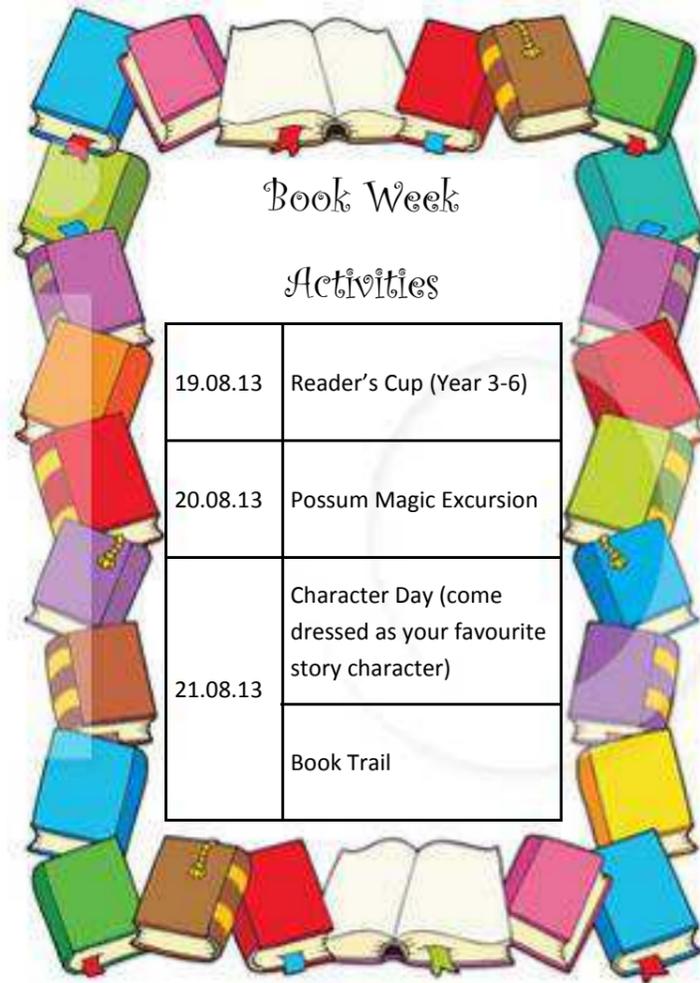


Clifton State High School
Music Night

Clifton State High School asks you to join us for a night of diverse musical talent from our students. Music Night is dedicated to showcasing Clifton High School's music and instrumental music programs

Venue: F.E Logan Hall
Date: 15th August
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm



Book Week

Activities

19.08.13	Reader's Cup (Year 3-6)
20.08.13	Possum Magic Excursion
21.08.13	Character Day (come dressed as your favourite story character)
	Book Trail

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The 'Nim's Island' Writing Competition Closes Tomorrow!

Win 'Nim-tastic' prizes including signed copies of the *Nim's* stories and a class set of *Nim's Island* for school!

Primary school students of all ages are invited to let their imaginations run wild!

Enter now:

1. Students write diary entries (500 words or less) describing a day on an island like Nim's.
2. Email entries to win@literacyplanet.com

Or upload at www.literacyplanet.com



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Term 3 Week 5
Thursday 8th August 2013

Possum Magic

In 2 weeks we are off to see the magical story "Possum Magic" as a stage play. These annual presentations have been a stunning way to introduce children to high quality live theatre. Children will need to be dressed in their full school uniform.

We will leave school just after 9am: stop for morning tea on the way; watch the performance and then return to school in the early afternoon (1 pm- ish).

Children will need hats, water bottles and food suitable to travel.

Skipping

We are really getting into our practice. Children are starting to work on routines now and music can be heard every day at playtime as they practice.

For presentations children are encouraged to consider costuming and accessories to enhance their performance. You may be asked for some help with this. Costumes need to be practical for skipping.

Qld Fire and Rescue Visit

We will have some visitors from the QFR next Thursday who will spend some time with our Prep and Year 1 students. They will be teaching our little ones about fire safety.

Southern Downs Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Bailey, Jack G and Tom who have qualified to represent Central Downs at the Southern Downs athletics carnival next Friday at Allora. Good luck boys!!

Reader's Cup

As part of our reading comprehension learning priority we will host a Reader's Cup for the Clifton Cluster this year. A Reader's Cup is essentially an athletics carnival- but focussed on academics and not sport. It gives our academic students a chance to excel and push themselves, as well as to gain recognition for things they excel at. We have a year 3/4 Reader's Cup team consisting of 4 players, and a 5/6 team consisting of 4 players.

