

Newsletter  
every second  
Thursday

# Clare State School

## The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

### Important Dates

9/9 – Tuckshop Due for Arts Day	9/9 – Final Camp Payment Due	14/9 – Fancy Dress Ball
15/9 – Combined Small Schools' Arts Day	16/9 – Shared Lunch and Free Dress Day	3/10 – Labor Day Public Holiday
10 – 14/10 – Yr 5 and 6 Camp	17/10 – Student Free Day	

Thursday 8 September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We only have one more week of school before the school holidays. This has certainly been a busy term and all students are now completing their assessment tasks for their various subject areas.

In English, students in years 1 and 2 have just finished analyzing and comprehending poetry. They have been identifying rhyming words, beat, syllables, alliteration, verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. They have also been making sense of the poem by answering both literal and inferential questions.

In Maths, these students have been working with money. They have been using play money to make exact amounts of money; year 1 using whole dollars and year 2 using dollars and cents. You can help your child in this area by getting them to make amounts of money with coins and notes at home.

The year 3 and 4 students have also finished answering analytical questions about their humorous poem. In this task, they were required to identify various poetic devices, such as rhyme, rhythm, alliteration, puns, neologisms, nonsense words and onomatopoeia, and explain the effect that these devices have on the poem. They are currently constructing their own humorous poem that they will need to present to the class next week.

In Maths, these students have been comparing angles, drawing angles, using position and direction words and examining 5 digit numbers. They have also started working with money and it would be beneficial for them to practice making amounts with dollars and cents as well as calculating change; first in whole dollars, then in dollars and cents. This is a topic that most students have found difficult.

The year 5 and 6 students have been analysing a variety of poems and learning about different poetic devices, such as alliteration, rhyming patterns, assonance and onomatopoeia. In the past week they have analysed the poem 'For the Fallen' and are currently analyzing 'Advance Australia Fair'. Once they have finished this analysis, they will commence their assessment task where they will complete a written analysis of a poem of their choice.

In Maths, these students have compared and drawn angles, experimented with a variety of strategies for solving division operations and extended number facts to solve multiplications involving multiples of 10.

Assessment tasks have been completed in all other subject areas, with the exception of Science (P-2) and Geography where students are putting the finishing touches on their assessment pieces.

## Vege Garden News

Many of the students have been working hard, both before school and during lunch times, to ensure that our vegetable garden is a raging success. Hopefully the hot weather doesn't hurt it. Come and have a look to see what we have got growing. You are more than welcome to take some of our rocket home as it is now ready to harvest!

## Goals Charts

Please come in and take the time to view the goals that your child has set for their learning. Students are constantly reminded of their goals and get to mark off on the chart when they have achieved their goal. These goals are aimed at developing the whole child and the students are very eager to achieve them. Please help your child achieve their goal.



## FATHER'S DAY



## Winners of our Father's Day Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – David Rossato

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Clint McNee.

Thanks to the P&C for conducting this raffle. Thanks to those businesses that sponsored prizes and thanks to those of you who sold or bought tickets. The raffle raised over \$500 for the school. Well done!

## School Holidays

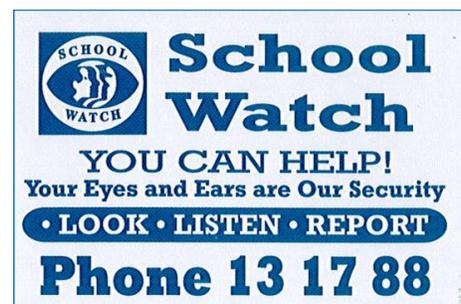
Just a reminder that Monday 3 October is the Labor Day Public Holiday. School will resume on Tuesday 4 October. Whilst the school holidays are on please keep an eye on our school grounds and contact School Watch on **13 17 88** if you notice anything suspicious. If you wish to use some of our school facilities over the holidays you will need to approach Mr Patti to draw up an agreement prior to the school holidays. Please allow



time for these agreements to be passed by the P&C.

## Giru Sports Day

On Tuesday 5 September our school travelled to Giru State School for a sports afternoon. Students in the year 3 – 6 age group played soccer and t-ball whilst the students in Prep – Year 2 participated in a series of little physical activities. The students had a great time mixing with the students from Giru. Thanks to Giru State School for hosting the event and thanks also to those parents who were able to provide transport on the day.



