



# Clare State School

## "The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the 2014 school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students in Prep. Welcome also to our returning staff and to our new staff member Ms Kara Flanagan. We are all looking forward to a year full of exciting learning.

Last year was the second year of teaching the Australian Curriculum, with all students across Australia engaged in learning the same content in English, Science, Maths and History. This year we are really focussed as a school on again building on our work from last year. We are focussed specifically on introducing the next Learning Area of the Australian Curriculum, Geography and improving student learning outcomes, especially in the areas of reading and writing.

### Thoughts from the Beginning of the Year

It has been extremely pleasing over the first week to see how focussed and engaged all students seem to be. I believe this is in part to students making a conscientious effort about their decision making in and out of the classroom as well as to the work teachers have done in setting up structures for the beginning of the year. Congratulations to all staff and students for a wonderful start to the school year as well as to parents and families for your support.

Another aspect which has been very pleasing is the 100% of students who have been wearing the school uniform to begin the year. All students look extremely smart and as I have mentioned before I believe this helps promote a positive tone across the school.

Uniform is also an area that as a school we will be focussing on this year as a part of promoting 'High Expectations' at our school. As the uniform is currently being worn at such a high standard, we are specifically focussed on increasing this standard by requesting all students are wearing the correctly coloured shoes. They should be predominately black sandshoes or school shoes.

### 2014 Teaching Staff

As you are aware we currently have Mrs Sharon Fahey teaching year 4 – 7 and myself and Ms Kara Flanagan teaching Prep – 3. We are keen to keep this arrangement

going and have made HR and Regional Office aware of this. However, as previously mentioned, our staffing could be dependent on day 8 (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February) numbers at other schools. I will keep you informed of any new information.

### Parent Information Sessions

As is our usual practice, Parent Information Sessions will be held **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Yr 4-7 will be from 3.00–3.30pm and P-3 will be from 3.30–4.00pm. Teachers will share the curriculum that will be covered at Clare State School, discuss class routines and share information relevant to the teaching and learning program. Please note these are not Parent Interviews but information evenings only.

### School Leaders

Year 6 and 7 students are both being given the opportunity to aspire to student leadership positions in our school this year. The positions will be:

- 2 x Year 7 School Captains.
- 2 x Year 6 School Captains
- 2 x Dalrymple Captains
- 2 x Landers Captains
- Student council representatives

Last week we heard speeches from our aspiring School Captains. It was great to see so many parents in attendance at this event. Each of the aspiring leaders spoke well and explained to the audience why they should be Clare State School Captain for 2014. Students from Year 4 – 7 and teachers completed the voting and selection process straight after the speech presentation. We will announce the 2014 School Captains on Parade on Thursday. We will then be looking at our House captains and Student Council representatives. A formal presentation of badges will occur in the following weeks.

### Swimming

Clare State School's PE day has changed from Monday to Tuesday for 2014. Our PE teacher is Lisa Bello, who is returning from leave. **TERM 1 SWIMMING COMMENCES ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.** Swimming will be held for 6 weeks and all children need to attend as it is part of the school curriculum. You need to notify the teacher by phone/written note if your child is

not attending swimming for that week. Students are required to walk to and from the pool, so every child must wear a hat and covered footwear. It is compulsory for children to wear a shirt while swimming and the wearing of sunscreen is recommended. Children whose families are not members of the Clare Pool Management Committee are required to pay \$1.00 per student per lesson which is to be paid directly in the box located at the pool.

(Children cannot attend without written permission being received – please ensure the attached Permission Slips 2014 are returned by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.)

### **Halogen Young Leaders – Brisbane Trip**

The children of Year Six and Seven will be attending the Young Leaders Day held in Brisbane. The 2014 Young Leader's Day program is **Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. At this stage we are looking to fly to Brisbane, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, and return to Townsville, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please see attached information and permission slips. **We require the permission slip by this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, so that we can organise teaching staff and book our travel and accommodation.

### **Permission Forms**

Enclosed with this newsletter are 4 forms: State School Consent Form 2014, Permission slips 2014, Medical Information Update 2014 and Internet/Email Access Agreement 2014. **Please complete and return each form to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

### **Barra Competition**

The Clare Barra Competition was cancelled last weekend due to bad weather, but it has been rescheduled for this weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February. See attached flyer for more information.

### **Reminders**

■ Thank you to those parents who have kindly donated a ream of photocopy paper and a box of tissues. If you have not already done so, it would be greatly appreciated.

■ Could parents please remember to label snack containers in the Yr P-3 classroom. Please ensure that hats are also named as they are often found lying around with no names on them.

Thank you,

Lee Braney  
Principal

## ***Quote of the Week:***

*"If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own."*

*- Henry Ford (founder of the Ford Motor Company)*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Announcement of 2014 School Captains – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Parent Information Session – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- School Swimming commences – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Halogen Young Leaders Trip – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- P&C Fishing Competition Flyer
- Permission Forms
- Halogen Young Leaders Info (Yr 6 & 7)

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

### **This Week (3<sup>rd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> February):**

Tuesday	PE Music LOTE – Year 6
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 7
Thursday	Parade – Announcement of School Captains

### **Next Week (10<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> February):**

Tuesday	PE Music LOTE - Year 6 Parent Information Sessions
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 7
Thursday	Parade