



Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

17th March 2015

Issue 4

Dump Open

- Saturday 21st March

Reminders

- School Swimming Tuesday mornings
- Tuckshop orders due each Tuesday
- Tuckshop each Thursday
- Halogen Young Leaders Trip 18th—20th March

Attachments

- Tuckshop order form
- Parent / Teacher interview form P-Yr2
- Parent / Teacher interview form Yr 3-6
- CORES Burdekin newsletter

P&C Meeting

- The AGM is next Monday 23rd March at 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another great week at Clare State School. The term has really flown by and we will be breaking for Easter in another 3 weeks. This is a critical time of the term for teachers and students. Teachers have started to gather a lot of data and information on how students are performing and what issues we will need to work on for the rest of the school year.

NAPLAN

There are 7 more weeks before the next NAPLAN test, which will be held on May 12th—14th. The next 7 weeks are important for the preparation of the students who will be taking these tests in 2015.

At Clare State School we believe that NAPLAN is an important testing tool and that students should put in their best efforts when completing these test. We do not believe that extra pressure placed on children to perform in these tests is beneficial.

If you have any concerns regarding your child and NAPLAN please make a time to discuss these concerns with me. There are a number of strategies we can put in place for students to ensure they are able to participate appropriately in NAPLAN testing.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with their classroom teachers. Interview forms for the parent / teacher interviews are attached to this newsletter. Each classroom teacher has nominated their available interview times and these are detailed on the attached forms.

I strongly encourage all parents to make a time to speak with your child's teacher. Teachers will discuss with parents their child's current progress, any barriers to learning their child may be experiencing, their child's conduct within the school setting and any other issues that may be impacting on their child's learning.

Participating in these interviews helps you as a parent to understand how your child / children are tracking at school, thus avoiding any 'surprises' in your child's first semester report, which come out towards the end of Term 2.

Please return the interview form by **Friday 20th March** so that your child's teacher can plan their schedule and advise you of your interview time. An alternative interview time with your child's classroom teacher may need to be arranged if your preferred meeting times are unable to be accommodated.

P&C

On Monday 23rd March, at 3.30pm, the P&C will hold their AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current committee for the work they have put in over the last 12months. I look forward to seeing you all at this meeting.

Student Absence Reminder

If children are sick or are going to be away from school for a particular reason, parents or carers are asked to notify the school of your child's absence in person, writing or with a telephone call to the office. The school appreciates the support it is already receiving from families in relation to this matter.

Reminder—For parents of children in Grades 3—6

This is a reminder that payment of the invoice (previously supplied to you) for your child's Spelling Mastery workbook is due this Friday. Your prompt payment of this invoice is appreciated.



Student of the Week

Week 6: Jaiden Booth

Week 7: Samuel Tomasetig
Congratulations!

Quote of the

Week:

“Don’t limit your challenges. Challenge your limits!”

Take a Stand Together against Bullying and Violence

Join us for the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on **Friday 20 March**. **Students and teachers are encouraged to wear orange on the day for a gold coin donation.** We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this day we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies and to “Take a Stand Together” against violence and bullying. The Bullying, No Way! website is www.bullyingnoway.com.au .

BULLYING. NO WAY!

Australia's safe and supportive school communities getting to the heart of the matter

Harmony Day Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day, 21st March, is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. In 2015 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia. For parade on Friday we will have Mrs Fahey, Ms Flanagan, Meggan and Samuel talking about what Harmony Day means to them.



Thank you

Lee Braney

This Week 16th — 22nd March	
Monday 16th	STL&N SAS Writing yr 5
Tuesday 17th	LOTE PE SAS Writing yr 5
Wed 18th	Music RE Halogen Young Leaders Trip Bris
Thurs 19th	SAS Writing yr 5 Halogen Young Leaders Trip Bris
Friday 20th	Harmony Day – Free dress day at school (come dressed in orange). Parade 8.30am School Sport in Ayr Halogen Young Leaders Trip Bris

Next Week 23rd — 29th March	
Monday 23rd	STL&N SAS Writing yr 5
Tuesday 24th	LOTE PE SAS Writing yr 5
Wed 25th	Music RE
Thurs 26th	SAS Writing yr 5 Parade 2.00pm
Friday 27th	School Sport in Ayr