Clifton Country Week
Congratulations Back Plains State School for receiving 1st place for the window display in Clifton. Thank you Mrs Murphy, Mrs Ballard and Miss MJ for spending time before and after school arranging the window. We are lucky to have such talented and artistic staff here at school. Thank you also to all the parents that assisted with donating crops and hay for the display.

Students also participated in the colouring in competition and poetry writing as part of the Clifton Country week celebrations. We are yet to hear the outcome from the colouring competitions and poetry entries but are hopeful for some pleasing results.

Speech Competition
Wednesday 9th November will see schools from around the cluster participate in the annual speech competition at Back Plains Hall. I will be seeking assistance from our talented P & C in preparing morning tea for the event. Nothing beats the home baked goodies from Back Plains!!!

Swimming
Swimming is scheduled for Monday, 14 November to Friday 18 November (week 7). The bus will depart school at 12:30pm and return to at 2:30pm. Unfortunately, Debbie Smith is unavailable to take our swimming block this year. I have secured Tara from Clifton swimming pool to assist with teaching swimming to our school.

Musica Viva
Next Monday our school will travel to Clifton FE Logan Hall for a musical performance. Thank you to all parents that are able and willing to transport their children to and from the event. Your assistance has dramatically reduced additional costs to the school.

Prep Open Day
All students eligible for Prep in 2017 (Born July 2011 – June 2012) are invited to join our school on Wednesday 23, November. This day assists with becoming familiar with the school routines and facilities. It is also a wonderful opportunity to form connections with other children pre-prep children and staff. Please bring a hat, water bottle and lunch for the day.

School Opinion Survey
Recently we received pleasing results from our school opinion survey. The overall summary of the results revealed that 100% of parents, students and staff are satisfied with the school. I believe this is collective result from the whole school community.
Chappy Chat

Hi everyone,

I have recently had a look at the Kidsmatter website; which has some excellent articles on issues children and families face, with practical advice and tips to implement. The website is www.kidsmatter.edu.au then if you click on the quick links for families, then e-newsletters, the following articles will be there:

- Helping children manage transition and change
- Promoting positive mental health
- Supporting children with anxiety
- Promoting confidence, learning and decision making skills
- Coping with family breakups (Issue 10, May 2014)
- Helping families learn about Cyber safety (Issue 9, March 2014)

I will continue to work at Back Plains every Monday this term. Please feel very welcome to contact or meet with me if I can be of assistance to your student or your family. I have a Referral Directory and information on services which are available to families in the Toowoomba/Warwick district.

Kind Regards
Chappy Donna

Science Studies

As part of our investigations in Earth Science, the students in Year 3/4 have been studying various forms of erosion. This week they conducted a science experiment where they measured the effects of water erosion on sandcastles that they have constructed. This hands on activity captivated the students.
Students of the Fortnight

Riley & Jackson

From the Garden