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Clare State School

The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. We have made a running start to this term with all subjects underway. The following is an outline of what the children are learning currently and throughout this term:

Subject	P-2	Yr 3-4	Yr 5-6
English	Throughout this term, students will interact with a number of fictional texts that have an animal as their main character. At the end of the unit, students will have to write an information report on their favourite animal. Throughout this week, student have been unpacking their assessment task to identify what they need to know and be able to do to be successful in their assessment task. They have also been shown well-written information reports.	The year 3 and 4 students will be interacting with a number of traditional Asian stories. At the end of the term, they will have to write their own traditional short story. Throughout this week, student have been unpacking their assessment task to identify what they need to know and be able to do to be successful in their assessment task. They have also been shown an example of a well-written short story.	Throughout this term, students will be interacting with a number of fictional texts from the past to understand how language can be used to show time and place. At the end of the unit, students will have to write a letter to the future where they will tell people of the future what life was like in 2016 and ask questions about what life is like in the future. Throughout this week, student have been unpacking their assessment task to identify what they need to know and be able to do to be successful in their assessment task. They have also been shown well-written letters.
Maths	Students will cover a wide range of concepts throughout this term as they work through Units 3, 4 and 5 of the C2C. Currently, students in year one have been investigating 2-digit numbers and the students in year 3 have been investigating 3-digit numbers. They have been partitioning them into hundreds, tens and ones, ordering them on number lines and making them out of blocks and counters.	Students will cover a wide range of concepts throughout this term as they work through Units 3, 4 and 5 of the C2C. Currently, students in year 3 have been modelling 3-digit numbers, writing them in words and numbers and comparing them. Students in year 4 have been identifying odd and even numbers and performing addition and subtraction operations with odd and even numbers.	Students will cover a wide range of concepts throughout this term as they work through Units 3, 4 and 5 of the C2C. Students in year 5 have been learning about decimals to hundredths. They have been writing these decimals in words and numbers and have been comparing them. Students in year 6 have been seeing the effects of multiplying whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 (powers of ten).
Science	Throughout this term,	For the remainder of this year, science from year 3 – 6 will	

	students will be investigating and describing weather patterns. They will also identify the features of different types of landscapes and how this affects their possible uses.	be taught as a combined lesson through the S4 Science Project. The S4 Science Project is an online science programme that is run by Miss Hayley Laidlow at Osborne State School. There are 2 science lessons per week. One lesson is an online lesson and the other is school-based. This term the students will be studying Chemistry. So far, they have been investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases.	
History	Will be covered in term 4	Will be covered in term 4	Will be covered in term 4
Geography	Students will be learning about special places and what makes places special to various cultures, religions and individuals.	Students will investigate how people's connection to various places affects their efforts to use the place sustainably and protect it from harm.	Students will investigate how humans influence the environment around them and what can be done to minimize the impacts of natural disasters such as bushfires and floods. They will also investigate connections that people in Australia have with other countries and how this relationship affects their perception of these places.
Health	Throughout this term, students will be interacting with the Daniel Morcombe Units. They will learn to identify consequences for actions, make effective decisions and learn how to react appropriately and exit safely from a variety of unsafe situations, both online and in the real world. They will also be naming their body parts and understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle. This week, students identified safe and unsafe practices and developed ideas for how to minimize risk.		
Physical Education	Throughout this term, students will learn many dances and construct their own dance routines. Currently, the students are learning the Chicken Dance, Macarena and Heel and Toe Polka. This learning will culminate with the Fancy Dress Ball to be held at the end of this term.		
Arts			
LOTE	Not covered in this year level	Not covered in this year level	Students will be studying written and spoken Japanese language as well as Japanese culture.
Technology	Throughout this term, students will be learning basic computer skills such as word processing, formatting and using a search engine. Later in the term, they will begin to interact with robotics and coding as a part of our familiarization with the new Digital Technologies curriculum which will be fully implemented next year.		

Ready, Set, Go

If you have children aged between 0 and 5 years of age (or know someone that does). Please come along to the Ready, Set, Go Day which will be held at the PCYC in Ayr on Thursday from 9:00am – 11:30am. All of the Small School's in the Burdekin will have a staff member there and it will be a good opportunity for you to come and see what small schools, such as Clare State School have to offer and possibly enroll your child if they are of Prep age next year. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Inter-School Sports

Inter-school sport for this term will be cricket for those students in year 5 and 6. Inter-school sports will be on from 1:30pm – 2:30pm at the Home Hill Cricket Association Grounds on various Fridays (starting on 22 July) throughout this term. We will require parents to assist with transporting students to and from the Cricket Association Grounds. Because the inter-school sports programme does not finish until 2:30pm, we will not be able to transport students back to Clare until just after 3:00pm. If there are any parents who could pick their child (and other children) up from the Cricket Grounds at 2:30pm, this would be greatly appreciated.



School Opinion Surveys

Each year parents, staff and students are invited to complete the School Opinion Survey. This gives us valuable information about the perceptions of our school in the community. Please see the attached note for your personal code and instructions. The survey must be completed by 29 July 2016.

Small Schools' Athletics Carnival



The Small Schools' Athletics Carnival will be held at Clare State School on Friday 4 August. All students are required to attend and will be participating in a variety of different track and field and novelty events. The P&C will be running a tuckshop on the day. Attached is an order form which will need to be returned by Friday 29 July. If you can assist the P&C with their tuckshop, please contact the school office.

Parents and Citizens Association Meeting

The Clare State School P&C meets on the second Monday of every month at 3:30pm. The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 18 July. All parents and community members are encouraged to come along and support the P&C in their efforts to further enhance the educational opportunities given to the students of Clare State School.



Grease



On Thursday 4 August, all students will be attending Ayr State High School's production of Grease – The Musical at the Burdekin Theatre. We will be leaving Clare State School at 11:00pm and the musical finishes at 2:30pm. These cost is \$10 per child. Please see the attached note for more information

Newsletter Days

The days that newsletters will be handed out will change from every second Tuesday to every second Thursday. This is so that it aligns with administration times.

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Principal