



# Clifton Highlights

**TERM 4**  
**7th October 2016**

## Congratulations Naomi Simpson - TRC Youth Leader



Naomi Simpson has been selected to represent Clifton as a Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) Youth Leader.

The Youth Leaders' Program commenced in early 2015 with 20 members being selected to represent the region. This group of young people represent the areas of Millmerran, Pittsworth, Crows Nest, Clifton, Ramsay, Highfields and Toowoomba. The program aims to represent the voice of all young people when relating to and working with the Community Development team

and other representatives of the TRC. It encourages young people to be involved in local government and community planning and collaborate with other youth leaders across the region.

We are extremely proud to have Naomi represent her peers in our district.

## A Poetic Experience with Marco Gliori



Years 7 and 8 students were treated to a fantastic poetic experience this week with Marco Gliori. Marco Gliori is one of Australia's most highly regarded Poets and Story Tellers. As a performance poet, he inspires students with a mix of writing and performance. Marco's belief is that a poem is only half alive in a book and that it really comes to life when you take it out and share it with others. *Read more...page 3.*

## Everyday Heroes - Whole School Presentation



EVERYDAY HEROES is a presentation that contains powerful images and messages about the value of planning for our lives and making good choices in relationships with others. The songs, stories and comments in the presentation focus on the influence that we, as individuals, have on those around us. *Read more...page 3.*

DATE	EVENT
10 OCT	Motivational Media
10-12 OCT	Yr 11 Leadership Camp
12 OCT	P & C Meeting
17 OCT	UQ Young Achievers Program
19 OCT	Year 11 RAAP
20-23 OCT	State Athletics Championships
21 OCT	Junior Secondary Open Day SWD Transition Day 2 Yrs 10-12 DD Aquathon Trials
26 OCT	Yrs 7 & 8 Immunisations
27 OCT	Yr 9 Discover My Future
31 OCT	Halloween Social
3 NOV	Awards Night
4 NOV	Yr 11 Hospitality - High Tea

Clifton State High School P & C  
**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 12th October 2016  
6:30 pm  
Clifton SHS Room A05

## Clifton State High School

*Prospective students, parents & community members*  
are invited to our

# SHOWCASE & OPEN DAY

**Friday, 21 October 2016**  
**9.30 am - 12.30 pm**  
**Clifton State High School**

Morning tea & lunch provided  
Phone 4697 4777  
for more information

*Come along to see what your local high school has to offer!*

## Achieving in every field

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*Focus on what you  
want to see more of!*

## From the Principal



Welcome back to term 4 and the last leg of the year.

My name is Lou Oberholzer and I am proud and honoured to have been appointed as Principal of Clifton State High School and I am looking forward to a long and productive association with the school and the

community that it serves. Thank you to everyone who, in the only very short time I have been here, has gone out of their way to make me and my family feel welcome in your community. You know you are at a good school with students who are proud of their school and who they are, when students come and introduce themselves. My wife, Anneline, will join me in residence at the end of the year as, at the moment, we are arranging our permanent move to Clifton.

My message to students on Tuesday during the parade was very clear but simple. I asked them to focus on their goals to be successful and if they did not have clear goals, to set them in anticipation of significant personal success. Academic success is ultimately the best investment in personal and future success. Parents play a significant role in providing direction for young people in achieving their goals and I commend you on your efforts to support your students in achieving the success we all wish them to have.

This term we will farewell the Year 12 student body, after 13 years of hard work and persistence in achieving their goals. We will first, celebrate this milestone with them and their families at the Awards Evening (3 November 2016, 7pm ) and then at the formal which will take place on 17 November 2016 at 5pm. This term is also important to the rest of the student body as this will be the time to concentrate on the all-important curriculum to achieve the best possible outcomes in support of the next academic year.

Parents of the Year 11 cohort will also be receiving a final information letter re the 3 day camp on the Gold Coast, my old home base. I wish the staff and students who will be going on the camp everything of the best and hope that it will be a productive as well as pleasant experience.

