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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now moving towards the business end of our term with only three weeks left after this week. Students have just started their second unit in English where they are now studying poetry. The Prep – Year 2 students have been viewing simple poems such as ‘Jack Sprat’ and ‘Jack be Nimble’ and have been identifying the poetic devices, such as repetition, rhyme and beat in these poems. The students in year 3 and 4 have been doing similar exercises with more detailed poems, such as ‘Louder than a Clap of Thunder’. They have also been explaining what makes a poem humorous. Finally, the students in year 5 and 6 have been learning about many different poetic devices, such as alliteration, personification and onomatopoeia. This will continue next week and then they will start to analyse poems and discuss how the poem affects the audience and whether or not they believe that it has been successful in achieving its purpose.

Students have also started a new unit in maths recently with the following learning taking place:

Yr 1: Addition and subtraction sequences.

Yr 2 – 4: Location and direction. Yr 2 have been remodeling our school playground. Yr 3 have been using maps and co-ordinates. Yr 4 have been creating maps and learning about the points of a compass. All students have also been learning to follow and give instructions using directional and positional language.

Yr 5: Measuring, estimating and labelling angles.

Yr 6: Order of operations (BOMDAS).

In other learning areas, students are continuing with their units from the start of this term and are approaching their assessment tasks.
Vege Garden News

Our vegetable garden is coming along nicely, we have corn, marigolds, cucumbers, strawberries, herbs and potatoes doing well as well as one solitary tomato plant. The students have been doing a fantastic job of keeping the garden watered and weeded. Come in and have a look at our garden when you get the chance.

Goals Charts

Over the past few weeks all students have set their learning goals for the remainder of this term. These are displayed on the whiteboard in our classroom. Come in and have a look at what your child’s goals are and what needs to be done to achieve these goals. When students achieve their goals they get to colour in one of the stars at the bottom of their chart. The goals will be reviewed at the beginning and end of each term. Some families have not filled in their goal for their child. If this is the case for you, you will have some extra notes attached to the back of this newsletter. Please fill them in and return them to school as soon as possible.

Reading Levels

Over the last fortnight, students who are on the PM Reading Levels had their reading tested and their levels updated. I am pleased to report that a vast majority of students showed great improvement in their reading and comprehending abilities. Students who did not show improvement are now being case managed to identify other strategies to enhance their reading and comprehending abilities. Students have set new reading goals and these, along with their reading levels and progress, are displayed in the classroom. You are encouraged to come and view these.

Father’s Day Raffle

The P&C are currently conducting a Father’s Day Raffle. Please support them by selling the tickets that were given to your child and returning the tickets and money to the school tomorrow. The raffle will be drawn on parade on Friday 2nd September.
Playground Behaviour

Over the past week we have had some minor incidents in the playground where some students have been pushing others as a result of games not being played fairly. The students are all well aware that games need to have rules clearly stated before the game starts and it is up to everyone to follow them. They have also been reminded that there are a number of ways to solve conflicts without being physical. Please discuss the ‘High Five’ strategy with your child to ensure they are well equipped to solve conflicts.

Musica Viva

On Wednesday 17 August, students from Clare and Millaroo State Schools converged at Clare State School to participate in Musica Viva, an interactive music production presented by a group of musicians from Melbourne. The performance was very interesting and capped off many lessons learning songs and various instruments during their music lessons.

Many thanks must go to Mrs Dal Santo for organizing this performance and working with the students during their music lessons to teach them about the songs, including the instruments involved, the cultural origins and the historical context. The students enjoyed the concert and especially enjoyed having the students from Millaroo here for their lunch and playtime.

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 12 September. 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.

Inter-School Cricket

Last Friday, our year 5 and 6 students played inter-school cricket match against Home Hill 1. It was a tightly contested game with the winner getting to go to Townsville to represent the Burdekin in the T20 Blast Regional Gala Day. Unfortunately, our boys went down by 40 runs but they played well, especially considering that they have played the whole competition with 7 players instead of 8.

Inter-school cricket will continue this Friday. The last day for cricket is 9 September. Thank you to those parents who continue to transport students and make this activity viable.
**Book Fair**

Last week, Mrs Corradi conducted our Book Fair. Many families came along and purchased lots of books and other goodies. Thanks to Mrs Corradi for running this event as it is a very good fundraiser for our school. This year we received $265 worth of free resources as a result of hosting our Book Fair. Thank you all for supporting it.

**School Camp**

Students in Year 5 and 6 will be eligible to go on school camp with year 5 and 6 students from Giru State School at Camp Kanga (Proserpine) from October 10 – 14. This week, we voted on the camp menu, which sounded delicious. We are currently working on permission forms and so forth as some of the activities require parental consent. These forms are in draft stage at the moment and will be distributed in the coming week.

The camp cost, after the subsidy from the P&C and school, is $250 per student. Please make these payments to the school office or via direct deposit by 9 September.

**Fancy Dress Ball**

The Fancy Dress Ball will be held at the Clare Club Tennis Courts on Wednesday 14th September. The theme is “Bookland” and the P&C are calling for helpers to assist with setting up the tennis courts from 8:30am onwards on the day of the Fancy Dress Ball. If you are able to assist, please do. Contact Pippa Tomasetig or the school office if you are able to help.

On the night of the Fancy Dress Ball, the Clare Club will be open for meals and drinks. Please return the meal slip attached to this newsletter by Friday 2 September to assist with catering. We would also like for each family to bring a plate for dessert.

**Giru Sports Afternoon**

On Tuesday 6 September, our school will travel to Giru State School to participate in a sports afternoon with their students. This is mainly to assist the year 5 and 6 students who are going on camp but it will also benefit other students as they get to meet people from another school. Details of the day are in the note attached to this newsletter.
Combined Small Schools’ Arts Day

On Thursday 15 September, we will be hosting an Arts Day here at Clare State School from 9:30 – 2:30. All of the small schools from the Burdekin have been invited to attend. Students will work their way through a series of rotations that are linked to all of the areas of the arts; visual art, media, dance, drama and music. The P&C will also be conducting a tuckshop on this day and would like any assistance that you can provide. It will be a good fundraiser for our school and these funds will be put towards developing the education of all of our children. Please fill out the attached tuckshop form and return it to the school office by Friday 9 September.

Troy Patti
Principal

Vietnam Veteran’s Ceremony

On Thursday 18 August, students from Clare and Millaroo State Schools congregated at the Deep Creek Retreat with local veterans to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The service was very moving with Pastor Bill Buckley, a World War II veteran, conducting the service. The students were then able to view a variety of war artefacts and spoke to the veterans about their wartime experiences.