### 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

Tomorrow is the last day for inter-school cricket. The year 5 and 6 boys have thoroughly enjoyed playing inter-school cricket this term. Attached to this newsletter is a sign-on form for the Home Cricket Association Junior Competition. This is available to both boys and girls aged 7 years – 16 years. The competition starts after the school holidays.



Any men or women who are interested in joining senior cricket, please call Troy Patti on 0428869503.

### 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. The final day for payment is tomorrow (Friday 9 September) where the full fee of \$250 must be paid to the Office or via direct deposit. Also, attached to this newsletter are any relevant forms for students who are attending this camp.



### Fancy Dress Ball

The Fancy Dress Ball is approaching quickly. Students have been learning all of their dances and are extremely excited to perform them on the night. The invitation is open to the entire Clare community, especially past and future students, to come along and enjoy the night. The Ball will be held at the Clare Club Tennis Courts on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00pm). 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, there will be plenty of dancing for everyone, games for the children, the Clare Club will be catering and the tennis courts will be decorated beautifully. We would also like for each family to bring a plate for dessert. We hope to see everyone there!



### Combined Small Schools' Arts Day

On Thursday 15 September, we will be hosting 180 students from the small schools of the Burdekin for an Arts Day here at Clare State School from 9:30 – 2:30. On the day, students will be involved in a number of activities including; aboriginal art, quilting, dance, music, kite making, drama and drawing. 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 fantastic fundraiser for our school and these funds will be put towards developing the education of all of our children. If you have not already done so, please fill out the attached tuckshop form and return it to the school office by Friday 9 September.

### Hatch Family Send Off

On the 17th September the Clare Club has a Chinese Buffet function on. The Clare community is invited to take this opportunity to say good-bye to Tracy Hatch. The Hatches are leaving Clare and are heading to Ilfracombe to live. If you would like to wish them well and have a great meal or just a drink, make a booking at the Club for the Saturday night function. Bookings are essential, check the Clare Club Facebook page out for more details.

### Plastic Bags

We are calling for donations of plastic shopping bags for one of the activities for our Arts Day. If you have any spare shopping bags, please bring them in to school before Wednesday 14 September.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Patti".

Troy Patti

Principal

## Celebrating Student Achievement

Well done to the following students on their achievements throughout this term. Keep up the good work!

**Jake** – Moving up a level on his sight words

**Lanie** – Achieving an ‘A’ on her Shape Shaker Assessment

**Jaiden** – Achieving an ‘A’ on his Secret Object Assessment

**Deacon** – Writing a very descriptive information report.

**Braith** – Achieving an ‘A’ on his Shape Shaker Assessment

**Emily** – Achieving her reading goal

**Laurence** – Achieving an ‘A’ on his Adding and Subtracting Numbers Assessment

**Ronin** – Achieving and ‘A’ on his Number Patterns Assessment

**Coral** – Reciting her 2 times tables.

**Bridget** – Writing an excellent story with the moral “Never talk to Strangers!”

**Mylee** – Achieving her goal of becoming a more confident reader.

**Ethan** – Achieving an ‘A’ on his Count, Compare and Partition Maths Assessment

**Rihanna** – Writing an emotional story about a dog that died.

**Nickolas** – Writing a well-sequenced story about a dog who was a messenger during a war.

**Georgia** – Writing a descriptive story about a girls who conquers her fear of swimming.

**Kalan** – Writing a very interesting story about a chicken who seeks approval from other animals.

**Luke** – Writing a very informative and well-structured letter to the future.

**Caleb** – Using a wider vocabulary in the written pieces (using the word walls)

**Dylan** – Full marks on many spelling tests

**Joel** – Writing a very informative and well-structured letter to the future.

**Shaun** – Improving his reading fluency and comprehension.

**Dennis** – Writing an exceptional version of the poem “On the Ning, Nang, Nong”

**Samuel** – Writing a very informative and well-structured letter to the future.

Student folios will be updated by Thursday next week. Please come in and have a look at your child’s work. Although there aren’t any scheduled Parent-Teacher meetings this term, teachers will be available to discuss your child’s progress from 2:30 – 6:00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and 2:30 – 3:30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. No bookings needed. Please come in to the classroom when it suits you during these times.