Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term 3 is well and truly underway now and we have settled into a nice rhythm. This week we are finishing Unit 3 of Maths and Unit 5 of English. All other subjects have units of work that run for the duration of the term. All students have performed well in the assessment tasks that they have completed so far. By the start of next week, all students will have completed their English assessment task and some will have completed assessment tasks in Maths and Science.

We have also been assessing students’ progress on their sight words and I am pleased to say that students are moving through their levels extremely quickly. This is due to consistent practice both at home and at school and using a variety of different activities, such as writing sight words in shaving foam, chalk, paint and glitter. We will also be assessing students’ reading levels within the next week and I am confident that their improvement in sight words will improve their reading levels as well.

Vege Garden News

Exciting news from our vegetable garden; four of our strawberry plants have taken root and our corn and cucumbers have started to come up. Students have been busy planting, watering, working the soil and weeding the gardens over the past two weeks. Hopefully you will all get to sample some of our produce by the end of this term.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for this year’s NAPLAN tests have been made available to schools and I am pleased to report that the students of Clare State School have performed well. This is a credit to the staff, students and parents who have worked hard to prepare them over the previous years for these tests. Results will be made available to parents in the coming weeks.
Community Auction

On Saturday 6 August the Club, P&C and the Church combined to host a Community Auction on the Church Grounds. It was great to see these three organisations working together and all of the volunteers are to be thanked for donating their time and equipment to make this auction successful.

Combined Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival

On Friday 5 August, The Combined Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival was held here at Clare State School. The day was a huge success with the students enjoying the company of students from 10 other small schools. Thanks must go to Mrs Hall for organising the programme and setting up the events with the help of Mrs Corradi. Mrs Dumaresq must also be congratulated with the state of the grounds which received many outstanding comments by those who came from other schools. It was also very humbling to receive support from the P&C and Mr Garbuio with marking the lines on the oval and the P&C for running a very successful and well-run tuckshop on the day. If I have missed any helpers, I am very sorry but please let it be known that your efforts made the day as successful as you could be.

The students also performed very well with records being set in 4 events. All students are to be congratulated on their efforts, especially Shaun Ferris, Rihanna Ferris, Luke Mio and Samuel Tomasetig who were selected in the Small Schools’ Squad to compete at the District Athletics Carnival at Home Hill State School tomorrow. Good luck to these 4 students. Special congratulations must also go to Shaun Ferris who set a new record of 1.21m in the 2005 Boys High Jump. Well done Shaun!

Goal Setting

Thank you to those parents who have sent back their goals for their children. These have been updated and students will set their own goals tomorrow. The goals charts are now displayed in the classroom. Come and have a look at your child’s goals and what is being done to help them achieve this goal.

Musica Viva

Mrs Dal Santo has been working hard with the students to learn their songs for Musica Viva. The interactive performance will be held under the basketball shelter on 17 August. Millaroo State School will be joining us for this event.

Vietnam Veteran’s Ceremony

On Thursday next week, our school will join local Vietnam Veterans and Millaroo State School for a Memorial at Deep Creek. The Memorial will start at 10:00 and students
will return to school by 12:00 midday. After the service, students will get the chance to look at some war artefacts and memorabilia. Students will need to bring their own lunch, hat and water bottle to this ceremony. This is to commemorate 50 year since the battle of Long Tan.

Inter-School Cricket

Interschool cricket resumes next Friday 19th August. If our team wins this game they will be representing the Burdekin Region at the Townsville T20 Blast Competition in Townsville on Friday 26th August. More particulars will be given if we win our next game. Good luck boys!

Father's Day Raffle

The P&C Association are conducting their annual Father's Day Raffle. Attached to this newsletter are some tickets for your family to sell. Please return the tickets and money to the Office by Friday 26th August. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 2nd September.

Book Fair and Parent Reading Session

Mrs Corradi is busy getting ready for Book Fair in the Library. Book Fair will be happening from 15 – 17 August with the library open between 8:00am – 8:30am and 2:30pm – 3:00pm on these days. On Tuesday 16 August, I will also be conducting a Parent Reading Information Session from 3:30 – 5:00pm. This will be held in the Library and will detail how reading is taught at Clare State School. This will be beneficial to those parents who have expressed interest in assisting with Reading Rotations but will also highlight some skills that can be used during home reading sessions. I encourage everyone to come along to this session.

School Camp

Students in Year 5 and 6 will be eligible to go on school camp with year 5 and 6 students from Giru State School at Camp Kanga (Proserpine) from October 10 – 14. The cost of the camp will be $250 per student. If you wish to start making payments towards this total, you can do so at the School Office. Invoices will be issued next week for full payments. Other details for the
camp, such as an itinerary, permission form and equipment list, will be forwarded out in the coming weeks.

Fancy Dress Ball

The Fancy Dress Ball will be held at the Clare Club Tennis Courts on Wednesday 14th September. The students have voted on the theme “Bookland”. You can come along dressed up as your favourite movie or book character. The students have been practicing many dances and will be assisted over the coming weeks by Ms Andrea Dighton to learn a show dance for the night.

Grease Musical

Last Thursday our students were fortunate enough to go to the Burdekin Theatre for Ayr State High School’s production of Grease. The students really enjoyed the show with many quoting lines or parts of the show for days to come. Thanks to Ayr High for inviting us and thanks to those parents who provided transport.

Guitar Lessons

Shane Martin, Officer-in-Charge or the Clare Police Station and our Adopt-a-Cop, is offering guitar lessons for children. They are half hour lessons on a Wednesday afternoon with the first at 4:00pm and the last at 5:30pm. Permission sheets can be collected from the club and must be signed for the children to take part. A booking sheet is available at the club as well - bookings are a must.

Troy Patti
Principal
Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival