

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 8, there are only three weeks until the holidays. WOW! Thank you everyone for continuing to work hard.

### Parent/Teacher interviews (Oral Reporting)

Please find attached a letter requesting parents to nominate preferred times for Parent/teacher interviews during week 10, 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. I strongly encourage all parents to make an appointment as these discussions are crucial to developing an understanding of your son or daughter's progress. Forms are to be returned by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and please ask your child if they have received their receipt of their interview date and time.

### Curriculum

Programs currently in place at Clare State School:

- Spelling Mastery – Year 4-7 have been using this program since the start of the year. P-3 will start using it in the coming weeks. The program helps to consolidate spelling rules and strategies and is taught for 20-30minutes on a daily basis. All students are assessed and placed into appropriate levelled groups.
- Students Achieving Success (SAS) – All students in year 5 and 7 will begin an intensive writing course this week. They will participate for 1hr per day 3 days a week for the next 5-6weeks. This is a program run by the School of Distance Education and has proven results.
- The year 3 students are currently working intensively in the areas of reading, writing and numeracy. Year 3 are receiving extra teaching from Ms Flanagan 2 days a week (Monday and Tuesday).

There are many more programs and teaching practices that we utilise on a regular basis. However, the 3 mentioned above are occurring at a high cost to the school and we believe they complement our teaching practices.

### 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Just a reminder that Clare State School will be having a free dress day this **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. All children are encouraged to wear *orange* to show our support of this day and to remind us that bullying and Violence is not accepted at Clare State School at any time.

For more information please visit the following Website: [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)



### P&C

**On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> March the P&C will hold their AGM.** I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current committee for the work they have put in over the last 12months. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on Wednesday at 3.30pm.

### Ayr State High information evening

A reminder that Ayr State High School's Principal and Deputy Principal will be at our school this evening from 6.30pm. During this time they will discuss the progress they have made in relation to transitioning year 7 to high school. This information is important for any parent with a child in year 4, 5, 6, or 7. I look forward to seeing you all there with many questions to be answered.

### Every day counts

As we approach the end of term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. **Being at school, every day, counts!** One day absent each week quickly adds up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

## Read to Children Every Day

Parents and carers who read aloud to their children every day provide a strong, positive influence and help develop a life-long love of reading.

There are a number of things you can do to foster your child's love of reading:

- read aloud to young children every day, if only for a few minutes, and let them hold the book and turn the pages
- visit the library as a family and let your child select books that interest them
- engage older children and teens in discussions and debates about the books or magazines they are reading

Over the coming weeks the children in Prep – 3 will be assessed on their PM reading levels. Please ensure you ask your child what level they are currently reading. It is important for the school, the student and the family to be talking the same language and understanding our particular levels.

## Reminders

- We are asking if someone could generously donate some diesel for the school mower. If you can help, please contact the school or Joanna Marchioni on 0407827155.
- Could payment of textbooks please be paid by the end of Term 1.

Thank you

Lee Braney  
Principal

## Quote of the Week:

*"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."*

- Warren Buffett, Chairman & CEO of Berkshire Hathaway

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- P&C AGM – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Free Dress Day for Action against Bullying – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

## ATTACHMENTS:

- Burdekin PCYC Gala Dinner Flyer
- Mio College Keep fit classes Flyer
- Rural Health Flyer
- T'ville State High Anniversary Dinner
- Parent/Teacher Interview Forms

## Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 6 – Luke Mio

Week 7 – Samyno Vaevae Pare

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### This Week (17<sup>th</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> March):

Monday	Ayr High Information Evening
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 6
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 7 PE Music RE P&C AGM
Thursday	Parade Free Dress Day – Anti-bullying
Friday	Yr 5-7 Interschool Sport

### Next Week (24<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March):

Tuesday	LOTE – Year 6
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 7 PE Music RE
Thursday	Parade
Friday	Yr 5-7 Interschool Sport

## Community Notices:

Osborne State School is celebrating it's Centenary on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm onwards.

All are welcome with a complimentary afternoon tea being served.

A fun filled afternoon for all.

## Leaders Badge Parade Photos

