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 2015. We have set high expectations for the students this year and at this stage we believe that most of the students are achieving these high standards. There are some students that currently need a reminder of appropriate behaviours at school. We ask that you all continue working hard, being respectful to teachers and other students and learning to the best of your ability.

Leadership Badge Ceremony

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2015 Clare State School Captains: Meggan Hall, Joshua Mio and Samyno Vaevae Pare.

I believe that each of these students has the potential to be a great school leader and I know they will all learn a lot from being school captains this year.

Thank you to Pippa Tomaseditg for presenting, on behalf of the P&C, the Year 6 shirts to our student leaders. I would also like to acknowledge the attendance of Mr. Lou Loizou, Local Councillor, who presented our School Captains and our House Captains, Samuel Tomaseditg (Landers) and Meggan, Joshua and Samyno (Dalrymple) with their badges. Mr Loizou has a long association with Clare and we appreciated his attendance at this event.

Finally I would like to thank the parents and grandparents who attended this event. The effort that you put in to attending these events is appreciated by both the students and the staff.

Donations

Thank you to the Mio family for donating fuel for our school mower. This donation is appreciated as it helps the school throughout the year.

Thank you to the parents that have sent in items requested from the last newsletter.

We are seeking more of the following items:
- Egg cartons
- Magazines
- Everyday dress up items

If you have any spare please send them in with your children.

The Clare Boars and Barra Competition

This competition, held on the 20—22 February, was a fantastic weekend. This event was a great experience for the Clare community and a fantastic fundraiser for the Clare State School P&C. The school wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Chantal and Luke Booth and to all the other helpers for all their involvement in organising and running this event. The school also wishes to extend its thanks to the sponsors of this event. A list of these sponsor is included in the newsletter. Without these sponsors this event would not occur.

The winners for the competition were as follows: Junior Catty: Georgia Young (3.46kg), Junior Secret Weight: Cody Scalia (2.1kg), Junior Heaviest Barra: Cody Scalia (4.09kg), Senior Catty: Teshla Young (2.93kg), Senior Secret Weight: Deon Pegoraro (4.08kg), Senior Heaviest Barra: Dean Vartuli (13.43kg), Heaviest Sow: Joshua Corradi (61.6kg), Heaviest Boar: Glenn Krzelj (87.4kg)

Reminder

If you have not already done so please return all the school permission forms, attached to the last newsletter as soon as possible to the school office. There are still quite a number of families who have not yet returned these forms.
P&C News

AGM: The AGM for the Clare State School P&C will be held on Monday 23rd March at 3pm in the School Library. We would love to see you there! We need as much help as possible to keep the P&C running and to help out in 2015.

Tuckshop: An updated menu for Tuckshop is attached to this newsletter. Order forms for the following weeks are attached:

- Tuckshop Thursday 12 March—orders due on Tuesday 10 March
- Tuckshop Thursday 19 March—orders due on Tuesday 17 March

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.


If your child is absent from school it is the parents responsibility to contact the school. This can be done by phone call, email or a face to face conversation.

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

Thank you

Lee Braney
Principal

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