

Newsletter  
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Thursday

# Clare State School

## The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

### Important Dates

21/1 – Yr 5 Transition Day to Ayr State High School	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 – Clare's Got Talent and Shared Lunch

Thursday 16 March 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of Week 8 for Term 1, students are now encountering assessment tasks in many of their subjects. There have been some pleasing results in both classes and it is very important that all students continue to put in their best effort and BE A LEARNER right up until the end of the term. This will ensure that they receive the results that they deserve.

I have also noticed that some students have been returning to use the facilities at the school after school hours. I would like to remind everyone that anyone who wishes to use the school's facilities needs permission from me. This covers the school for liability reasons and increases the safety and security of the school and those who intend to use our facilities. I have attached a 'Use of Facilities Request Form' to the back of this newsletter. Please fill it in and return it to the school if you wish to use our facilities.

Have a great day,

Troy Patti

Principal

In the 3-6 Class



We have had a busy couple of weeks in the 3-6 class with the change-over of English and Maths Units. Students are now studying persuasive texts in English and are working towards writing their own persuasive newspaper article or magazine article on a contentious issue. I am pleased to report the detail of writing shown by most students in our previous English unit was quite good with many students using adjectives, noun groups, verb groups, exaggeration, figurative language and many more language features to describe the characters, setting and events in the stories that they had to write and analyse. Well done kids!

We have also experienced success in Maths with all students having achieved a 'C' or better in all tests that have been completed so far. We even had two students, Luke and Joel, achieve 100% on one of their tests. Great effort boys!



### P-2 Class

Students in the P-2 class have been working hard and showing some great improvements. Last week all of the students had their reading levels assessed with many of the students achieving their goal levels. The Prep students also showed some improvement and are starting to be able to read level 1 books. This is fantastic as they work towards being able to read level 4 books by the end of this Semester.

Students in year 2 have also been watching videos and reading books in their English Unit. They have been practicing using persuasive words and phrases so that they can write a persuasive blurb for a book or movie. For the assessment task for this unit, the students will need to write a blurb for a new episode of 'Animalia'.

The Preps have also done plenty of work, learning their sight words and manipulating the numbers 1 – 11 in many different ways.

### 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 191 Gotchas giving us a total of 548 with 3 weeks to go. Remember, our target is 800 for this term.



### Parents and Citizens Association Meeting

The AGM for the Clare State School P&C was held on Monday 13 March. At the meeting all current executive members were re-elected to their positions. We also discussed fundraising ideas, the School's Annual Implementation Plan, changes to the School Rules and a variety of events that have been happening in the school. The P&C also donated \$4,000 to the School to assist with the purchase of 8 new laptops. These laptops have been purchased and will be operational by next term. Thank you to all of the members of our fantastic P&C for this tremendous contribution which will enable our school to provide the best educational opportunities to our students.



The next P&C meeting will be held early next term. All are strongly encouraged to attend.

### Writing a Song with Senior Constable Shane Martin

Yesterday, the students in the 3-6 class were fortunate enough to have Senior Constable Shane Martin come and teach them for the afternoon session. Senior Constable Martin worked with the students to write a song about the fantastic relationship between Police and Clare State School. The students had to brainstorm ideas and then put their ideas to a beat. The song will be recorded on Wednesday 29 March and will also be performed at the Clare's Got Talent Concert on the last day of this term.

After the students had finished writing their song, Senior Constable Martin spoke about what to do when dialing '000' and also explained some of the gadgets that he carries on this police vest. One 'particularly naughty' (and very willing) student (Ethan) was even put in hand cuffs!

### 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 Office if you are able to donate either of these products.

### Journalist Visit

On Monday, students in year 3 – 6 from Ravenswood, Giru, Millaroo, Gumlu, Brandon, Jarvisfield and Maidavale State Schools joined our 3-6 class for the day. Retired journalist and former editor of the Home Hill Observer and Ayr Advocate, David Jackson, came out to talk to the students about his experiences during his career as a journalist, which has spanned more than 50 years. The students were very interested in Mr Jackson's recollections about how newspapers were made before computers and the changes that he had seen in the industry.

Mr Jackson also told the students that they needed a catchy lead sentence, solid facts, quotes from a variety of sources and a wide vocabulary to make a good news article. He also demonstrated interview techniques and showed students how to write in short-hand, a lost art nowadays.

During the latter part of the day, students were able to conduct their own interviews with other students, staff, principals, parents and even the Assistant Regional Director to collect information and quotes to write an article about why small schools are the best. The students worked in groups to write these articles. The skills and knowledge attained by the students on this day will assist them in their English assessment task for this unit.

### Playgroup

We had a very large number of children and their parents attend our playgroup today. The children wore green to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. They participated in many activities including making a rainbow and having a dancing competition. The girls loved the dancing competition but the boys required a little more persuading! There will be one more playgroup this term on 30 March from 8:30 – 10:30 in the Library.

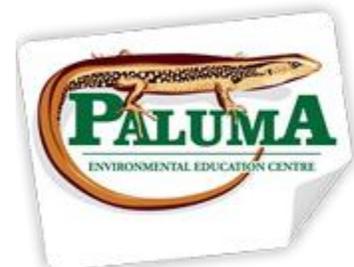


### Rugby League Clinic

Last week, all students were treated to a visit from the Queensland Rugby League Development Officer, Mr Peter Edmonds, and Mr Cameron Miller, Burdekin Roosters A Grade Coach. The pair spoke to the students about the characteristics of a good footballer and the links between being a good footballer, good student and good citizen. They then took the students outside and did some skills and drills with them.

### Artist In Residence

On Monday 27 March, we will host Millaroo State School and Maidavale State School when we complete the Artist in Residence Session being co-ordinated by the Paluma Environmental Education Centre. During these sessions, students will be exploring various art techniques, taught to them by a specialist art teacher, as they create fantastic artworks.



## Yr 5 High School Transition Day

Next Tuesday, 21 March, our year 5 students have been invited to attend Ayr State High School for a Transition Day between 9:00 and 2:00. A permission form for this day is attached to the back of this newsletter.



## Student Council



Don't forget your 50c on Friday! The Student Council are selling icy cups at first break every Friday. Please make sure that you have the correct amount of money.

Also, if you have any old toys that you want to donate, the Student Council is currently running a toy drive for Saint Vincent De Paul. Please bring your unwanted toys in to the School and place them in the box in the 3-6 classroom. Donations will be delivered to Saint Vincent De Paul on the last day of this term.

The Student Council also recently held their meeting for March. At this meeting it was decided that the Student Council would conduct a 'Clare's Got Talent' talent show on the last day of school. All of the students have been encouraged to practice a performance, either as an individual or as part of a group for this talent show. There will be a small entry fee of \$2 charged per student who enters with the winners taking home some prizes. Parents and carers are encouraged to come to this event. More details will be released closer to the date. A shared lunch from the Mio College will also be provided by the P&C to all students on this day.

## Health Talk

On 28 March, registered nurse, Jeannie Zonta, will be coming out the Clare State School. She will conduct talks with the students in yr 3-6 about puberty and students in the P-2 class about healthy lifestyles.

## Cluster Day

The Cluster Day for this term will be a History Day held at Airville State School on 30 March. Students will need to come to Clare State School in the morning and we will transport students by bus and private transport to Airville State School. Please fill in the note attached to this newsletter and return it to the School Office.

## Photos from our Journalist Day

