

Newsletter
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Clare State School

The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

Important Dates

4/11 – Pink Stumps Day and Open Classroom	7/11 – Prep Open Afternoon and Parent Information Session	14/11 – P&C Meeting
15/11 – Burdekin Shire Council coming out to talk to students about natural disasters.	21/11 – Prep Open Afternoon	29/11 – Christmas Concert
6/12 – Report Cards go home	6/12 – Graduation and Awards Night	7/12 – Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

Thursday 3 November 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Recently, we have changed our curriculum timetable here at Clare State School to minimise the movement of students between groups during class time and wasted time between activities. We have also allowed more time for our focus areas of reading, problem solving and demand writing. This has resulted in a much more productive classroom and the students have settled in well to this new routine.

In English, students are working towards their assessment tasks. All students have been studying persuasive texts this term. Students in Year 1 and 2 now have to write a persuasive text about which version of Cinderella they like the best. Year 3 and 4 students need to write and present a persuasive speech about a current topic that is of interest to them. Students in Year 5 and 6 have started their assessment as well, writing a text to persuade an audience about whether an informative text or narrative text about Moon Bears is more effective at achieving its purpose.

In Maths, all year levels are progressing nicely with a variety of concepts currently being taught. Recently, students in Year 1 and 2 have been investigating capacity and measuring area. They found out that their mouths had an approximate capacity of 40 mL. Students in Year 3 and 4 have been revising their multiplication and division facts and learning how to extend these facts and use them to solve more complex multiplication operations. Multiplication Facts are the foundation for many maths concepts and some of our students are really struggling with these. We have been devoting lots of time to this area in class and regular practice at home will further support this.

Students in year 5 have been working with maps where they have investigated language of position and direction. They have also been using scales to compare distances on maps. Year 6 students have been doing some number work recently where they have identified square, triangular, prime, composite, odd and even numbers. They have also been learning long division and 2 digit and 3 digit multiplication.

Parent/Carer Helpers

A quick thank you to all of those parents and carers who have been helping with Reading Rotations, Day for Daniel and covering books over the past two weeks. Your help and support is greatly appreciated!

Pink Stumps Day



Don't forget that tomorrow (Friday 4 November) is Pink Stumps Day. Students, staff and community members are invited to the Clare State School Oval for Pink Stumps Day. On this day, everyone is invited to wear pink and we will have a cricket match on the oval from 1:30pm – 2:30pm for all staff, students and community members. The day is a part of raising funds and awareness for breast cancer through the McGrath Foundation. Any students who dress in pink for this day are asked to bring along a donation (as big or as little as you like) which we will pass on to the McGrath Foundation.

After our cricket match, we will also be hosting an Open Classroom from 2:30pm – 5:30pm. You are always welcome to come in to our classrooms however on this particular day you will be able to view our assessment folios, student work and discuss your child's progress with our teachers. We will also be showing the photos of the year 5-6 Camp that our students went on recently with Giru State School.



Day for Daniel

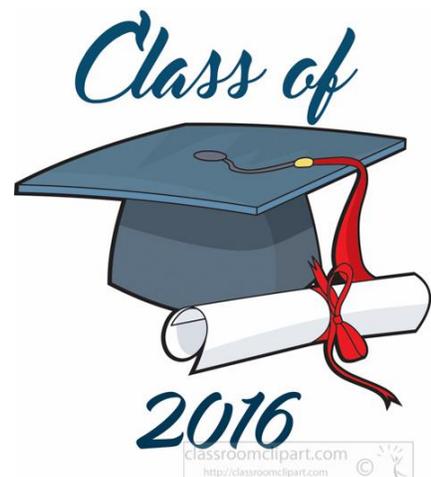
Recently, students from Clare and Millaroo State Schools combined to learn about child safety through the Day for Daniel. Students and staff alike wore red, the colour shirt that Daniel Morcombe was wearing when he was abducted from a bus stop in 2003. Senior Constable Shane Martin was on hand to talk to the students about how to remain safe and what they should do when they find themselves in an unsafe situation. It was great to have Senior Constable Martin at the school and give up his time to talk to the students about this very

important issue.

One of the things that was discussed was a family password. This is a password that is only known by members of your family that children can ask adults to quote when they come to pick them up so that they know that it is safe to go with them.

Graduation and Awards Night

Graduation and Awards Night will be held on **Tuesday 6 December at the Clare Club**. During this evening, we will be presenting the Year 6 students with their graduation certificates and all of the students will be eligible to receive some of our school-wide awards for their dedication to schooling throughout the year. The meal for the night will be a roast buffet. All students and their families are invited to this event. More details



will follow in coming weeks about this event.

Gotchas – Positive Behaviour Reward System

Well done to the students for earning 106 Gotchas last week. Students have been set a target of 800 Gotchas for the term to earn a Rewards Day where they will get to participate in fun activities. At the last count, they had earned 235 Gotchas in total. This does not include the Gotchas that were counted today. Keep up the great work kids.

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 14th November. 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.



Christmas Concert

In the Arts this term, students have been busy learning Christmas songs and practicing their plays in preparation for the Christmas Concert. Students in Year 1 and 2 are performing a Nativity Scene while the students in Year 3 – 6 will be performing “The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig”. The Concert will be held in the classroom on **Tuesday 29 November starting at 6:00pm**. The P&C

will have food and drinks for sale on the night.

Prep Open Afternoons

Prep Open Afternoons will be held on 7 November from 1:00pm – 3:30pm and 21 November from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. All families who have students who are eligible to enrol in Prep in 2017 are encouraged to attend so that their child can experience school-life at Clare State School and they can have any questions surrounding Prep and schooling answered. Please let all families with children starting Prep next year know that these afternoons are on and encourage them to come along and find out why Clare State School is a great school where “together we shape tomorrow”.



Goal Setting

Thank you to those parents and carers who have sent through their goals for their children for this term. If you have not done this yet, please fill out the attached ‘Goal Setting’ note and return it to the school. Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Patti".

Troy Patti

Principal