

Newsletter  
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Thursday

# Clare State School

## The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

### Important Dates

26/5 – Inter-School Sports	29/5 – Sunwater Excursion	31/5 – Yr 6 High School Transition Day
5/6 – P&C Meeting	6/6 – School Photos	8/6 - Playgroup
9/6 – Inter-School Sports	19/6 – Hair Raiser	20/6 – BCA Health Talk

Thursday 25 May 2017

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations to the Student Council for a very successful meeting last week. Out of this meeting some wonderful initiatives have come to life with many of the students working hard during their lunch breaks to plant our vegetable garden, clean up the sports room and making posters for various fundraisers and events that the Student Council plan to hold. I am really proud of the efforts shown by these students, the initiative that they have shown and their dedication towards making Clare State School a better place for all.

One of these events was the Beanies for Brain Cancer Day that we held today. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Ethan Altadonna for suggesting that we run this event and secondly congratulations must also go to the rest of the Student Council for running this event. It is great to see them thinking about how they can help the wider community, not just our own school.

Have a great day,

Troy Patti

Principal

### 3-6 Class

Assessment time is here in the 3-6 class. Students are currently working on two of their major assessment tasks for this term. In English, the year 3 and 4 students are in the middle of creating a character description about the Hare in the fable "The Hare and The Tortoise". To be successful in this assessment task they need to write their own opinion of the way the hare behaved in the fable and support their opinions with evidence from the text. They need to use lots of emotive language and also need to create a short movie to support their character description.

The year 5 and 6 students also have a very interesting assessment task for their English. Throughout their unit they have been analysing and creating comic strips with ethical dilemmas. They now have to create their own comic strip with an ethical dilemma and turn it into a 30-60 second stop-motion picture. Some of the ethical dilemmas they have chosen are quite interesting with peer pressure to take drugs/cigarettes, setting the school on fire, stealing money from a person who dropped it, not wearing

an outfit that Grandma bought especially for you and a man who finds out his bride is a spy all getting a run.

In Technologies, the students are all using Scratch software to create a game. The year 5 and 6 students are creating a maze game with three different levels and the year 3 and 4 students are working on their own quiz game. Many of the students have enjoyed these tasks and some have created very detailed and interesting games that include sound, visual and language elements.

### P-2 Class



We have had a busy few weeks in the Prep -2 class. The year 2's have been completing assessments for English and Maths unit 3 and have now started Unit 4 work. For English Unit 4 they will be working on their listening comprehension where they will need to understand and interpret oral stories. For Maths they are working on number and place value and money. Preps have also been working hard with lots of number activities and recognising their numbers up to 20. Their assessment task for this term will be understanding numbers from 1 -20. Students are also slowly working on their assessments for History, The Arts, Technology and Science, so it will be a busy few weeks leading up to the end of term.

On another note, our chickens are thriving in the chicken coop and are getting bigger every day. The students really enjoy heading over there every morning to see how they're going and to give them a pat. They are also very good and keeping them well fed and watered, although with 14 of them they can eat a lot!!!! Our garden is also thriving with the tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumber, lettuce and carrots coming along wonderfully. I can't wait to see what ideas they come up with for a healthy snack that they can make out of our produce.

### Reading Levels

As a part of our goal for this year to have 90% of our students passing English and Mathematics, all students have their reading levels tested regularly. Younger students have their reading levels tested every 5 weeks and older student have theirs tested every 6 months. Recently, all students had their reading levels tested and I am pleased to report that all students improved and we had some exceptional results.



Student	Increase in reading level	Student	Increase in reading level	Student	Increase in reading level
William Eckford	+ 1 level	Ronin Kovacich	+ 1 level	Joel Rapisarda	+ 1 yr
Jett Silvester	+ 1 level	Laurence Tomasetig	+ 6 months	Luke Mio	+ 1 yr
Flynn Kovacich	+ 1 levels	Mylee Kovacich	+ 1 yr	Shaun Ferris	+ 1.5 yrs
Braith Altadonna	+2 levels	Rihanna Ferris	+ 1 level	Caleb McNee	+ 1.5 yrs
Jaiden Booth	+ 3 levels	Bridget Zimmerlie	+ 1 level	Georgia Tomasetig	+ 1 yr
Deacon Altadonna	+ 3 levels	Ethan Altadonna	+ 1 yr	Nick Zimmerlie	+ 1 level
Lanie Booth	+ 2 levels	Coral Thompson	+ 1 level		

Reading is exceptionally important as it is evident in all subject areas and is a very important life skill. To encourage your child to keep improving in their reading abilities, please ensure that they are reading every night at home. Please fill in the reading log in the back of their homework books when they read.

