



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

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Issue 20

Key Dates Term 4 2015

- Semester 2 Report Cards sent home—Thursday 10th December
- Final School Day 2015—Friday 11th December

Key Dates Term 1 2016

- School Office open from 20th January 2016
- Australia Day Public Holiday—Tuesday 26th January
- Term 1 2016 Starts—Wednesday 27th January

P&C Meetings

The first meeting of the Clare State School P&C for 2016 and the AGM will be help on:

- Saturday 6th February at 10am in the School Library—the children are welcome to come along.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final 'Messenger' for 2015.

With just 4 days until we break for the Christmas holidays I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the staff, parents and students of Clare State School.

I think it is important to acknowledge the wonderful staff we have in the school who work extremely hard to build the school culture and make Clare State School a great school.

Thank you to our Teachers, Teacher Aides, Admin staff, Grounds people and Cleaners. You are all an important and integral part of our school community. You are always doing jobs well beyond the call of duty and volunteering hours of unpaid labour to help give our children the best opportunities. All of these people make a valuable contribution to the running of the school. I thank you for your support!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Mrs Fahey as she is leaving our school to take some time off from teaching. Thank you for your endless patience, motivation and persistence which has helped students who have attended Clare State School to challenge themselves to become better learners and better people. May your coming years be filled with many new and interesting adventures and experiences.

Special thanks must go to the school's hardworking P&C group, who may be small in number, but make up for it with the support they provide to the school. This support certainly adds value to what the school is trying to achieve and is an integral part of the students' and school's success.

I would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown me and my family over the three years that I have been Principal at Clare. We have enjoyed our time in Clare as we have made many friends and have had some wonderful experiences. Many of which we wouldn't have experienced living in the city. Whilst I am very excited and pleased to be promoted, I will leave Clare with a sense of sadness. Clare has been a great school full of wonderful students, dedicated staff and a supportive community. I will always remember Clare as it was my first school as Principal and a wonderful place to live. Thank you for accepting us in your community. I am sure we will see many of you again whether it is at the Barra competition, Cricket Carnival, playing sport or shopping in Townsville.

I am pleased to announce that Michael Coxhead has been appointed as Acting Principal for semester 1 2016. Michael is currently teaching a year 4/5 class at Mundingburra State School. He has had experience in small schools throughout 2015; acted as the Principal at both Ravenswood and Macknade this year. He is excited by his appointment and is keen to see Clare first hand before the end of the year.

The Staff for 2015 will be:

Principal	Michael Coxhead (Acting)
Teachers	To be Advised
Admin Officer	Loretta Hall
Teacher Aides	Lyn Corradi, Loretta Hall, Gina Dal Santo
Cleaner	Julie Scott
Grounds	Julie Dumaresq

There will also be visiting teachers for: Behaviour support; Students with Disability; Support Teacher Numeracy and Literacy; Guidance Officer; and PE.

Clare State School Christmas Concert

Congratulations to all students who were successful and received awards last Tuesday night at our Christmas Concert. Thank you to the parents for your continued support of this event. Thank you to the P&C for the donation of the books for every student and for organising dinner. It was a great evening and the students performances were all fantastic.

Dump Open

- Saturday 19th December
- Saturday 9th January
- Saturday 23rd January

**Student of the Week**

Week 7: Lanie Booth

Week 8: Luke Mio

Week 9: Daniel

Braney

Congratulations!**Attachments**

- Clare Pool Notice

“Treasure the moments that capture out hearts. Merry Christmas.”

Student Reports

Student Reports will be available on **Thursday, 10th December**. Please take some time to discuss this report with your child. Pay particular attention to the mark awarded for effort and compare that to the achievement mark. Discuss what your child could do to improve on that performance and what goals they will need to set for the next year. Check the number of days absent at the bottom of the report. There is a strong correlation between performance and attendance. If students have done well in a particular key learning areas, reinforce and praise this.

School closure

Clare State School will close for the summer vacation from the 12th December 2015, to be reopened for all students on **Wednesday 27th January 2016** The school office will be closed for the 12th December 2015 and will reopen on the 20th January 2016. Teachers will return for Pupil Free Days on Wed 20th , Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd January and Monday 25th January 2016.

Parents are reminded that the school is out of bounds during this closure period but please keep a lookout for any unauthorised visitors to the school. Please ring School Watch number, **131 788** if there are signs of disturbance or unusual happenings on the school grounds during the break.

End of Year Church Service

On **Wednesday 9th December** at 9.00am we have our annual Church Service and nativity scene at Saint Joseph’s Church. The children will walk over from the school via the oval with a teacher.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner is on this **Thursday 10th December** at 6.30 pm . I look forward to a great night, where we will farewell our Year 6 students.

Shared Lunch and Free Dress

The P&C has offered to donate lunch on **Thursday 10th December**, during second break, for all the students at Clare State School. The P&C will be donating pizza and a can of soft drink (left over from the Christmas concert) and some watermelon. If you have any concerns with your child having a can of soft drink please let me know.

All students will still need to bring their healthy snack and little lunch for the day.

Friday 11th December will be a *Free Dress Day*. Please make sure that students wear appropriate and sun safe clothing (no singlets allowed) as well as closed in footwear. The clothes worn on free dress day will need to be suitable for cleaning purposes.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday

To all families at Clare State School may you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday. I especially wish all families leaving our school community every happiness as your child’s educational journey progresses at another institution.

Thank you once more.

Lee Braney
Principal



CLARE POOL NOTICE

5th December 2015

The lock on the pool gate has now been changed for the new season - new keys are now available from the **CLARE SHOP**.

What you need to do - return your old key and pay for a new key. If you have lost your key from the previous year or don't have it with you when purchasing a new key you will have to pay a \$6.00 deposit. If you are purchasing a key for the first time you need to pay a \$6.00 deposit. This deposit covers the cost of getting new & replacement keys cut.

By law, the Council requires every pool member or anyone accompanying a pool member to sign a liability form which is available when you purchase your key from the Clare Shop. **THIS MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE YOU USE THE POOL. Liability forms are also provided at the entrance and must be signed by people accompanying pool members. A copy of the liability form is on the reverse of this notice for your information.**

Pool membership prices including GST are as follows:

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$49.50 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$27.50

****** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP MEANS "INDIVIDUAL" FAMILIES – 2 FAMILIES WITH THE SAME SURNAME CANNOT SHARE A KEY**

FAMILY M'SHIP: \$49.50 – Pay Burdekin Shire Council
SINGLE M'SHIP: \$27.50 – Pay Burdekin Shire Council
KEY DEPOSIT: \$ 6.00 – Pay Clare Pool Committee