRENCE

**WHEN:** Thursday 28/10, Thursday 4/11, Thursday 18/11; 10:00-1:30 (approx.)

**WHERE:** Right here at Clarke Creek (isn't it nice that everyone is coming to us at the moment...)

**WHAT:** More swimming! They will be using our pool for lessons, and we will join them at 12:00 for a shared free swim.

**WHY:** The St Lawrence team want to give their students an opportunity to build swimming stamina in a 'full sized' pool, as the one in St Lawrence is really short!



## D-DAY

No, not that one! This one will be a lot more fun.

**WHEN:** Friday October 29, all day

**WHAT:** Dress up, the theme is the letter 'D'. Games, activities, all starting with the letter D, e.g. Dunking for apples, Donut eating competition, Disco Dance party, Diving in the pool, and so on.

**WHY:** Several reasons. 1) It's World Teachers Day. 2) We haven't had a proper dress up day for a while. 3) It's Mr Daniel Hammond's birthday. 4) Just for fun!



## BRIGALOW SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In keeping with our school community's passion for participating in a range of activities with other schools, we will be hosting the Brigalow swimming carnival this year.

**WHEN:** Wednesday November 17, 8:30-2:00

**WHAT:** Brigalow cluster swimming carnival. Races of all kinds, opportunities for students of all ages to participate.

**WHERE:** Clarke Creek State School pool.

**WHO:** All students. Parent volunteers may also be requested.



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## SENIOR CAMP

**WHEN:** Sunday October 31 to Saturday November 6.

**WHAT:** Tri-annual senior camp.

**WHERE:** Cairns, including the Daintree Discovery Centre, Aquarium, Military Museum, Skyrail and other adventures!

**WHO:** All students in years 4-6, Mr Hammond and possibly another helper (TBC)

**WHY:** We are kick starting the traditional tri-annual senior camp again, now that the Covid travel restrictions have eased. But we are keeping it in state, as border crossing can still be problematic.

**HOW:** We have hired an iMax 8 seater van for the trip and Mr H will be driving.



## AWARDS & CAROLS NIGHT

**WHEN:** Wednesday November 1, 6:00-8:00. We will finish the school day early that day to allow time for families to prepare.

**WHERE:** Right here at the best little school in Queensland!

**WHAT:** Awards, Grade 6 graduation, Community Carols & Shared dinner. As with last year, our students will be leading the community carol sing along. It's going to be an 'Aussie Christmas' theme.

**WHO:** All students, staff, family and friends are invited and welcome

**CATERING:** Bring a plate/dish to share

**BRING:** Camp chairs, picnic rugs, torches, esky (full of course!) and singing voices.



# MARLBOROUGH SWIMMING

## CARNIVAL

**WHEN:** Friday December 3rd, 8:30-2:00

**WHERE:** Do I even need to tell you? Here, of course!

**WHAT:** Marlborough Cluster Swimming carnival. Various races and events for all students.

**WHO:** All staff and students of Clarke Creek, Marlborough, St Lawrence and Milman State Schools are invited, along with parents and family to cheer and to help.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW DAY

**WHEN:** Wednesday December 8, 1:30-5:00

**WHAT:** An opportunity for parents to come in and sit down with the teachers to discuss school reports and student achievement. We will send out a 'sign up' sheet later in the term for parents to pick preferred times. We will be working in 15 minute blocks to allow all parents an opportunity to meet with us.

**WHO:** All teaching staff will be available on the day. All parents are invited!

**WHY:** This is an opportunity for all parents to catch up with the teachers. We understand that what goes into reports can sometimes not be the complete picture, so we hope that by creating a chance to ask questions and to clarify things, you can end the year with an improved understanding of where your child is at and what the next steps might be.





# GOING TO KINDY?

Kindergarten 'Kindy' provides a place for children to grow and develop through play and contributes to a great start for every child. Kindy children become confident learners in a safe, supported environment and it's a great stepping stone to ensure a successful transition to school.



HAS YOUR CHAD HAD A HEALTH CHECK AND BEEN IMMUNISED?

IT'S MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU THINK!

Some things to consider...

## AGE



If turning four by June 30, you are eligible and encouraged to attend Kindy.



Find out more here...

## HEALTH



Book a Health Check with a nurse. It is a great idea to ensure your child's needs can be supported at Kindy and school.

Your child must be fully immunised before going to Kindy or have a valid exemption. Drop into Centrelink (Human Services) for details.



Human Services website here...

## COST



It's always a good idea to use the calculator below to get an estimate of your possible Child Care Subsidy payment.

Child Care Calculator here...



Make an appointment here...

### LOW OR NO-COST KINDY ( CHILD CARE SUBSIDY ) IS PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WHO:



Are parents, a child or a foster family with a current Australian Government Health Care Card or hold a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card



Identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does).



Have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

\*Kindy fees vary depending on the centre so it's important to contact your local Kindy for details on their fee structure. The good news is there are ways to lower the cost of attending Kindy.

Human Services website here...



### ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE SUBSIDY:

The Additional Child Care Subsidy is a top up payment in addition to the Child Care Subsidy and provides additional assistance to families and children facing barriers in accessing child care. The Additional Child Care Subsidy has four elements:



Caring for a child who is vulnerable or at risk of harm, abuse or neglect.



An eligible grandparent getting an income support payment



Experiencing temporary financial hardship



Transitioning from certain income support payments to work

\*For more information on additional childcare subsidy pop into your local Centrelink ( Human Services) or go online.

### FIND YOUR NEAREST KINDY



StartingBlocks.gov.au

Search education and care options available to suit you & your child's needs



### LOOK FOR THE KINDY TICK



### DON'T FORGET

#### ABOUT PLAYGROUPS

Most playgroups are free and help to ensure a great start for your child. Playgroups are also a great way to transition into school.

Find a Playgroup here...



# DAY FOR DANIEL

**WHEN:** Monday October 25, all day

**WHERE:** Here at school

**WHAT:** Wear Red, make a donation, participate in Child Safety lessons and activities.

**WHY:** Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. Held annually on the last Friday of October, Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe.

We are moving our Day for Daniel from the Friday to the Monday, as we already have a lot of other things on. At the end of the week. Chappi also has other commitments on Thursday, so this works well for her as well!



## IMPORTANT information on *keeping kids safe.*

**RECOGNISE**



"I feel yucky"

**REACT**



"Run to find help"

**REPORT**



"Tell someone"

You have the right to be **SAFE** and you can get **HELP**

**TALK** to the five grownups on your safety network until you get the **HELP** you need



**Safe Work Month**

1-31 October 2021

Work safe  
Learn safe  
Be safe

