



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 6, term 1. We are already half way through first term. I would like to congratulate everyone for the fantastic start to 2014. We have set high expectations for the students this year and at this stage we believe that most are achieving these high standards. Continue working hard, being respectful and learning to the best of your ability.

Great Results Guarantee

As part of the Great Results Guarantee (Federal funding) we have chosen to purchase extra teacher time to implement an intensive program of reading and writing. As a school we have also chosen to match this funding so that we can employ Miss Flanagan for an extra 2 days per week. We believe that we will make a difference with this strategy.

Our responsibility in implementing the Great Results Guarantee is that we will report how this funding has made a difference. The funds are targeted at lower primary (P-3) and the goal is that all students will achieve national Minimum Standard in all NAPLAN areas over the coming years.

Leadership trip

The Brisbane trip was a successful event and one that I know everyone who attended enjoyed. The students were exposed to many different experiences whilst we were in Brisbane.

These included:

- A tour of Parliament house and a special visit from Rosemary Menkens;
- Visiting the Science centre for an afternoon of hands on activities;
- A stroll through the Queensland Museum;
- A swim at Southbank;
- Laser tag and Ten pin bowling with Giru;
- A shopping experience in Queen Street Mall; and
- We also enjoyed a number of meals at restaurants and cafes.

Whilst all of these activities were fun, we did go to Brisbane for the Halogen Leadership conference. This event is a great day and is a worthwhile experience for any primary school student. We listened to a number of

presenters talk about their thoughts on leadership and their life journey to where they are today. The speakers were Lorin Nicholson (First blind person to ride over 4000km across Australia); Karni Liddell (Paralympian); Andy Griffiths (Children's Author); and Wes Mannion (Director of Australia Zoo). The message was clear – believe in yourself and never give up. The other key message was all of these people had great support from their parents and friends, so surround yourself with supportive people.

Overall, the year 6 and 7's had a great time and Mrs Schifilliti, Mrs Fahey and I would like to congratulate them on their outstanding behaviour and the way in which they represented Clare State School. Well done everyone.

Student Absence Reminder

If children are sick or are going to be away from school for a particular reason, parents or carers are asked to notify the school of your child's absence in person, writing or with a telephone call to the office. The school very much appreciates the support it is already receiving from families in relation to this matter.

Surfing Safely/Cybersafety Help Button

Cyber-safety and protective behaviours are vital for students, as smart devices are everywhere in today's world from mobile phones to iPods, notebooks, tablets, iPads and many other devices. Online safety is just a click away with the [Cybersafety help button](http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/gsaav/cybersafety-button.html) now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyber-bullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cyber-safety help, reporting options, resources and information. <http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/gsaav/cybersafety-button.html>

Interschool Sport

With interschool sport beginning last week, students are reminded they need to wear the school uniform and have the appropriate equipment – e.g. wide brim hat, water bottles and mouthguards. The school supplies shin pads

but students are welcome to bring their own. Thank you to the parents who have offered to transport.

2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Friday, 21 March

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

At Clare State School we are having a *free dress day* on **Thursday 20th March** and 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. Children are to bring a gold coin donation which will be collected by the Student Council.

For more information please visit the following Website: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



Reminders

- P&C AGM is on **Wednesday 19th March at 3.30pm**. All parents are welcomed.
- 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.
- Bookclub monies and forms are due back by Monday 17th March.

Thank you

Lee Braney
Principal

Quote of the Week:

"Take care of your people and they will take care of your customers."

- J. W. Marriott, Founder of Marriott Corporation

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Burdekin PCYC Blue Light Disco flyer
- Ladies High Tea flyer

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 3 – Laurence Tomasetig & Makenna Auer
Week 5 – Joshua Mio

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (3rd March to 7th March):

Monday	Yr 6/7 Leaders Conference - Brisbane
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 6
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 7 PE Music RE
Thursday	Parade
Friday	Yr 5-7 Interschool Sport

Next Week (10th March to 14th March):

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

