

Newsletter
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Thursday

Clare State School

The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

Our Focus: Improving student outcomes through explicit teaching of writing within the curriculum (English, Maths, Science and HASS focus learning areas)

We will know that we have achieved this when:	Achieved?	
100% of Year 3 students achieve the National Minimum Standard with NAPLAN Writing and 50% achieve in the Upper 2 Bands (top 20% of the nation).		
100% of Year 5 students achieve the National Minimum Standard with NAPLAN Writing and 45% achieve in the Upper 2 Bands (top 20% of the nation).		
90% of all students achieve a 'C' or better in English, Maths, Science and HASS.	English – 85% Maths – 85%	Science – 85% HASS – 80%
45% of all students achieve an 'A' or 'B' in English, Maths, Science and HASS.	English – 42% Maths – 63%	Science – 63% HASS – 50%
100% of parents and students satisfied with feedback given to students.		
100% of students in Year 5 show a gain that is similar or above to the nation in NAPLAN data when their current results are compared to their results in year 3.		

Important Dates

24/7 - Playgroup	25/7 – P&C Meeting	27/7 – Musica Viva & Inter-School Cricket
30/7 - Playgroup	3/8 – Small Schools' Athletics Carnival	7/8 - Playgroup
13/8 - Playgroup	14/8 – ASHS Year 6 Transition Day	15/8 – Cricket Clinic
17/8 – District Athletics Carnival	21/8 - Playgroup	23/8 – Ventriloquist and Magician Visit
24/8 – Inter-School Cricket	27/8 - Playgroup	29/8 – Child Injury Prevention Day
31/8 – Inter-School Cricket	3-7/9 - Camp	4/9 - Playgroup
10/9 – Playgroup	14/9 – Inter-School Cricket	17/9 – Under 8s Day
18/9 - Playgroup	19/9 – Fancy Dress Ball	20/9 – Oral Reporting
21/9 – Last Day of Term 3		

Thursday 14 June

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. As you can see from the packed schedule above, we have a very busy term planned with some really big events. The first of these is the Athletics Carnival. Many thanks to Lisa Nash, Julie Scott and Suzi Silvester who came in on the holidays to assist with marking the running rack and shot put area. These lines will need to be re-marked prior to the carnival. This will be done on Wednesday 25 July. Any parents or family members who can help with this, please let the School Office know as soon as possible.

This term will also see us working towards our School Strategic Plan. This is the final piece of work for the Quadrennial School Review. The Plan should be done by the end of this term and will govern the direction that our school takes over the next four years.

Sincerely,

Troy Patti - Principal

In the Classroom

This week, students have been starting their new units of work in all subject areas. In English, the focus for this term is narrative genres. Students in prep will be retelling a narrative. The Year 1 students will be writing their own narrative and the students in years 3 – 6 will be comparing written narratives with movies of the same title.

In Mathematics, many students have been learning about financial mathematics. The concepts covered so far have included, budgeting, calculating percentage discounts, calculating change and recognising Australian coins and notes.

Positive Behaviour For Learning



On the last day of Term 2 our students were treated to a rewards day for achieving 800 positive behaviour stickers as a class. The students had a great time at Inflatable Kingdom. Many thanks to the P&C who provided lunch for the staff and students.



Parents' and Citizens' Association

The next P&C meeting will be held at 3:30pm on Wednesday 25 July in the Library. All are welcome!



Playgroup

Our next Playgroup will be held on Tuesday next week (24 June). All children aged 0-5 years and their families are welcome. Also, our school will host an Under 8's Day next term on 17 September. Please let all of your friends who have children 8 years of age and under know about this fantastic family friendly event. See the attached flier for more information.

Cultural Cluster Day

On Tuesday 26 June our students joined students and staff from all of the Burdekin small schools who came together at Brandon State School for a Cultural Cluster Day where the students were fortunate enough to participate in many activities from a number of different cultures. There was Japanese drumming, Indonesian dessert making, Greek dancing, Japanese kite making, Indigenous games, weaving, pasta making, and many more fun-filled activities. Thank you to Ross and Sandra Patane of Sanco Produce for donating the tomatoes for the pasta making.



Inter-School Sports

Inter-school cricket starts next Friday at the Home Hill Cricket Association Grounds. Please see the note at the back of this newsletter for more information.

Musica Viva

Next Friday, the students from Millaroo State School and Airville State School will be joining us for a live music performance thanks to Musica Viva. All parents, and any other family members are able to come and watch the interactive concert.



Combined Small Schools' Athletics Carnival



On Friday 3 August, Clare State School will host the Combined Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. Students have been busy training for the various track and field events. If any parents are able to assist with setting up for this carnival, please contact the School Office. We will be setting up for the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd of August. Also, tuckshop forms are attached to back of this newsletter and they need to be returned to the office with the money by **Thursday 26th July.**

This year will see a 'Spirit Award' introduced for the first time. The award will be given to the school that does the most cheering, shows the best manners, shows the best sportsmanship and does their best. As a result, we have done some war cry practices. The students have also been challenged to find some war cries of their own and see if we can use them.

Covering Books

If anyone is able to help with covering books, please see Mrs Corradi. There are a number of books that need to be covered in the Library. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Fancy Dress Ball

The annual Fancy Dress Ball is scheduled to be held at the Clare Club on 19 September. The theme is "Back in Time" and the students have started learning some dances from various eras throughout history. For the dance from the modern era, students have been afforded the opportunity to find their own song and dance moves and bring them to school. Teachers will view the songs and dances to ensure that they are appropriate and subsequently make a short list of songs for the students to vote on which one they will perform at the Fancy Dress Ball.



School Opinion Survey

Please see the attached note for details about the School Opinion Survey. This is a great tool for you to give constructive feedback to us about your experience at our school. If you cannot access the internet at home to complete this survey, you are more than welcome to use the school's facilities. All surveys are to be completed **by Friday 24 August.**