



Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 7, Term 3, 2014. When writing this newsletter I suddenly realised there were only 4 weeks until September holidays. This came as a bit of a shock and I panicked that we still have so much to do this term. I know however, that the staff and students at Clare State School will work extremely hard over the coming weeks to ensure we can complete all tasks required.

The last couple of weeks have been an emotional time for the Clare community and School. As you are all aware Mrs Mitchell (Barb) a much loved teacher and community member passed away. Barb always made the staffroom a light and entertaining place with her endless anecdotes. She was a wonderful teacher, who through her experience and knowledge taught a large number of this community's children the ways of the world and educated them with her high expectations.

Barb will be truly missed by the staff and students at Clare State school. Our hearts are with the Mitchell family and close friends during this difficult time. Thank you for your support during this time and thank you to all the children and staff who showed their respect by lining the footpath outside of school.

NAPLAN

The preliminary data for the 2014 NAPLAN tests have been collated and we have received our school reports. I am pleased to say that as a school we have shown some steady growth over the last 2 years. All students who sat these tests back in term 2 should be proud of their efforts.

During the testing period we had 14 students who completed 5 tests each for a total 70 tests. Our results indicate that out of these 70 tests we had 69 who achieved National Minimum standard (NMS) or better. This is 98.6% of our students achieving NMS or greater. We also had 25.7% of our results in the upper 2 bands (U2B's). A good result but one that we will continue to try and improve on.

The data that I am most proud of is the relative gain of our students from 2012 to 2014. This data shows the actual improvement of students from test 1 to test 2. The relative gain for students in year 5 and 7 at Clare State School was *typically higher* than the gains of those students with similar results in test 1. This means our students, your children, *have improved more than a child that achieved the same result from their previous test*. This Data is encouraging for our school and shows that the programs we are running and the teaching and Learning that is occurring is working.

The results also indicate that we are statistically similar to or slightly above the Nation in regards to our percentage of students achieving at or above NMS. They also indicate that we are statistically similar to the Nation in most areas in regards to our Upper 2 bands results. Once again, congratulations to all students who completed these tests.

The individual student reports should arrive at our school this week and we will pass them on to you once we have checked for accuracy. If you have any concerns or questions regarding NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to come and see one of the classroom teachers.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who supported Book Fair last week. Our total sales have enabled us to purchase approx. \$300 worth of books for the library. I hope your children loved what they purchased and keep on reading!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fancy dress—
16th September

Dump open Saturday 30th August 1pm—5pm

Reminders:

Please pay overdue accounts.

ATTACHMENTS:

- East Ayr Pet Show
- Junior Regional Touch Championship

P&C Meetings

All meetings are held on a Monday at 3.30pm unless otherwise advised

- 18th September
- 13th October
- 10th November
- 8th December

At the Clare State School we Expect Success. Every Student, Every Class, Every Day.



Student of the week

Week 5—Makenna Auer

Week 6—Georgia Young

Quote of the Week:

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

*- Henry David
Thoreau*

RSPCA

The RSPCA Queensland Education Mobile unit (EMU) visited our school today. It is a state of the art classroom on wheels, offering an interactive journey and play based learning about animal welfare for children and adults alike. EMU offered exciting multi-media enhanced learning stations that engaged students in interactive hands-on activities. Each learning centre focused on key animal welfare issues faced by the community and offered students ways in which they can take action to address these issues.

During the visit our children received messages of how to care for and respect animals without even realising it. Activities were specifically targeted to highlight responsible pet care, best farming practice and to help students minimise their impact on Australia's amazing wildlife.

I am sure they all enjoyed the visit. Make sure you ask your children about this experience.

Sport

Congratulations to all the students who attended the District Athletics last Tuesday at Home Hill State School. You all tried hard and competed in good spirits as we would expect from Clare SS students. A special mention must go to Luke McNee, 3rd in Long Jump and Shaun Ferris 3rd in High Jump. This was a great effort boys and you should be proud of yourselves. Luke will now compete at the NQ trials in Townsville. Good luck Luke!

Musica Viva

On Tuesday we travelled to Giru to participate in this year's Musica Viva, with the theme of "Tree Tales" performed by Entourage. The show was entertaining and well organised with some great stories being told through music. All of the music was written by one of the performers and they incorporated lots of animal sounds and Australian imagery into their music. This cultural experience was definitely worth the trip to Giru. I was once again very proud of all of our students during our visit to Giru. They all listened to and participated in the Music program and showed a great deal of respect for the musicians. Well done Clare State School you once again showed what great people we have at our school.

Thank you to the parents and staff who helped transport us.

Chocolate Wheel

Just a reminder that the P&C will be running a chocolate wheel at the Osborne State School Fete, 13th September. The P&C is not asking for volunteers to assist on the day. However, we are asking for your help through donations of chocolate. The Chocolate can be bags of party size chocolates or chocolate bars or blocks. All donations will help. Please leave chocolates in the office or with one of the P&C committee members. Thank you to those families that have already donated.

School fees

We currently have a number of outstanding payments for resources and senior shirts. Can we please have all outstanding money finalised by the end of this term. If you need to pay the amount off please come to the office and we will discuss this option with you. We understand that it can be difficult to pay your bills at certain times. If you require a further statement please don't hesitate to ask.

This Week (25th August—29th August):

Monday	STL&N
Tuesday	LOTE
Wednesday	PE Music RE LOTE
Thursday	
Friday	Parade 1.40pm

Next Week (1st September—5th September)

Monday	STL&N
Tuesday	LOTE
Wednesday	LOTE PE Music RE
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm
Friday	

Thank you

Lee Braney,
Principal

