Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 10, the last week of school before the Easter Holidays. Thank you to all of the parents who committed to and participated in our current rounds of parent/teacher interviews. Anyone who has missed out on an opportunity this time is more than welcome to arrange another time suitable to you and the teacher.

Parents your continued presence will inspire and add to the supportive culture of our school and certainly highlight the learning partnership we share for our students.

Thank you to the children for committing themselves to learning this term. We have seen some great learning happening in the classrooms and some excellent behaviour as well. Be proud of your efforts and take a well earned break.

Thank you to our staff for their continued dedication, passion and support of our students and their learning.

With the holidays starting at the end of this week, we would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter. Enjoy the holidays and the time you get to spend together. School will close from the 7th – 18 April and will reopen for Term 2 on Tuesday 22 April. The first week of Term 2 will have two public holidays, Monday 21 April is Easter Monday and Friday 25 April being ANZAC Day.

Every day counts — including the last week of term
As we approach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded that students should attend up to and including the last day of term, unless they have a reasonable excuse such as illness. Every Day Counts is a state-wide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school. The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed. www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

Attendance for Clare State School for Term 1 2014, as of today is: 94.7%
Let’s see if in term 2 we can reach our goal of keeping this figure above 95%.

P&C
I would like to announce that this year’s P&C consists of: President - Pippa Tomasetig; Treasurer - Chantal Booth; Secretary - Amy Braney; and Vice President Shannie Vance. Thank you to Kylie McNee for your services as Vice President in 2013. We look forward to seeing more people attending meetings this year. All meetings are to be held at 3.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like to be involved or have a keen interest in any school related matter please make sure you attend.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
Anzac Day
Clare State School will once again be participating in the Community march held in Ayr on Anzac Day. All school leaders are expected to attend and all other students are encouraged to join the march in honour of our service men and women. Students must wear the full school uniform (including hat) and a water bottle is optional. Mr Braney will coordinate the students on the day. We are unable to get confirmation on where schools are congregating this year due to construction currently being done at the Caledonia Hall site. We will let you know where the children will meet the first week back at school. Please return the attached permission slip by Friday 4th April.

Electronic copies of the Newsletter
In Term 2 we would like to trial the use of electronic newsletters. We would like to know who would be interested in receiving their copy of the newsletter via email and who would prefer to keep receiving it by paper. Can you please complete the attached form and return to the office by Friday 4th April, so that we can set up our new system. In Term 2 we will phase out paper copies for those who wish to receive the newsletter by email. This means until everyone is familiar with the system, you will receive the newsletter by email and paper.

Easter Theme Free Dress and shared lunch
As this Friday is the last day of Term 1 we are once again having a shared lunch. Can all parents please send along a plate for students to share. Your support with this is appreciated. We are also asking children to come dressed in Easter Theme. This could be something very colorful, an Easter hat, costumes etc. The children will have an Easter costume parade at 12.45pm before shared lunch where all parents are welcome to attend. We are also asking for a Gold Coin Donation.

Healthy Snack
Our snack break is a short break to quickly refuel our minds. Please ensure that your child’s snack is able to be eaten in the 5 minute break. Whole apples, whilst healthy, take quite a long time to eat, whereas half of that would be ideal!

Have a great break everyone,

Lee Braney
Principal

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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 4th April

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ANZAC Day Parade 2014 Years Prep – 7

(Please return to school office no later than Friday, 4th April)

I, …………………………………………… give permission for my child/children

( parent/guardian name)

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the ANZAC Day Parade in Ayr on Friday, 25th April. I am aware that I need to provide
private transport to and from Ayr on this day and that we need to be in full school uniform.

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Parent/Guardian Name  Parent/Guardian Signature

Date …/…/2014