#### Gotchas – Positive Behaviour For Learning

Now that our new school rules “Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be a Learner” are fully in place, we have a focus rule which is explicitly taught on parade each week. Our focus rule for this week is “Be Respectful” with a particular focus on using manners and listening attentively to all instructions. Students caught applying these rules have been rewarded with Gotchas.



So far this term the student have earnt a total of 358 Gotchas. Well done kids! Keep up the great work and hopefully we can achieve our goal of 800 Gotchas for this term.

#### Goal Setting

Thank you to those parents who have returned their goals for their students. Notes were sent out earlier this week for those students who had achieved the goal set by their parents for Term 1. Each student now has a new set of learning goals. Please come and have a look at your child’s learning goals which are displayed on posters within their classroom.

#### Mio College Grow and Show Family Day



On Saturday 13 May the Mio College held a Grow and Show Family Day. The day was well attended and was an excellent day for Clare in general with many visitors travelling to our area. The P&C held a stall where children of all ages could participate in craft activities, a pass-the-football competition and guess the number of lollies in the jar. There was also a raffle for the adults. Thank you to all of the members of the P&C who manned our stall along with the current and past students who helped out as well. The community support

for our stall was excellent and we must also thank those businesses that donated prizes to be used as a part of our raffle.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Pippa Tomasetig

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: P. Twiddle

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Sharon (from the sauce stall)

Guess the number of lollies in the Jar:

Actual amount – 180, Winner – Mr Patti (after many, many guesses) - 182

#### NBN Upgrade

Last week our school was fortunate enough to have systems installed that will allow us to upgrade to the National Broadband Network (NBN). This upgrade will take place by the end of the year and will result in better internet connectivity in our school.





### Hair Raiser

On Monday, Nicole Kovacich brought her hair dressing salon to Clare State School for the first ever Hair Raiser. Mrs Kovacich served up many stylish haircuts to students, staff and family members with all of the proceeds being donated to the P&C. The afternoon was a huge success with \$200 being raised for the P&C. The next Hair Raiser will be held on 19 June at 2:30pm. If you would like to book a hair cut, please fill out the form attached at the back of this newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Kovacich for donating her equipment, products and time to this exceptional fundraiser for our school.

### Parents and Citizens' Association

**The next P&C meeting will be held at 4:30 pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** in the school library. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend. We have a number of ideas to discuss including the updated Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students and the construction of a new garden at the front of the school.



### Sunwater Excursion

On Monday 29 May, our school will join Millaroo State School on an excursion to Sunwater. Senior Constable Shane Martin will also be at the excursion where we will discuss water safety and the students will view the premiere of the music video that they made with Constable Shane earlier this term. Please see the permission note attached to this newsletter for more details.



### Ayr State High School Year 6 Transition Day

On Wednesday 31 May, students in year 6 have been invited to a Transition Day at Ayr State High School. This day will assist the year 6 students in their transition to high school by allowing them to familiarise themselves with the school environment, other students and school routines. Please see the attached permission form for more details. This is only for students in year 6.

### School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday, 6 June. Please fill out the envelopes provided and any monies to the office by **Thursday, 1 June**. Envelopes need to be returned even if orders are done online.

### HASS Cluster Day Tuckshop Money Refunded

In Term 1 we were supposed to go to Airville State School for a HASS Cluster Day. This day was cancelled due to Cyclone Debbie. Money for this tuckshop has now been refunded and is attached to this newsletter.

### Giru State School Grounds Person Position

Giru State School is seeking a new casual grounds person from the start of June. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Giru State School on 4784 3333 for further information.

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