Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to week 7 of term 2.

We are now over halfway through our busy term! Our students have been working hard finalising assessments for their current unit of work, while our teachers have been focussing on marking and reporting. A huge thanks to our dedicated, professional teachers who are simultaneously teaching and writing report cards. Also a huge thanks to all our support staff at Clare State School who assist in all our classrooms and in ensuring the smooth running of the school.

Don’t forget this Monday 8th June is the Queens Birthday public holiday.

Under 8’s Day

Under 8’s Day will be celebrated at Clare State School on Friday 12th June from 9:00 – 11.00am. The aim of this day is to provide an opportunity for children to learn through hands-on experiences, to reinforce their competency in expressing themselves and their connections to their world. Our school will be providing a series of activities that will involve Prep to Year 3 students. Thanks to our teachers for organizing the Under 8’s morning. Parents, siblings and any other under 8’s and their families are invited to this event. We will conclude the morning with a sausage sizzle.

Crazy Hair Day

This Friday 5th June our students are asked to participate in ‘Crazy Hair’ day. Friday is Captain Courageous Super Hero Day. The day asks people to be brave and come dressed as their favourite super hero to support medical research. However, the students decided we would be brave and wear crazy hair instead. Students should still wear this school uniform on this day. We are seeking a gold coin donation as part of this day. All money raised will be donated to the Captain Courageous Foundation. I look forward to seeing all sorts of crazy hair on the day.

Transition to High School—Event at Ayr State High School on Thursday 11th June

Clare State School Year 6 students have been invited to attend Ayr State High School for a transition event on Thursday 11th June. The purpose of this day is to provide an introduction to High School for all Year 6 students across the Burdekin. Even if your child is not attending Ayr State School next year this is a good opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with the routine/expectation of a high school environment.

I have asked Mrs Loretta Hall to transport and supervise our Year 6 students for this event. The students will be leaving school at 8.30am and returning by 2.30pm.

A permission form for this event is attached to this newsletter. Please return this form by Tuesday 9th June.

Oral Health Services—Permission Form

An Oral Health Services permission form is attached to this newsletter. If you want the Oral Health Service to make an appointment for your child/children to see the Burdekin School Dental Service please fill in the attached form/s and return them to the school office by Friday 5th June. Please note: the Burdekin School Dental Van is located at Brandon State School.

Milo in2Cricket Program

The Milo in2Cricket program will be attending Clare State School this Wednesday 3rd June and next Wednesday 10th June from 1.30—2.30pm to teach cricket skills and play cricket will all the students at Clare. Consequently, there will be no religion lesson for the next two Wednesdays.

Reading At Home

A recent study by Oxford University “Books Beyond Bedtime” revealed that just 10 minutes of reading with a carer can make a big difference. This report can be found on the World Book Day website. The report revealed the top 6 strategies that parents and carers can engage in at home when reading with children.

1. Make the time – Just 10 minutes each day can support your child in their reading journey.
2. Choose different types of books – Find interesting stories, poems, informative texts, recipes (just to name a few).
3. Take turns to read – children reading aloud helps to develop their fluency and expression but
4. Talk about the book – ask lots of questions! Some examples of sentence starters to use are listed below:
   - What will happen when....?
   - Who will.....?
   - Why do you think.....did that?
   - How did .......?
   - Why did the author.....?

5. Pay attention to the language – don’t assume your young reader understands the words or phrases, even when they read them correctly. Check their understanding. “What does the character/author mean when they say...?"

6. Enjoy reading – reading together is a great way to promote a love of reading and learning.

Our reading targets at Clare State School for our students are:
- Prep – Level 8
- Year 1 – Level 16
- Year 2 – Level 22
- Year 3 – Level 28

Lorin Nicholson’s Presentation at Clare State School on 17th June at 11am
As detailed in a previous newsletter, Clare State School will be hosting a presentation by Lorin Nicholson on Wednesday 17th June at 11am. We have also invited other small schools to participate in this presentation.

The cost of this presentation will be $8 per student and a payment form has been attached to this newsletter for collection of this fee. Please return this payment form and your child’s money to the school office by Tuesday 16th June.

Thank you.

Lee Braney
Principal
Lorin Nicholson’s Presentation at Clare State School; Wednesday 17th June
for all students

PARENT / CARER PAYMENT

Please return this form with payment in an envelope to the school office by Tuesday 16th June.

Family Name: ...........................................................................................................................................

Student Names: Amount: $8 per Child
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TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____________________

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Ayr State High School—Transition to High School; Thursday 11th June
for students in Grade 6

Please return this form to the school office by Tuesday 9th June.

I, ........................................................give permission / do not give permission for my child .................................

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(Parent/Guardian Name)  (Parent/Guardian Signature)  Date

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