Thursday 6 October 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back for Term 4. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday with your families. Here at school, we have hit the ground running.

We have a few staffing changes for this term. Mrs Tanya Doran has joined our staff for this term and will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Doran has recently moved to Clare from Longreach and is an experienced early childhood educator. She has also worked with middle and upper primary students. Please welcome Mrs Doran to Clare State School.

Mrs Annette Wellington will also be returning to Clare State School on Friday mornings commencing next week to run our swimming programme. Swimming will take place for all students between 8:30 – 10:30 on Friday mornings for the entire term starting next week. Welcome back Mrs Wellington.

This term, students will be covering many different aspects of the curriculum. In Mathematics, students will complete Units 5 and 6 where they will cover a wide variety of concepts. In Science, the students in P-2 will be engaging with light, sound and movement whilst the year 3 – 6 students will be completing a Physics Unit. In English, students will be studying persuasive texts for the next 5 weeks. In History, students will be studying objects from the past (Prep – Year 2) and Australian History (Yrs 3 – 6). In Art students will be learning Christmas Carols and will also be rehearsing a performance that they will present at the end-of-year concert. In Technology, students will begin to interact with digital technologies such as coding and robotics. This will provide students with the basic skills for the full implementation of the Digital Technologies Curriculum which will take place next year.

Vege Garden News

Over the break we managed to grow a nice crop of weeds in our vege garden! In amongst the weeds though, our crop did thrive. We now have rocket, dill and cucumbers and our corn will soon be ready to harvest. Please come in and help yourself to these vegetables! Thank you to those staff members who attended to our vege garden over the break and to those students who weeded the garden in the first few days of this term.

Student Free Day

Monday 17 October is a Student Free Day. School will resume on Tuesday 18 October.
Goals Charts

The goals set by students last year proved to be very engaging and improved the students’ focus and results. These results will be reviewed after camp when the students will set their goals for term 4. Please complete the attached note by setting a goal for your child for this term.

High School Orientation Day

The year 5 students have been invited to attend an Orientation Day at Ayr State High School on Wednesday 19 October. The day will start at 9:00am and finish at 2:00pm. Please fill in the attached permission and transport form for this event. This will be a great opportunity for these students to experience the high school setting.

Gotchas – Positive Behaviour Reward System

As a part of our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, we have recently started a Positive Behaviour Rewards System affectionately known as ‘Gotchas’. These are mini reward certificates that are handed out to students when they are caught following the school rules. Students who receive Gotchas are to place them in the Gotcha Box which is located in the classroom. One Gotcha will be drawn out on parade each week and this student will win a prize. Students have been set a target of 800 Gotchas by the end of this term. If they reach this target, the whole school will have the opportunity to receive a whole school reward such as an excursion or free dress day. Students who have more than one major negative behavior record for the term will not be able to attend the Reward Day at the end of the term. Good luck with achieving 800 Gotchas kids!
Swimming and Parade

This term, students will be swimming on Friday mornings at the Clare Pool starting in week 2. Mrs Annette Wellington will be coming out to Clare for these lessons. Please make sure that your child has a towel, sunscreen, togs, a sun shirt and a change of underwear on these Fridays. This also means that we have needed to change the Whole School Curriculum Timetable so that Parade is now on Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm – 2:30pm.

Parents and Citizens Association Meeting

The Clare State School P&C meets on the second Monday of every month at 3:30pm. The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 24th October due to Camp and Pupil Free Day. All parents and community members are encouraged to come along and support the P&C in their efforts to further enhance the educational opportunities given to the students of Clare State School.

School Camp

Students in Year 5 and 6 will be going on School Camp next week where they will head off to Camp Kanga at Proserpine with Giru State School. There are many activities planned for this camp such as raft-building, a trivia night and a Crocodile Safari. This will be a great opportunity for our year 5 and 6 students to foster friendships with the students at Giru State School. We will be leaving for camp from Clare State School at 9:30am on Monday morning (10 October) and will return to Clare State School on 14 October at approx. 1:45pm.

New School Mobile Phone

We have recently purchased a new mobile phone. The phone number for this phone is 0484 230 389. Parents are encouraged to use this number to text through absences on the morning that their child is absent. We will also be taking this phone with us on excursions and camps to allow us to be contacted in the case of an emergency. Please continue to use the school land line for all other contact with the school.

Student Folios

All assessment tasks and the student assessment folios will be marked and updated by the end of week 3 of this term. All parents and carers are encouraged to come and view the work of their child/ren. More details on this will be in the next newsletter.

Troy Patti
Principal
Fancy Dress Ball

The tennis courts at the Clare Club came to life in the last week of the school term with many locals reporting that they had seen many of their favourite book and movie characters in real life. This was the scene at Clare State School’s Fancy Dress Ball.

All of the students and staff and many members of the Clare community got into the spirit of the ball which was themed “Bookland”. Many of the students and local children were dressed up as their favourite book or movie character. There were a wide variety of characters including, Indiana Jones, Alice (from Alice in Wonderland), G.I. Joe, Wednesday Addams, Tin Tin, Jack Sparrow and many more.

There were many people who donated decorations, prizes and time to set up this event and it really showed in the great night that took place. Special thanks must go to those parents and carers that assisted with the set-up and pack-up of the Fancy Dress Ball and also to Mrs Corradi who donated her time to paint the wonderful backdrop.

Everyone had a great time with many students enjoying the dances and winning prizes. I am sure that everyone would agree that the showdance done by the students was excellent. This would not have been possible without the dedication of Ms Andrea Dighton. Her commitment to the students of Clare State School showed in the students performing a dance that they can be very proud of.
Arts Cluster Day

In the last week of Term 3, students from Brandon, Millaroo, Clare, Airville, Maidavale, Giru, Jarvisfield, Kalamia and Osborne State Schools converged on Clare State School for the Combined Small Schools’ Arts Cluster Day.

Throughout the day, students worked their way through a series of rotations where they interacted with the many facets of The Arts curriculum,

There were many different activities such as kite making, quilting, dancing, playing musical instruments, indigenous art, visual art and drama activities.

The students were also treated to a performance by child safety and well-being group Bravehearts where they learn how to react to dangerous or unsafe situations.

Here are some photos from the day.