The participating students are currently reading a selection of 4 books each. On the day of the Reader's Cup, the teams of 4 will work together to complete an open book reading comprehension exam against teams from other nearby schools.

The Reader's Cup will be held on Monday 19th August at our school.

Year 6 Transition Day- Clifton SHS

The high school will hold a *INTERSCHOOL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING COMPETITION* for year 6 students, next Thursday 15th August, from 9:30am - 2:30pm at Clifton State High School. All year 6 students are invited to attend.

Please return the attached permission form ASAP so that teams can be formed. I have attached a program to this week's newsletter for all year 6 students.

Calendar

Term 3, 2013

Week 6	Tuesday 13th August	P&C Meeting
Week 6	Friday 16th August	Tuckshop
Week 6	Thursday 15th August	Year 6 Science Day- Clifton SHS
Week 6	Thursday 15th August	Qld Fire & Rescue Visit
Week 6	Sunday 18th August	Working Bee
Week 7	Monday 19th August	Reader's Cup- Nobby SS
Week 7	Tuesday 20th August	Possum Magic Excursion
Week 8	Friday 30th August	Father's Day Stall

Breakfast Club...

is on again tomorrow. This is a great chance to build relationships, chat and to generally start the day in a very positive way. Any and all volunteers welcome!

- Attachments:**
- Book Fair Invitation
 - Senior Camp Information Booklet
 - Science Day Permission Form and Program

Our classroom focus moves to plenty of work to 'automate' our learning around sight words and spelling, fluency of reading and number facts. In English we are looking at poetry and innovation on the texts to make them our own.

We practice our class reading using an "I read, we read, you read" method. The children learn to hear and see the story as a coherent story and it makes learning the 'little' words like *the, is, it*, easier to learn, while encouraging predicting what makes sense and understanding the story.

We have reading groups at 10:30 each day for half an hour. If anyone wants to help out at this time please see me.

We will be doing work around the Mem Fox story 'Possum Magic' in class prior to and after the Possum Magic Theatre visit.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We require a couple of volunteers to cook a sausage sizzle for the



Reader's Cup participants on Monday 19th August at 10:30am. Please see Tim if you are able to help out with this.

A belated write up of the great afternoon of ten-pin bowling on Sunday 21st July. There was a good turnout of family and friends of the school and along with the sponsorship of more than 20 lanes, over \$3,000 was raised by the P&C. A big thank you to all of the organisers of the event, but specifically; Rose Hopper, Wendy Noller, Mel Wilson and Kylie Ellis.

The P&C have organised a working bee at the school for Sunday August 18th. Please come along from 9am for a couple of hours of work followed by a BBQ lunch.

PIZZA!!!!

Don't forget that we have Eagle Boys deliver pizza here for every P&C meeting. Please get your orders through to the school office before 12 noon on the day of the meeting. The next meeting is next Tuesday, 13th August.

Learning and learning priorities

With the introduction of what we call the C2C, we now have a very clear direction of WHAT we need to teach- day in day out . This is the Australian Curriculum.

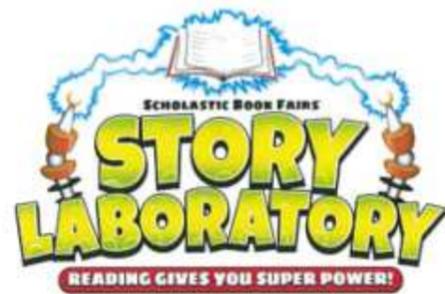
This year, while continuing to implement the C2C curriculum units in Maths, English, Science and History, we have changed our focus slightly to HOW we teach.

Research shows that in countries, or education systems, that are producing excellent academic results, the system focussed on the HOW, in order to move students towards their greatest academic potential. Countries, or education systems, that stop at WHAT, and don't focus on HOW, are basically limiting the potential of their students.

We are in the process of working with the cluster to produce a pedagogical framework (this will be a document detailing HOW we teach our students). This framework that we create is based on research, and will follow a model called explicit instruction.

A lot of the strategies used to teach under the explicit instruction model align with what we already do, and a lot of the strategies are how teachers used to teach.

Rest assured, the staff (teachers and teacher aides), are working extremely hard to ensure that explicit instruction is being utilised in our classrooms.



Dear Parents and Families,

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Story Laboratory: Reading Gives You Super Power!** – is part of an incredible energy source for reading that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practise reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in their child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: Monday 19th August – Friday 23rd August
Shopping Hours: 8:30am-9:00am and 1:15pm-1:45pm

Sincerely,

Tim Youngberry
Principal

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Central Downs Athletics Carnival

Well done to all students for their participation and success during the 2 days at Allora last week.

