Dear Parents and Carers,

ANZAC Day
On Friday the majority of our students participated in the Anzac Service at Ayr. This ceremony was a very moving ceremony and it was a wonderful opportunity to be a part of. The school captains delivered a wreath on behalf of our school community. The meaning of ANZAC Day is something, we as adults need to continue to discuss with our children to ensure the tradition and value of ANZAC Day continues. Clare State School students marched with pride and reminded the local community that Clare State School is still open and doing well. Thank you to all parents who helped support this occasion by bringing their children along.

Eisteddfod
The Burdekin Eisteddfod is being held Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th May. Mrs Dal Santo is busily preparing the students for this year’s performance. I am sure the students will perform well and make us all proud. We will be looking for parents to drive our students in on the day, to ensure we can participate. Notes will be sent out with the next newsletter requesting your help with transport. I thank you in anticipation of your support.

NAPLAN
On 13th, 14th and 15th May students across Australia will take part in national literacy and numeracy tests. The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts.

The test results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview.

For more information on the national testing, visit www.qsa.qld.edu.au or http://www.nap.edu.au/

Pre—Prep Days
Over the coming weeks and months we are going to hold some getting to know you mornings for children who are currently of Kindy age or younger. We would like to invite all children who fit this category to attend. During these sessions children will engage in some fun activities with one or two members of staff as well as get to know some of the other children in our community. The first of these dates will be Monday 12th of May from 9am—11am. Other dates this term will be Monday 26th May and Monday 23rd June. Please ensure all people, you know, who have children in our area, especially those of Kindy age ie. will be in Prep next year, are aware of our program.
School Camp—(Yr 5,6,7)
This year’s camp will be held **Tuesday 10th—Friday 13th June, week 8** of this term. The camp will be to Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre. An Education Queensland owned and run facility. I apologize for the late notice but I have been waiting on some firm information. We are travelling with Osborne, Millaroo, Jarvisfield, Kalamia, and Brandon State Schools. At this stage the people coordinating the camp are discussing various transport options and are seeking some funding to help with costs. As such, on Friday I was given an indicative cost for each of these options. What I can tell you at this stage is that cost for camp will be between $160 and $250 dependent on further investigation. We should be able to send out further information in the near future. **Can you please indicate on the attached form if you intend to send your child on Camp and return to the office by Friday 2nd May.**

Electronic Email
Thank you to those families that indicated they would like to receive the email electronically. You should have received it electronically today as well as by our traditional method. Please let me know if you didn’t receive by email. If you haven’t already filled out this form and would like to there is a copy of the form attached. Please return by this Friday 2nd May.

School Jumpers
The P&C are currently in the process of ordering Jumpers as part of our school uniform. This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am—9.00am and 2.50pm – 3.15pm parents will be able to go into the school office where several Jumpers of different sizes will be available so that parents can try these jumpers on their children and order the appropriate sizes.

Cricket Carnival
The P&C is running the BBQ at the Cricket Carnival on Saturday 10th May. We will be there from 8am until 4pm cooking and serving players and spectators. Please nominate a time on the attached form where you can come down and help out. We are asking for 1 to 2 hours of your time. Don’t leave it up to someone else. Come along and join in. Remember this is a community event. All help will be appreciated.

Thursday Parade
We are currently trialing parade on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm parents are welcome to attend.

BookClub
BookClub will be sent out today and forms and money needs to be returned by the 9th May.

Thank you

Lee Braney (Principal)
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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Junior Touch Football**

SIGN ON: Friday 2nd May

TIME: 5.30—6.30pm

COST: $20 for term 2

There will be mini games on the following Friday 9th May. You can also sign your children up on this day too.

MINI GAMES: Friday 9th May

TIME: 5.30—6.10pm for children born 2010 to 2006

6.15—7.00pm for children born 2005 to 1999

Please phone Maree Holmes on 47 835421 if you have any queries.
**Electronic Newsletter**

No the ______________ family would not like to receive the school Newsletter by email.

Yes the ______________ family would like to receive the school Newsletter by email. Our email address is ____________________________.

Please return to office by Friday 2nd May.

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**SCHOOL CAMP**

_______________ will be attending the School camp to Kinchant Dam.

_______________ will not be attending the School camp to Kinchant dam.

Please return to office by Friday 2nd May.

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**Clare Cricket Carnival**

Name ______________________   Phone Number _____________________

Time/s I can help: (please circle)

8— 9am   9—10am   10—11am
11—12pm   12—1pm   1—2pm
2—3pm   3—4pm

Please return by Friday 2nd May