



Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

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26TH MAY

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Under 8's Day—
Friday 30th May**

**Yr 5 ASHS —
Tuesday 3rd June**

**Yr 7 ASHS—
Thursday 5th June**

**Interschool Sports
Cluster Day—
Friday 6th June**

**Queens Birthday
Public Holiday—
Monday 9th June**

**Camp— 10, 11, 12,
13th June**

Reminders:

- ◆ **Encourage your children to dive into the Premiers Reading Challenge.**

ATTACHMENTS:

No attachments with this issue.

Dear Parents and Carers,

2014 Burdekin Eisteddfod

I am pleased to announce, we won the 'schools under 150 students' section of the Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod judges have a set of criteria that they mark performers on. They will then present trophies and prizes to those schools, groups and individuals who reach these criteria. Congratulations to the students for your performance on the day, from all reports you did Clare State School and yourselves proud.

I would like to thank Mrs Dal Santo for her dedication to the Music and Eisteddfod cause at our school. Mrs Dal Santo puts in a lot of extra unpaid time to ensure our children are ready. With this kind of support the children really enjoy the experience of performing on stage and look forward to it each year. Thank you to the parents who helped take children to the theatre and stayed to watch, your support is as important as the children performing.

NAPLAN Feedback

Last week our students in Years 3, 5 & 7 completed tests as part of the National testing program. All the students who participated should be commended for the way in which they took part. All children tried extremely hard. Some students were particularly confident with how they went and I think this is testament to the hard work they have been doing in the classrooms with their teachers. Congratulations must also go to teachers and families for helping to prepare the children for the tests.

These tests are marked centrally and the results returned to the school later in the year. Parents will receive an individual report for each test that their child took. The school will receive whole school results for each year level.

Under 8's Day

Under 8s Week will be celebrated this week in our school. The aim of this week is to provide an opportunity for children to learn through hands-on experiences, to reinforce their competency in expressing themselves and connecting to their world. Our school will be providing a series of activities that will involve Prep to Year 3 students. Thank you to our teachers and the teachers from Millaroo for organizing the Under 8's morning which will take place on **Friday 30th May, 9:00 – 11:00 am**. Parents, siblings and any other under 8's and their families are invited to this event.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Our school has now registered for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge commenced on Tuesday 20th May to conclude on 5th September giving students the maximum amount of time to complete the challenge. Children have now started their Challenge and I urge all parents to get behind your child's school in supporting the efforts of our children. Children from P – Year 3, must read 20 books. Children from Year 4 – 7 read 15 books during the period of the Challenge.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an opportunity for children to improve their literacy, cultivate a passion for literature and encourage them to read widely for pleasure and learning.

For more information visit the [Premier's Reading Challenge website](#) or our school for more details



Student of the week

Week 4 — Luke McNee

Week 5 — Georgia Tomasetig

Quote of the Week:

*I hear and I forget. I
see and I remember. I
do and I understand.*
- “Confucius”

Ayr High school visit

This term all of our year 5, 6 and 7 students will get to taste a little of what high school has to offer. Year 6 had their turn last week and were very excited by the activities they were involved with. In science they experimented with Bunsen burners and different chemicals to see how they change colours. The English lesson saw them write a creative story while the Maths lesson had them revising their fractions. IT saw them write their name using a creative program. They also spent time with a past Clare State School student i.e Chelsea Sutcliffe who spoke about her experience at the school and they had the opportunity to ask her any questions about the school that they were curious about.

The dates for the remaining visits are:

- Year 5—Tuesday 3rd June.
- Year 7—Thursday 5th June.

All Year 5 students will be transported by Loretta Hall and the Year 7 students will be transported by Loretta Hall and Kylie McNee.

All students are asked to be at Clare State School by 8.30am on the morning of their high school visit. They will also need to bring their hat, water bottle, morning tea and lunch, pencil case and notebook.

Goals and Targets

The North Queensland Region has engaged in and published the results of a regression analysis, for reading, based on NAPLAN and PM benchmarks. This was conducted across a range of schools and students from North Queensland. Their results show that if you can read PM level 8 by the end of Prep, PM level 16 by the end of year 1 and PM level 21 by end of year 2 you give yourself every opportunity to achieve above the National Minimum Standard on NAPLAN testing in year 3.

At Clare State School we aligned our targets with these results. As we are nearing half way through the year and our first report card for 2014, it is time for you to question your child and see where they stand against these targets. Below you will see our current P-3 data. All students will be tested again this week. Prep has only been tested once and only started reading at the end of term 1. Make sure you ask your child; How are you going? What is your level? What do you need to do to improve? What is your current goal/target?

PM Level	Prep	Year 1	PM Level	Year 2	Year 3
1	3 students		Below 20	1 student	2 students
2			20		
3			21	End year 2	
4	Term 2 target	2 students	22	1 student	1 student
5			23		
6		1 student	24	1 student	
7			25		1 student
8	End Prep target		26		2 students
9			27		
10		Term 2 Target	28		
11			29		
12		1 student	30		

Newsletter

Due to camp being on in Week 8 we *will not* be sending out a newsletter that week. *The next newsletter will be on Monday 16th June and it will be the last one for this term.*

Clare Interhouse Athletics Carnvial

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival being held here at Clare will be next term. At this stage it is in week 2 on **Wednesday 23rd July**. Further information will be given in the first newsletter next term.

Queens’s Birthday

Monday 9th June is a Public Holiday for Queen’s Birthday. School will resume on Tuesday 10th June with the Yr’s 5-7 going on camp for that week.

Thank you

Lee Braney
Principal



Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod

This Week (26th May to 30th May)

Monday	
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 6
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 7 PE Music RE
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm
Friday	

Next Week (2nd June to 6th June)

Monday	Eisteddfod
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 6
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 7 PE Music RE
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm
Friday	