### I look forward to meeting the Parents' and Citizens'

Committee on 12 October at 6 pm and you are invited to please come along. I place a strong emphasis on the service the school is to deliver to the community and I am looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible. Please feel free to introduce yourself as I move through the community and town.

I applied for Clifton SHS with purpose and intent. I grew up in a small mining town and loved it. My family have a strong connection with farming and agriculture and therefore feels right at home. I believe in State Education and my family are all products of State Education. Both my wife and daughter, Clarike, are in State Education working as a Head of Department and a teacher. My son L.J is in the Air Force and is a trained Aeronautical Structural Technician. We believe in the strength of the State Education system and the opportunities that it provides for our children.

My commitment is to you and more specifically to your students through the strong teaching group at the school.

The ultimate vision is to make Clifton State High School the comprehensive school of choice in our community. With the support from the parents and the wider community we can continue build on the solid foundations that have been laid and take the school together to the next level of success.

*Yours in Education*

*Lou Oberholzer  
Principal*

## From the Deputy



Welcome to our new Principal Mr Lou Oberholzer and welcome staff and students to school for the final term of the year.

Obviously this is a most important term for our year 12 students as they prepare to leave school and move to future pathways. For this reason it is most important to

**'Finish Strong' and keep focusing on improvement for the last term.** This can make a difference to the final results as every last piece of assessment does count. As Mr Oberholzer explained to students on the first day, we are **all looking forward to continuing with our 'Red Car' philosophy and Achieving our Personal Best for the rest of the year.**

I would like to congratulate our year 10 students on the excellent reports from work experience during the last week of term. Also congratulations to our staff and students who travelled to the Singing Kites School in Cambodia over the holidays. From all reports this was a wonderful and enlightening experience for all.

Congratulations also to Kiara Bressington who competed on her horse and won at the State Championships for sporting events.

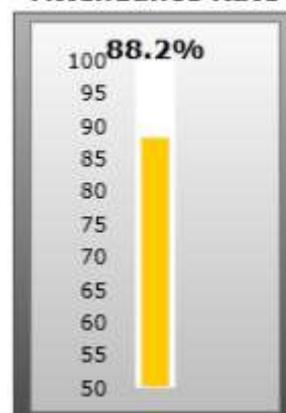
Already the calendar of events is building for this term with Marco Gliori here working with Years 7 and 8 on Wednesday as well as the RAAP Program for our year 11 students also on Wednesday. Next week we have our Year 11 Camp at Tallebudgera for three days and the Motivational Media for the rest of the school on Monday. So the opportunities continue at Clifton State High School

**Until next time continue to 'focus on what we want to see more of'.**

*Charlotte White*

*Deputy Principal*

### Attendance Rate



**School success starts  
with attendance**

## Singing Kites, Cambodia Trip



During the September holidays, Yr 12 students Adam, Gemma, Sarah, Dan and I travelled with three adults, including Amy McCullough and Janet Fiechtner, to Cambodia. For the 8 days that we were there, we were exposed to a culture so full of beauty, but with such a painful past. As a group we found that the people had, and had a want for, so little yet they were truly happy and grateful for everything that they did have. When we travelled to Singing Kites school we found that almost every child had an intense desire and passion to learn. Each student values and does not take for granted the education that is offered to them and many of them work tirelessly to maintain their position at the school. For the five students who went, it was an eye opening experience, to see how big the world is and how much more there is out there besides the little town where we live. Each one of us was touched by the kindness and generosity that we were shown by all those that we met and we all intend returning to this beautiful place in few years' time. It is extremely difficult to describe how significantly we were all affected by our journey, but it is simple to say that we were all touched by the people and their stories of hope, desperation, struggle and their power to overcome odds.

Victoria Harris



## A Poetic Experience with Marco Gliori

On Wednesday, 5 October, the students currently enrolled in Years 7 & 8 Foundation had the amazing opportunity to work with Marco Gliori, a very talented poet. The workshops were designed to inspire the students to creatively write using rhyme and emotive words. This incursion will form the basis of their Humorous Poetry unit this term. I know that the students enjoyed the experience very much and were engrossed every time Marco started to recite one of his own works. Thank you to Mrs Hutchinson for assisting with the workshops.



