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Clare State School

The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

Important Dates

6/3 - P&C Annual General Meeting	13/3 – Journalist Visit	15/3 – Song Writing with Constable Shane
27/3 – Artist in Residence	28/3 – Burdekin Rural Health Nurse Talk	29/3 – Recording a Song with Constable Shane
30/3 – Cluster Day at Airville State School	31/3 – Last Day of School for Term 1	

Thursday 2 March 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past fortnight I have been particularly impressed with a number of students who have been very respectful towards others. As you would all know by now, BE RESPECTFUL is one of our four rules here at Clare State School.

On a number of occasions I have been pleased to see students including others in games at play time and assisting others with their work in class. This is very pleasing to see.

I would also like to congratulate the students in the older year levels who have been helping make our school a better place by taking on various RESPONSIBILITIES such as setting up the obstacle course, running games at lunch time, writing newspaper articles, making our toy collection box and creating posters to go home in our newsletter. The characteristics shown by these students is something that they should be proud of and it is wonderful to see them taking pride in their school. Well Done kids!

Troy Patti

Principal

In the 3-6 Class

With the term more than half way through, we are now approaching the business end for the 3-6 class in many of their subjects. We

have just finished the first unit of Maths and English and will be working on Unit 2 in these subjects for the remainder of the term. The work produced by many students in their first English Unit was second-to-none as the students in year 3-4 wrote a new trick or chapter for 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and the year 5-6 students analysed 'The Loaded Dog'. It was pleasing to see many students using the learning walls in the classroom during these assessments and I believe that this contributed to them doing such a fantastic job on these pieces of work.



In Maths, the year 5 and 6 students have just finished an assessment on data displays. Many students experienced success with this topic however the topics of time and fractions proved to be difficult for many. These are key concepts in Mathematics and will be covered again in the near future. To assist your child in these areas, try to incorporate them into everyday situations.

All students have also completed Part A of their Technology assessment. The students in year 3-4 had to identify the difference between hardware, software and peripheral devices, explain what certain digital components (such as laptops and e-mail) were used for and use their knowledge of digital devices to solve problems. The year 5 and 6 students had to label and explain the functions of different parts of a computer, explain how a network printer work and explain how data is stored on digital devices.

P-2 Class

Hi everyone,

Over the past 2 weeks students in Yr 2 have been focusing on mental strategies in addition and subtraction in maths and finishing their oral presentations in English. They are now moving into unit 2 in English where they will be working on a persuasive blurb for a book cover or DVD cover. They are also starting some assessment pieces in Technology, Geography and Science.

The Preps have been busy learning the difference between sounds, words and sentences and have started writing by listening to the sounds they can hear in the words. It's been amazing to see how far they have come.

The students have been very excited to see that the chicks have finally hatched and running around our classroom. It has been great to see all the students taking such an interest in them and taking such great care of them.



One of the chicks hatching



Playtime with the chicks

Gotchas – Positive Behaviour For Learning

It is pleasing to see that the number of Gotchas earned by our students is increasing from week to week. Over the last fortnight we achieved 172 Gotchas giving us a total of 331. Remember, our target is 800 for this term.



Parents and Citizens Association Meeting

The next P&C Meeting for this year will be the **AGM** and it will be held on **Monday 6 March at 4:30pm** in the library. Please come along to the meeting to view the school's Annual Implementation Plan, discuss the new school rules as well as discussing issues that relate directly to the P&C and your child's education.



Rugby Union Visit



Last week, our students were fortunate enough to receive a visit from the Townsville District Rugby Union Community Engagement Officer. Students were taught a variety of ball skills and gamesmanship such as passing, scoring a try and evading defenders.

Fuel Donation

We have wonderful, well-maintained grounds at Clare State School. We are calling on any members of the community who are able to donate diesel for our mower or fuel for our whippersnipper. Please contact the school if you are able to donate either of these products.

Induction Parade

Last week the school leaders for Clare State School were presented with the badges on a special Induction Parade in the school library. Parents, students, staff and invited guests were in attendance as each student was presented to the community as a leader for 2017.

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, spoke to the students about the importance of being resilient to peer pressure and doing the right thing. He highlighted that these were key qualities of good leaders. Mr Last also presented the school with 2 new books for our school library.

Adopt-a-Cop - Constable Shane Martin, President of the P&C - Mrs Tomasetig, and Adopt-a-Councillor - Councillor John Woods, were also in attendance and assisted with the presentation of the badges.

The student leaders recited an oath, where they pledged to all in attendance that they would do their best to lead Clare State School for 2017.

Playgroup

You may have noticed our new "Playgroup Meets Here" sign at the front of the school. Our Playgroup met today from 8:30 – 10:30 and had a fun-filled day. They even got to play with some of our newly hatched chickens which the students in the Prep – 2 class have been looking after. Please spread the word and get children to come along to the best Playgroup in town!



Journalist Visit

As a part of their English unit for the remainder of this term, the students in year 3-6 will be receiving a visit from former editor of the Home Hill Observer and experienced journalist, Mr David Jackson. Mr Jackson will be coming out to Clare State School to share his experiences as a journalist and guide the students on how to write a persuasive newspaper article. This will assist students in successfully completing their English assessment tasks as they will need to write a persuasive newspaper or magazine article.

Recording a Song with Constable Shane

Over two sessions between now and the end of this term. Constable Shane Martin will be working with our students to



write and record a song about Clare State School and the positive connections between police and school students.

Goals Charts

Thank you to those parents and carers who have returned their goals for their children for this term. If you have not already done so, please fill out the attached Goal Setting note and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

Yearly Permission Notes

Thank you to those parents who have returned their Yearly Permission Notes, but we are still waiting on some families. If you could drop them into the office by the end of the week, it would be very much appreciated.

Student Council

Recently, we held our first Student Council Meeting for 2017. A number of topics were discussed and the students have decided to go ahead with the following ideas:

1. Conduct a Toy Drive for St Vincent DePaul – If you have any old toys at home that you no longer have a use for, please bring them in to our collection box in the 3-6 class and we will donate them to St Vincent De Paul.
2. Obstacle Course – An obstacle course has been set up for the P-2 class and Playgroup.
3. Icy Cups – Icy Cups will be on sale from next week. The Year 5 and 6 students will sell them for 50c every Friday at first break.
4. New pads for soccer goals – New pads will be priced and the goals will be moved to a more accessible location.

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2017

