**WANTED:**

**Dads, granddads, dads, uncles and dads.**

We would love to get men from our community reading with our students. This can mean reading to students or listening to students read.

For a number of reasons, it seems that women, usually mothers, play the larger role in helping children learn to read. This is not only true at home, but in schools. The research shows most reading with young children happens with mothers. As well, men now only make up a small fraction of the teaching workforce and males are particularly scarce in the lower grades.

A British report that brought together a wide range of research found a “positive relationship between the amounts of literacy fathers engage in for their personal use and their children’s reading test scores, while other studies have found that the time a father spent reading with his child was the strategy that predicted emergent literacy outcomes most consistently.”

So, fathers who read a lot and fathers who spend a lot of time reading with their children have a very positive effect on the literacy outcomes of the children. Another study had similar findings, indicating that “fathers’ reading habits can have substantial influences on boys’ ability to read, their levels of interest and their reading choices.”

These results come about at least in part because when both parents read, children appear to attach more importance to reading than if only one parent was a reader.

I would love to have a regular time put aside where an adult, male or female, read to our students. It could be a chapter from a favourite book, an article from an interest magazine (caravanning, computers, sport etc), some major stories from a newspaper or even a children’s book.

We have been able to talk one dad in to reading with students on a regular basis and have some mums and grandmothers helping already. Any male who could spend maybe fifteen minutes once a month, once a fortnight or once a week with our students would be most welcome.

An article that may be of interest is attached to this newsletter.

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**Reading training.**

And in a follow up to the above item, we were pleased with Monday’s turnout to the introduction to the Support a Reader programme. We are now busily benchmarking students to ensure that when volunteers work with our students, the reading happens with appropriate reading materials.

Support a Reader aims to help students who find reading difficult.

But remember, listening to children read or reading to children does not necessarily require training. Children enjoy having a listener or being the listener.

**Nobby Triathlon.**

All Pilton students competing at the triathlon placed in the first three in their divisions. Georgie won her section, while Lizzie, Casee, Billy-Rose and Clayton came either second or third..

What a great effort!!

**Staff Training.**

On Monday and Tuesday, I attended a workshop entitled Quality Schools – Inclusive Leaders. The programme is being rolled out to school leadership teams State-wide. The training is aimed at ensuring ALL students are included and valued by the whole school community and that ALL students have the opportunity to get the best education the school can offer.

**P&C Activities.**

Thanks to all the parents who supported the P&C at the Masters sausage sizzle. It seems the day was a success financially and socially with a number of parents having the opportunity to catch up with friends and make new friends.

This Saturday, the P&C will be running the food and drink stall at the clearance sale at the Baines property.
NOTICE !!!!!
Please note that Library Day has been changed to Thursday.

Playgroup!!
Playgroup will meet as usual tomorrow. All welcome.

Tenders Invited
The agreement for the removal of school rubbish, presently being done by the P&C, must be renewed annually. Therefore the school is now calling for tenders to provide this service. Rubbish would need to be taken to the dump twice weekly during term time. Tenders should be sealed in an envelope and should arrive at the school office by:

Friday 21st March, 2014
Address:
Private and Confidential - Tender Enclosed
The Principal
Pilton State School
24 Pilton Valley Road
PILTON QLD 4361

For further information, please contact the school office. The lowest, or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Thank you,
Madonna

2014 PLAY SCHOOL LIVE IN WARWICK
Kids Promotions in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation is excited to announce everyone’s favourite children’s television programme is heading to Warwick with their national concert show “Prince of Bears”.

The concert will be held at The SCOTS PGC College Assembly Hall on Wednesday May 14 commencing at 10.00am.

In Prince of Bears, Big Ted has a royal adventure as he sets out to find his castle. On the way he is joined by his friends Humpty, Little Ted, Jemima and the rest of the Play School toys. They find themselves having lots of fun and adventure along the way in small farms and in large towns but will Big Ted find his castle…?

Join Big Ted and his friends in Prince of Bears, on sale now. Tickets available from the main office at The SCOTS PGC College or online visit www.kidspromotions.com.au

Clifton Tennis Association Inc
Junior Tennis Fixtures:
Just a reminder that Junior Tennis Fixtures will be commencing on Friday March 14 at 4.15pm.

Please contact: Ashley Gillam (for further information) ph: 4697 3571 (AT NIGHT)

GIVE AWAY!!!!!!!
Ragdoll Cats
2yo, 1m and 1f.
Both desexed. Papers.
Outside cats, low maintenance.