## Motivational Media

On Monday 10 October, the whole school has the opportunity to see the Motivational Media Presentation entitled **"Everyday Heroes"**. **Students and staff will walk to and from the F E Logan Hall to see the performance in two groups – Junior Secondary & Senior Secondary.** Permission slips will not be sent home as the majority of our students have completed a Permission form, upon enrolment, to walk to and from the local hall, . If your child does not have permissions recorded, your child may not be able to attend if they do not return the form. The students who do not have permission will be given a form to return. If for some reason, you do not wish your student to attend please call Mrs Tracy Kirby at the school to request this.

### What is the performance about?

*When you think of heroes, generally you would think of someone who has done something huge and significant that they themselves could never accomplish. What is often missed, is the journey the hero has been on until that point in time. The journey - colossal hours, those moments of dedication, commitment and perseverance, low points where failure could have been embraced but the choice to persevere was made, those years of hard work. That is what makes up a Hero, not just a singular act of bravado, one audition, one try.*

1. **A true hero realises that it isn't a single, massive once off act that makes a hero. Rather, it is the small, consistent, seemingly insignificant daily decisions that do.**
2. **A true hero realises that small acts have big outcomes.**
3. **A true hero commits to small acts of sacrifice fuelled by love for others.**
4. **A true hero recognises that all have weaknesses and see the value in being vulnerable to those close to them, as a means to grow stronger.**
5. **A true hero knows the value of friendship and recognises that everyone needs support. A commitment to building others up and living a congruent life is paramount.**
6. **A true hero understands that small decisions often go unrecognised and nonetheless commits to making a difference in their world.**
7. **A true hero acts with courage not bravado - not out to please the crowd, they take bold, wise risks to create change.**
8. **A true hero overcomes obstacles and perseveres. Everyday people overcoming incredible difficulties and achieving extraordinary results.**
9. **A true hero recognises the rights of others - people have tremendous value and should be given dignity.**
10. **A true hero actively looks for ways to make a difference - they use what is right in front of them to create change.**

*Everyday heroes are the people that do these things as part of their daily lives - committed to making the world a better place. Always at the ready to act, to improve themselves to the point where the only outcome possible is that of success, to be someone's Hero, maybe not today, but one day.*

I hope all the students and staff enjoy this experience.

Mrs Tracy Kirby  
Pastoral Care Coordinator.

Community announcements



**Clifton & District  
Amateur Swimming Club  
Sign On  
Sunday 9th October  
1 – 3 pm  
Sausage Sizzle (\$2)**

**Club nights and ‘Come and try’  
commence Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm**

**Competition Coaching for Swim club members (starts, turns,  
finishes etc) offered by Tara Clarke 5 – 5.30 each Monday before  
Club**

Enquiries: [cliftonswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonswimmingclub@gmail.com)



**DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING**

*invites you to attend the*

**Women in Defence  
Fitness Assessment Mentoring Session**

hosted by The Women in Defence

The Fitness Mentoring Session will provide you with the opportunity in a female only environment, to discuss your current training plan and get some invaluable training tips whilst enabling you to:

- Network and form exercise/training groups
- Locate information about correct techniques for conducting elements of the PFA
- Ask questions about areas of concern regarding training for the PFA

**The session will comprise of practical and theoretical components – all participants for the practical component must have attended the Assessment Day and be deemed medically fit by DFR medical team.**

**Please note if you have not attended an Assessment Day you are not eligible to participate in the practical component but are quite welcome to observe the fitness component.**

**When:** Monday, 17 October 2016

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Where:** Defence Force Recruiting, Milne Bay Training Depot, O’Quinn Street, Toowoomba

To RSVP please email [wid@dfrc.com.au](mailto:wid@dfrc.com.au)