Contact: Dianne Baines
Ph:0428076185.
CALLING ADULTS & CHILDREN
REGISTER NOW!
AUDITIONS FOR PROJECT PUCCINI: LA BOHEME

Empire Theatre, Toowoomba
AUDITIONS 17-19 March PERFORMANCE 15 August

Project Puccini is a world-first initiative by Opera Queensland, which gives hundreds of Queenslanders the opportunity to perform in the chorus of a brand new production of Puccini’s La bohème.

36 adults and 12 children from Toowoomba and surrounds will be chosen to form a local chorus to sing in Italian and act alongside OperaQ’s principal artists and musicians from Queensland Symphony Orchestra in a professionally staged opera.

Auditions to become a part of the ‘Toowoomba Chorus’ will be held from 17-19 March 2014. Successful chorus members will then take part in a 10-week development program before performing in La bohème at the Empire Theatre on 15 August.

OperaQ have employed a local chorus master and rehearsal coordinator, and will work in partnership with the Empire Theatre to ensure the highest standard of performance and personal development opportunities for budding local artists.

Project Puccini is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland’s Playing Queensland Fund, and is also supported by the Graeme Wood Foundation.

The project aims to equip participants with improved music and drama skills, new social and creative networks, and an increased sense of community and wellbeing.

CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS TO BE HELD OVER EASTER WEEKEND

The Clifton State High School Jubilee Committee is pleased to invite all past and present students and staff, their friends and families, present and future of the school to celebrate the school’s 50th Jubilee.

As over 4000 students have passed through the doors of the school, personal invitations will not be sent, so please pass the information to siblings, family and friends.

The major celebrations will take place over the Easter weekend with a Golden Jubilee Gala Evening to be held at the Clifton Recreation Reserve on Easter Saturday 19th April and an Official Jubilee Ceremony at the school on Easter Sunday 20th April. Camping sites have been reserved at the Clifton Recreation Reserve for Guests attending the celebrations. To assist with catering, tickets are limited and will need to be purchased by March 7th.

No tickets available at the door. It promises to be a fun weekend of reminiscing, re-connecting and bringing the community together.

Foundation student, Greg Platz, will address guests at the official celebration, relating his experiences at school as well as his sporting and career achievements. Past Principals will also make up the official party. There will be entertainment by past student, Kevin Smith, licensed bar and food stalls, self-guided tours, horse riding displays, souvenirs and much more.

If you would like more information, order forms or have any memorabilia you would like to share, please contact Mandy Beatson, Phone 4697 4707, 0437 641 277, email 50years@cliftonshs.eq.edu.au or check the school website cliftonshs.eq.edu.au or Clifton State High School 50 Years on Facebook.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you have any photographs, school textbooks, work samples, badges, uniforms or other artefacts that we could borrow, copy or photograph. We would also like to hear your fond or funny memories.

We don’t have everyone’s contact details, so please spread the word!!

CONTACT US Clifton State High School P & C Jubilee Committee 32 East Street Clifton Qld 4361 07 4697 4707 50years@cliftonshs.eq.edu.au
Our Victorious Triathlon Team

National Young Leaders Day
Hi all

Thank you very much to everyone who helped both before and on the day of the Masters Sausage Sizzle. It was a successful fundraiser for the school and it makes things easy when parents are so willing to offer their help.

As you have probably seen on the sign at the front of the school, the sale of cattle was very profitable, raising approx. $9000. A big thank you to John Ryan for organising for these cattle to be sold. He was even seen scampering up the hills and amongst the lantana to help the P & C members get them in for the sale. Thank you so much John, we really do appreciate all that you do for the school!

We have another fundraiser catering for a local clearing sale this Saturday the 15th of March. We would not normally do two fundraisers so close together, but the opportunity to do something so close to home seemed too good to pass up. For those of you have offered your services to work on the day and to cook baked goods, thank you very much. I am hoping you got the note from Rebekah last week outlining the day and what was needed. Just a reminder, some home-baked goods would be really appreciated and we ask that they are dropped to the school tomorrow (Friday) and if they could be individually wrapped as well, that would be fantastic! For work on the day, we will start cooking at around 8.00am and should be finished by 12.30.

Anyone who can drop in and give a hand at any time, even if only for an hour or two, would be welcomed gratefully.

The next meeting of the P & C will be on Tuesday 1st April, 2014 at 6.00pm, would be great to see you there.

Thank you,

Jacqui.